



EARTH HEALER

The Official Newsletter of Gaia Community
An Earth-Based, Pagan, Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Kansas City
Caring for the earth and each other because our lives depend on it.



Join us Sundays at Gaia!

4 PM at Shawnee Mission UU Church
 7725 W. 87th St. Overland Park

July 24: Farewell to Quetzalcoatl

This week we will say farewell to our patron for 2010-2011, Quetzalcoatl.

July 31: Lughnassadh 2011

The wheel of the year turns to Lughnassadh, an occasion for celebration of community, displays of talent, and the sweet taste of the first fruits of the harvest. Earlier in the year, we celebrated unknown potentials in each of us and in our community. As we come to this festival, we celebrate the beginnings of knowing our potential - the first fruits of our skills - and envision the full bounty of those talents that may yet be brought in from the fields of our endeavors. This year's Lughnassadh ritual will be done in a druidic style, which includes an opportunity for participants to make offerings to their deities and powers, so feel free to bring a suitable praise offering if you wish. Also, we will perform at least part of the ritual outdoors (weather permitting) so please dress and prepare appropriately. Since this is a high holiday, we will be having potluck after ritual, so please bring a dish, drink, or dessert to share that can serve 8 hungry celebrants. To maintain our commitment to care for the earth, please bring reusable plates, cups, and utensils.

August 7: New Patron Class

This Sunday we will learn about our new patron, Athena, who was elected at our ninth annual God Auction in July.

August 14: New Patron Ritual

Armed with knowledge about Athena, we will formally welcome her as our patron during this ritual.

August 21: Workshop: What Myth Describes Your Life?

This Sunday's workshop will explore how our lives interact with myths. Which myths are we living? Can we describe our lives using myth?

August 28: Into the Lands of Faerie

Join us as we journey into the lands of faerie. What will we find there?

September 4: Sharing Our Spirits

Sharing Our Spirits Rituals are a way for everyone present to help co-create the ritual they want to have that day. It is not planned ahead of time, but instead compiled and put on by those in attendance, facilitated by a few ritualists. If you have a song, ritual scrap, magical tool, or other piece of ritual that you'd like to contribute, we encourage you to bring it.

September 11: Forum: Ancestors

Join us to discuss the topic of the ancestors. As this Sunday approaches, a direction to our discussion will be revealed.

September 18: Fall Equinox

Come to witness and celebrate a time of balance -- the end of summer and the beginning of fall (and hopefully, some cooler temperatures!). Since this is a high holiday, we will be having potluck after ritual, so please bring a dish, drink, or dessert to share that can serve 8 hungry celebrants. To maintain our commitment to care for the earth, please bring reusable plates, cups, and utensils.

What happened to the old Earth Healer? We're making some changes to how we do publicity. All the news that used to fill the front page of the newsletter will now be disseminated online, which allows for a faster turnaround and saves paper. Check out <http://gaiacommunity.org>!

MORE EVENTS AT GAIA



FRIDAY & SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 & 13, 8 AM-6 PM, AT 7608 W. 64TH ST., OVERLAND PARK, KS

July 22 & August 26: Friday Night Supper Club

6:30 PM; See gaiacommunity.org for location

August 6: Craft Circle

1-5 PM at Kimberly's House (1306 E. 118th St. KCMO)

August 13 & September 10: Women's Full Moon Ritual

7:30 PM at SMUUCH

August 16 & September 20: Kirtan

7 PM at SMUUCH

August 19 & September 16: Games Night

7 PM at SMUUCH

August 1 & September 6: Ritual Teams

7 PM at SMUUCH

August 9 & Sept. 13: Social Justice Committee

7 PM; See gaiacommunity.org for location

August 13 & September 10: Ritual for Business

9:30 AM at SMUUCH

August 21 & Sept. 18: KidSpace Committee

2 PM at SMUUCH

GAIA COMMUNITY WELCOMES ATHENA AS PATRON FOR 2011-12!



ABOVE: **1,033** POUNDS OF FOOD AND COMMODITIES DONATED TO HARVESTERS BY GAIA COMMUNITY AFTER GOD AUCTION

During our Sunday services, we hold **KidSpace**, our children's Religious Education program. While many of our Sunday rituals and events are intergenerational to one degree or another, most weeks we provide separate and age-appropriate education on a variety of topics in our downstairs classrooms.

CONTACT EARTH HEALER

Send letters, borrowed wisdom, comments and suggestions to: eh@gaiacommunity.org no later than September 1, 2011.

-- ***JAMIE, EDITOR***

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