



# 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. 87<sup>th</sup> St. Overland Park

### October 30: Samhain

Join us for a Druid Samhain ritual with a focus on reconciling issues with ancestors. 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.

### November 6: Drumming Workshop

We often use drumming as a backdrop for other activities during ritual, from aiding in achieving trance to raising energy. As with any other ritual activity, drumming can be done poorly or well. This class provides insight on how even non-musical people can participate in excellent drumming and contribute to a ritual. Lots of opportunity for participation in this class, whether you have a drum to bring with you or not.

### November 13: Ritual: Home Blessing

As the holidays approach, we work to make our homes welcoming to visitors. We also seek to make our homes comfortable to ourselves as the weather turns cold and we stay indoors. Join us in a ritual to help us bless our homes.

### November 20: Forum: Loving Locally

We are entering a traditional season of giving and charity. At this forum, we discuss local ways to observe that tradition.

### November 27: Class: Non-Tarot Divination

Join us for a class on divination of many types, except Tarot.

### December 4: Ritual: Dying God

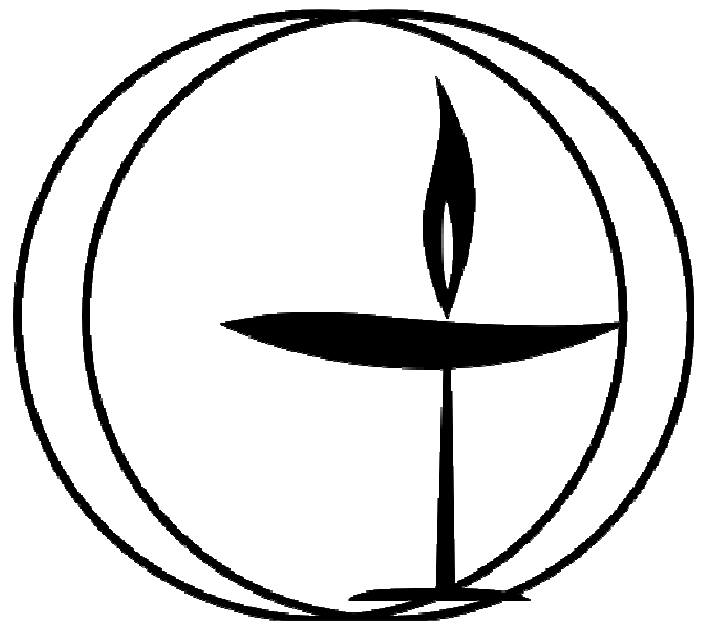
Please follow-up on our website for more details about this ritual designed to explore the idea of dying gods.

### December 11: Story Sharing Forum

We will share stories of winter, solstice, the cold, and other seasonally appropriate topics that are drawn from our personal practice and favorite myths.

### December 18: Yule

Join us to celebrate the winter solstice and the return of the light. 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.



# LONGEST NIGHT MASKED BALL



Gaia Community cordially invites you to attend the fourth annual **Longest Night Ball**, a masked ball and exhibition in celebration of the Winter Solstice, on Saturday, December 17th from 9:00 PM until 1:00 AM. Please join us at: **Shawnee Mission UU Church 7725 W. 87th St. Overland Park, KS 66212**

This year, we are inspired by the fantastic visions of the steampunk movement as we present an evening honoring the delightful rituals of love and affection. Enjoy music, dance, food and entertainment, as well as our midnight pageant celebrating the depth of Winter and the promised return of Spring. This year's ball will also feature a costume contest, with prizes for the best steampunk or Victorian-inspired costume as well as for the best non-Victorian ensemble.

**[HTTP://WWW.GAIACOMMUNITY.ORG/LONGESTNIGHT/](http://www.gaiacommunity.org/longestnight/) for more info and tickets**

## MORE EVENTS AT GAIA

### October 28: Friday Night Supper Club

6:30 PM; Oct @ Waldo Pizza (7433 Broadway St, KCMO)

On hiatus in November

### November 5 & December 3: Craft Circle

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

### November 12 & December 10: Women's Full Moon Ritual

7:30 PM at SMUUCH

### November 18 & December 16: Games Night

7 PM at SMUUCH

### November 24: Orphan's Thanksgiving

3-7 PM at Jenn & Julie's in Lawrence (more info below)

### November 3 & December 5: Ritual Teams

7 PM at SMUUCH

### November 4: Site Committee

7 PM at Johnson County Library on 87<sup>th</sup> St.

### Nov. 8 & Dec. 13: Social Justice Committee

7 PM; Nov. @ Erin's & Dec. @ Andrew's  
(see website for addresses)

### Nov. 12 & Dec. 10: Ritual for Business

9:30 AM at SMUUCH

### Nov. 20 & Dec. 18: KidSpace Committee

2 PM at SMUUCH



Gaia Community will hold an "orphan's Thanksgiving" this year. It will be held in Lawrence and there will be both turkey and vegetarian turkey. Other dishes will be potluck. Please watch our website and mailing list for more information and coordination.

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, articles, poetry, borrowed wisdom, comments and suggestions to:  
eh@gaiacommunity.org no later than December 4, 2011.

-- *JAMIE. EDITOR*

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