



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 Heart of the Dove
4327 Troost Ave. Kansas City, MO

June 17: Summer Solstice: Hail Helios

Facilitated by David & Kimberly

We gather to turn the wheel of the year and to honor Helios, the Titan charioteer who daily drives the sun across the sky. Helios was honored by the Greeks as a witness and guardian of oaths, and we ask him to support us in our work towards personal and societal honesty and integrity. This ritual will include an opportunity to make oaths, check in on prior commitments, and give praise offerings to the gods and powers. Please note that although we will be working in the building for the larger part of ritual, we will work with access to the outside, and you may be called upon to go out under the sun as part of the work. Please dress accordingly and bring your sunscreen if needed. Following ritual, we'll share a potluck meal, so please bring your re-usable dishes and food to share if you are able.

June 24: Luna in Her Fullness

Facilitated by Jamie & Matt

The full moon is traditionally associated with powerful magic and personal transformation. The Moon is also notable for its duality of dark and light. Join Matt and Jamie on a journey to the Halls of the Moon as we seek to re-frame personal stories of lunacy through the empowering light and darkness of the moon. There will be an opportunity to write in your journal, or with provided materials.

July 1: Workshop: Working with the Pentacles

Facilitated by David

Many traditions use the pentacle for transformative work and meditation. Join us to learn some of these pentacles and try them out for yourself.

July 8: Ritual: Starstuff

Facilitated by Devin & Matt

We've done the Sun and the Moon, so here we look to the stars.

July 15: GOD AUCTION

Facilitated by Jamie, Erin, Barbara, Devin, Andrew, Matt, and Susi

God Auction is our annual fundraiser in which we elect a Patron for the coming year. We raise money for the community and food for Harvesters food bank. One dollar=one Harvesters item=one point towards your favored Power. The Power with the most points wins! This year's Powers are Freya, Freyr, and Prometheus. More info about them is later in this newsletter.

July 22: Forum: Nonviolence

Facilitated by Barbara

What are the principles of nonviolence? Is it just for protests? How is it relevant in today's society? Join us for a lively discussion!

July 22: High Holiday: Lammas

Facilitated by Kitty, David, & Barbara

Turn the Wheel of the Year at Lammas.

COME TO SOULFUL SECOND SATURDAYS AT HEART OF THE DOVE!

Vendors, music, and more!

GOD AUCTION



FREYA: Freya embodies many aspects in Norse Lore. Whether she's protesting yet another hand in marriage, casting a powerful spell to bend her will into being, or lounging and entertaining in her hall Sessrúmnir in the field Fólkvangr where half the fallen slain in battle are brought (the others to the more famous Valhalla), one common flow through them: beauty. Freya wants everyone and everything to be beautiful. And if it's not beautiful, make it beautiful. Yes, aesthetically, but especially the mind, magic, and manner of living. She champions the people and communities that make themselves beautiful by encouraging beauty in the world.



FREYR:

From the Old English Rune Poem

"Ƿ Ing was first amidst the East Danes
so seen, until he went eastward
over the sea. His wagon ran after.
Thus the Heardings named that hero."

I have walked amongst my people from the beginning, gifting prosperity and fertility to the land and its people in times of need and as a reward for hard work. Royal houses and entire tribes have honored me as an ancestor and Patron and I have gifted them with prosperity. In these uncertain times, when the flow of finances can fluctuate, I can offer guidance and husbandry, sustainable stewardship, and, with the right effort, a little boost at just the right time. After all, just because it looks mundane does not mean there is no magic involved.



PROMETHEUS:

By now, you know my story. By now, you know my name means Forethought. By now, you know much more than the story of the fennel stalk and the chains. By now, you have questions. By now, you have tools. But, by now, you wonder what an immortal who allowed himself to be chained for ten-thousand years has to offer you. What do I bring you? I bring you my gaze, that sees even ten-thousand years into the future at a glimpse. For by now, you know that tools and questions require only the proper view to turn into great lives and meaningful deeds. By now, you know that I was long ago freed by Hercules, and since have sponsored innovation. Perhaps, that is even what you seek.

ANNUAL BUDGET: At the June Ritual for Business, we will approve our budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

MORE TO KNOW:

T-SHIRT SALE! Head to <http://gaiuu.spreadshirt.com/> and pick your favorite design for a Gaia Community logo shirt. A variety of styles, sizes, and colors are available.

GAMES NIGHT: Join us June 15 and July 20, at 7 PM for Games Night. Bring along some games, some friends, and some snacks (if you like), and play with us.

RITUAL FOR BUSINESS MINUTES: You can read minutes from our RfB meetings at <https://gaiacommunity.org/about/rfb-minutes/> If you miss a meeting, it's a great way to catch up on our committees and other community business!

GAIA COMMITTEES AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

July 5: Ritual Teams Meeting	7 PM at Heart of the Dove
July 11: Social Justice Meeting	7 PM at Heart of the Dove
June 16 & July 21: Ritual for Business	10 AM at Heart of the Dove



BLESSINGS TO YOU AT SUMMER SOLSTICE!

CONTACT EARTH HEALER

Send letters, articles, poetry, borrowed wisdom, comments, and suggestions to eh@gaiacommunity.org no later than July 20, 2018. -- *JAMIE, EDITOR*

Three great ways to stay up to date with Gaia Community (and use no paper):

Website: <http://gaiacommunity.org>

Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GaiaCommunity/>

Gaia Mailing List: gaiuu@yahoogroups.com