

About Us

The Mystic Grove is First Unitarian Church of Orlando's pagan study group. It was first organized in 2001 for the purpose of creating a pagan community within the framework of Unitarian Universalism. To achieve that purpose, the Mystic Grove focuses on the areas of education, worship, service, and fellowship.

We became a Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPs) chapter in June 2016.

We have no "official group path." Rituals are volunteer led and the volunteer may choose to do the ritual in the style of their pagan path. Although we vary in the different pagan paths we follow, we are all Unitarian Universalists or sympathize with the principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Simplified Principles of the UUA:

1. Every person is important.
2. Be kind in all you do
3. We are free to learn together
4. We search for what is true
5. All people need a voice
6. Build a fair and peaceful world
7. We care for planet Earth
8. Build a Beloved Community, free of oppression and racism.

UU Sunday worship at 1U is at 10:30 AM online and in the Sanctuary.

Mystic Grove Purposes

Provide a safe, welcoming place for UUs and Pagans to gather and participate.

Support UUs and Pagans in their spiritual growth and encourage personal responsibility through educational opportunities.

Provide Pagan and UU networking opportunities to help promote understanding between people with different belief systems.

Provide meaningful, engaging, and vibrant Pagan or Earth Centered worship.

Provide fellowship opportunities for people to socialize, laugh, and celebrate with our own brand of UU Pagan flair!

Contact

Questions? Need more info? Email us at mysticgrove@orlandouu.org

You can also find us at

<https://mysticgrovecfl.org/>

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at First Unitarian Church of Orlando

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Fall 2024



1st Sunday Meetings

12 PM EST - 2 PM EST
in Gathering Space and on Zoom

This is a great way to get to know us and how we work. Everyone is welcome to attend. Here we discuss how the past ritual went, plan for next ritual, classes, and more. A short fellowship time online to follow for those who wish it.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95506299685>

Meeting ID: 955 0629 9685

1st Friday Work

7 PM - 9 PM EST on Zoom

A work day to catch up work on current projects.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94478613722>

Meeting ID: 944 7861 3722

3rd Saturday Craft Circle

11 AM - 1 PM EST in Assembly Room

Join us for tea, tarot, and various projects as we craft for the community!

In the past we've made yarn wigs for cancer patients, crochet or knit baby hats for babies in NICU, sewn and created blankets for children and youth in hospital, and more! Come socialize, learn a new skill, and help out. Have ideas for a craft? Email us!

Solar Rituals

"Meet and Greet" for newcomers who have never attended ritual before is at 5:30 PM. Ritual is at 6 PM with 7 PM potluck to follow unless otherwise indicated.

Aug 3 Wep Ronpet: Kemetic New Year

6 PM Ritual, 7 PM Potluck in Gore Hall

We celebrate the Egyptian new year by painting and breaking clay pots.

Sept 21 Mabon Celebration

6 PM Ritual, 7 PM Potluck in Assembly Room

Celebrate the Autumn Equinox with us!

Nov 2 Samhain Celebration

6 PM Ritual, 7 PM Potluck in Gore Hall

Join us in honoring the dead by bringing a photo of your loved ones for the community altar.

Dec 21 Winter Solstice Evening Service

7 PM EST In Person in Sanctuary & Livestream

With readings, poems, songs and more — we celebrate the longest night of the year in the church Sanctuary.

Ritual Writing Class

Come explore how to craft a meaningful, cohesive ritual, Pagan or otherwise in 3 monthly 2 hour sessions, sponsored by Mystic Grove CUUPs, led by Barbara H. There is no fee and you can attend any one session or all three! \$5-\$10 donation welcome to benefit our scholarship fund.

Session 1

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024

11AM to 1PM in Gore Hall in Room B

We'll cover ritual and worship templates and choosing a theme.

Session 2

Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024

11 AM to 1 PM in the Gathering Space.

We'll discuss tools, props, arts, and crafts for raising energy and enhancing the ritual experience.

Session 3

Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024

11AM to 1PM in Gore Hall in Room B

We'll cover sources for music, meditations, and readings.

New Year's Eve Party

Dec 31, 2024 - Jan 1, 2024

5 PM - 9 AM

Join us for a family friendly potluck and party! BYO games, crafts, musical instruments and more! Doors open at 6 PM. Ends at 3 AM if no overnights. Ends at 11 AM if spending the night. (BYO sleeping bags.)