

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

Sunday worship at 1U is at 10:30 AM online over Facebook Live and YouTube. Details at www.tinyurl.com/find1uworship

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!

1st Sunday Meetings

(12 PM EST - 2 PM EST on Zoom)

We suggest new guests visit a meeting, a class, and a ritual to get a sense of the group in different settings.

The monthly meeting 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. Email for Zoom info.

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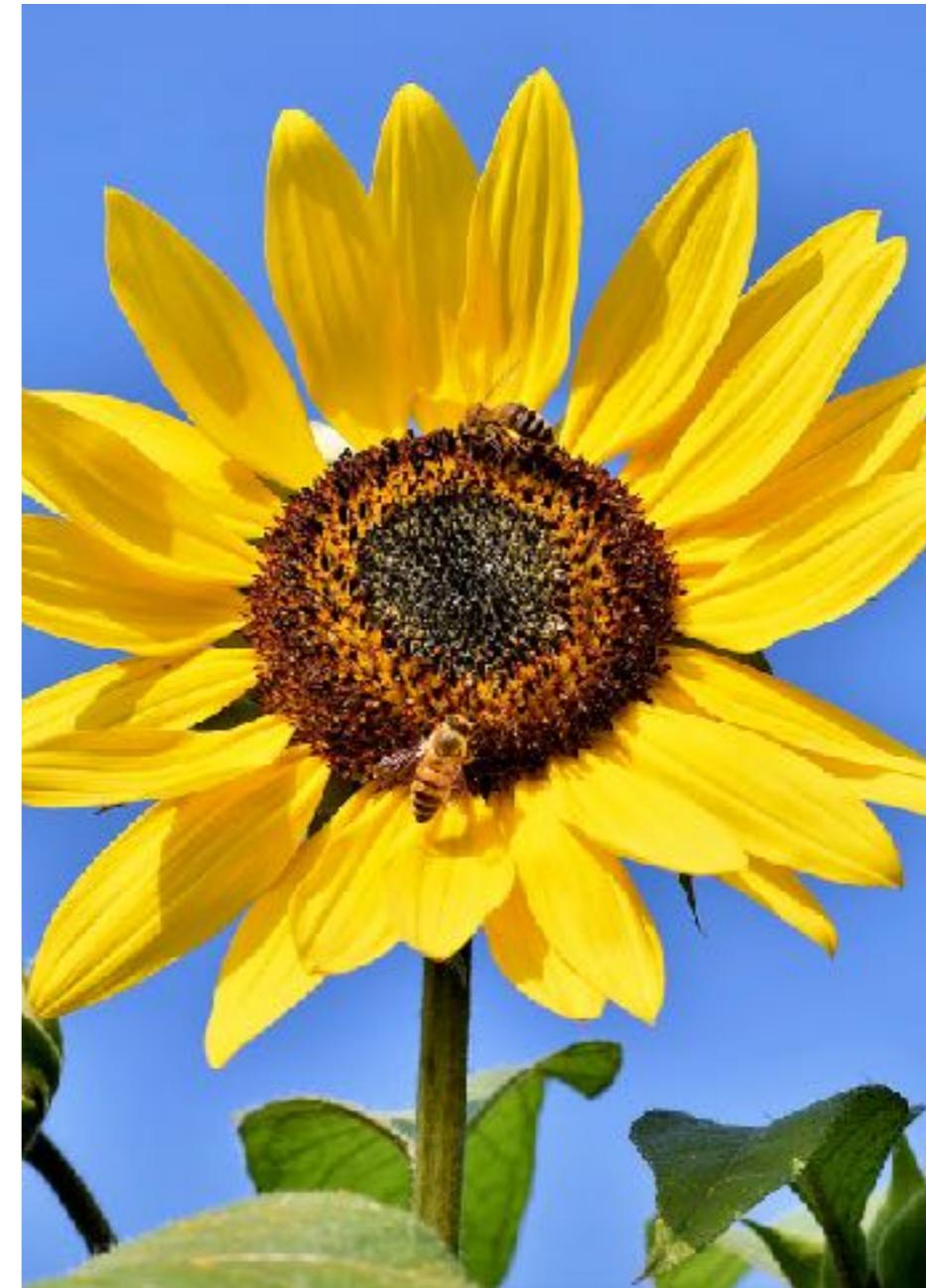
Questions? Need more info? Email us at mysticgrove@orlandouu.org

You can also find us at

www.mysticgrovecfl.org
www.orlandouu.org/groups/mystic-grove
www.facebook.com/mysticgrovecfl



THE MYSTIC GROVE
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Summer 2021



Solar Rituals

7 PM “open circle” rituals where all are welcome to just drop by and attend. Virtual potluck at 8 PM.

Summer Solstice 10:30 AM EST - 11:30 AM EST

June 27, 2021 on Facebook Live and YouTube

This worship is held in the main First Unitarian Church of Orlando digital pulpit. Join Mystic Grove and friends as we explore various paths under the “pagan umbrella.”

Lammas Celebration 7 PM EST - 9 PM EST

August 7, 2021 on Zoom

Lammas is time for celebrating the grain harvest and a time to gathering in thanksgiving. Come celebrate with us at 7 PM and linger for virtual potluck fellowship at 8 PM.

Summer Video Projects

Labyrinth Walk, Date TBD.

Mystic Grove and friends gathers to create a “virtual walk” of the 1U labyrinth so you can “walk” and meditate with it any time online. Email if you’d like to help.

“Meet and Greet” Orientation

Mystic Grove and friends gather to create a video orientation for those new to UU or paganism. We share some of Mystic Grove history and our favorite moments. Email if you’d like to help.

Classes

Leadership Roundtable 1 PM EST - 2:30 PM EST

3rd Saturdays (July 17, Aug 18, Sept 18, Oct 16 on Zoom)

Cohosted by Orlando Pagan Collective and Mystic Grove, this monthly discussion group talks about best practices for leaders so they can help engage their group members in meaningful ritual and other group activities. You don’t have to be a pagan group leader to attend and share your thoughts. Topics change monthly. Visit www.opcfl.com for more details.

Paganism 101 Class 7 PM EST - 9 PM EST

4th Fridays (June 25, July 23, Aug 27 on Zoom)

We continue this 10-session course that introduces the practices, beliefs, and history of modern pagan spirituality. Participants create and maintain a student altar as we explore basic altar set up and ritual tools, the wheel of the year, deity, the four elements, and more. We also touch on different pagan paths and examine how modern paganism fits with Unitarian Universalist principles.

Syllabus and more details at

sites.google.com/view/mgpaganism101

Seeker Class 7 PM EST - 9 PM EST

3rd Sundays (June 20 and July 18 on Zoom)

Are you curious about Paganism and/or Unitarian Universalism? Is this the path for you? Take this class to find out what it is all about. Both newbies and long term UU’s and Pagans gather to share their questions and experiences in lively discussion in this 90 minute class. Syllabus and more details at sites.google.com/view/mgseeker-class/

1st Friday Work Days

Monthly from 7 PM EST - 9 PM EST

Mystic Grove gathers each month to work on various projects ranging from admin paperwork, worship, and more. Topic changes each month.

3rd Friday Fellowship

Witchual Workouts

June 18, 2021 from 7 PM EST - 9 PM EST on Zoom

Join us for a pagan workout night! We will explore two of Laura Tempest Zakroff’s “Witchual Workouts” selected by Mary. In between the two sample workouts, we will visit and chat. We will close with water meditation and chant. See more workouts on YouTube at tinyurl.com/WitchualWorkoutPlaylist

CUUPs National Summer Solstice Ritual

July 16, 2021 from 7 PM EST - 9 PM EST on Zoom

We’re having a watch party! Come gather as we screen the CUUPs National Summer Solstice ritual movie. Afterwards we visit and chat.

Goddess Paper Dolls

Aug 20, 2021 from 7 PM EST - 9 PM EST on Zoom

This month we try out the sample paper dolls from Dover Publications for “Goddess Paper Dolls” by Renee McElwee. Bring your scissors and conversation as we chat and craft. We will close with a goddess meditation and chant. You can print from tinyurl.com/dovergoddessdolls