

# UUCVH April Monthly Newsletter

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Ostara Table

April 1, 2024

## Sunday Services for April

### April 7 – Thinking about next Year - Pledge Drive Kickoff.

It's time to start looking at next year's budget. How do we want to spend our money? Who, what where and When? Let's take a look at the past and a view of the future. Howard Richman of the Finance committee will lead a discussion about the budget for our congregation.

### April 14 – Covenant: Practice makes Possible

How can the "practice" of covenant help us to navigate relationships in our lives and in our congregations? How do we practice covenant when things are hard?

This week we launch a new series of recorded messages from the Congregational Life Staff in the New England Region. We will hear from Rev. Erica Baron today.

### April 21 - Celebrating Poetry Month

Poetry has a way of touching us in ways that prose may not. Come and enjoy touching, amusing, and thought-provoking recitations as several of our members share their original and favorite poems. Hosted by Ann Kleinsasser.

### April 28 – Earth Day

Join us for celebrating Earth Day!

Got a favorite topic, hymn, Ted Talk, friend that plays music, know someone with an interesting life story? Please bring them to the Worship/Sunday Service committee. We encourage everyone to give us your

and ideas feedback! Send emails to UUCVH email

[UUCVH@UUVerdugo.org](mailto:UUCVH@UUVerdugo.org) or Howard at

[Services@UUVerdugo.org](mailto:Services@UUVerdugo.org).

## February Potluck Friday Luncheon

Right to Left: Paula, Alan, Florence, Phillip, Abby, Joan, Anne, Ann



# April Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04	05
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<b>Potluck</b>	07	08	09	10	11	12
Thinking about Next Year 10:30	<b>SOLAR ECLIPSE!</b>					
Board Meeting						
10:30	14	15	16	17	18	Noon
Covenant: Practice Makes Possible					Sunday Service Planning 7:00	<b>Friday Potluck</b>
10:30	21	22	23	24	25	26
Celebrating Poetry Month	<b>EARTH DAY!</b>				Newsletter Submissions Due	<b>Beltane Ritual</b>  <b>2:30 - 5 PM</b>
10:30	28	29	30			
Celebrate Earth Day!						

## Spring Equinox - Ostara celebrates with Seeds



Friendship Hall was filled with flowers and seeds on Saturday March 23 for an Ostara celebration. Named for the Goddess Ostara, who embodies the essence of spring, fertility, and renewal. Scott Smith, minister of the Temple of Witchcraft, prepared and presented a Ostara ritual. Corey, Celia, Florence, Paula and others from the TOW had a fun time. Everyone got to take home packets of blessed seeds, ready to plant for spring!





## BOARDROOM BRIEFS

### THE UUCVH BOARD OF TRUSTEES MET FOR 2 HOURS. HERE IS YOUR 2 MINUTE RECAP

The UUVH Board of Trustees met on March 10, 2024.

The Membership Committee is preparing a new Directory.

- The Property Management Committee has arranged for examination of the sewer lines, changing of the door entry code, and professional cleaning of the carpeting and mini blinds.
- Social Justice - Madeline Dow is not able to serve as chair of the Social Justice committee after March 31. She presented an overview of the past 2 years as a final report. Below are the current projects;
  - ASCENCIA: Homeless Shelter: Now 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays: Paula
  - Bailey Food Bank and Making it Happen: Betsy
  - Recycling project Linda Hunt
  - UUTHEVOTE has been discontinued in 2024. See Madeline Dow for other ways to participate.

The By-Laws committee presented suggested revisions of the by-laws that will be presented for congregational vote at the Annual Meeting on June 2.

The next regular Board meeting was set for Sunday, April 14 at 12:30 in Friendship Hall.



**Beltane Celebration at UUCVH Saturday April 27 2:30 -5 PM. Presented by Scott K Smith of Temple of Witchcraft. Preregistration required.**

**\$15 for UUCVH members, \$20 for Non-members.**

Celebrate Beltane with the Temple of Witchcraft Los Angeles!

You are invited to join us as we turn the wheel and celebrate Beltane in a community ritual event. We continue to turn the Wheel of the Year, and make magick on the Beltane Sabbat. This in-person ritual will bring us together in a ritual circle, and guided visionary work. We will work with the image of the maypole, and weave the threads in vision.

While Beltane, usually translated as “the fires of Bel” referring to a Celtic god of light or fire. Most of us know it today as May Day, though it is also the same day as International Workers Day. Many Pagans oriented towards civil justice will also use those associations in their work, celebrations and activism. The key concept of Beltane is the celebration of life, as the vigor of youth, as passion, as the fertility of the land, and the fertility of the people.

We will cast the circle, call the quarters, raise the energy in our mystical circle to journey into our spiritual space and meet the maypole dance in our hearts and minds to call this energy to our body, hearts, and mind. Ritual will be followed by light refreshment and social mingling.

Pre-Registration is

required [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchJhUY2Jp3pwq03UFY0YNffX5nPOHkhPYUp6XbDqiQNjESkQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchJhUY2Jp3pwq03UFY0YNffX5nPOHkhPYUp6XbDqiQNjESkQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)