

Southern Arizona CUUPS Annual Report: April 2021

A Chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans

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Mission: We Connect and Celebrate

Formally sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson and approved by Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS) Continental, this group is an active part of the worship experience at UUCT.

Our mission is to connect UUs and Pagans of many different Earth-based faiths in an inclusive, welcoming space. We are not a teaching group or coven, but an interfaith spiritual community.

For details, see <https://uuctucson.org/documents/SAZCUUPSMissionPurpose.pdf>.

Administrative Council

SAZCUUPS is governed by an Administrative Council whose officers must be active members of a UU congregation and CUUPS Continental. Current officers are Brenda Lundt, coordinating officer; EJ Millstone, public relations officer; and Carrie Cooper, recordkeeper. The Chapter will hold elections in April 2022 to elect the next coordinating officer (terms are staggered).

Spiritual Council

The Chapter has 3 designated clergy members (2 Wiccans and 1 Druid) who lead worship and who have signed a covenantal agreement with Rev. Bethany Russell-Lowe. A 4th clergy member is finalizing her paperwork in 2021.

Members

Chapter members must support the mission of the UUA and of UUCT or their home UU congregation. Currently, the Chapter has 28 members and is working with UUCT to develop a path to UUCT membership for people who don't attend Sunday services.

Activities

SAZCUUPS continues to assist with online Sunday services at least once a year and hold monthly educational programs that are open to all. The Chapter offers regular ritual services, also open to all, to celebrate various Pagan holidays. Due to the COVID pandemic, all of our rituals and classes are held on Zoom. We are not meeting in person. You don't have to be a member to attend these events or join our Facebook discussion group.

- In 2020, about **393** total people attended the Chapter's worship services and educational programs.
- In 2021, about **39** people so far have attended the Chapter's worship services and educational programs.

Upcoming rituals are scheduled as follows:

- Beltane – Saturday, May 1
- Midsummer – Sunday, June 20
- Lammas/Lughnasadh – Sunday, Aug. 1
- Fall Equinox – Tuesday, Sept. 21
- Samhain – Saturday, October 30
- Repose (meditation night) – Saturday, Nov. 27
- Yule – Tuesday, Dec. 21

Activities from May 2020 to Dec 2020

- 5/2/20 Beltane ritual
- 6/20/20 Midsummer ritual
- 7/12/20 2nd Sunday class
- 8/1/20 Lammas ritual
- 9/12/20 2nd Sunday class
- 9/22/20 Fall Equinox ritual
- 10/11/20 2nd Sunday class
- 11/1/20 Samhain ritual
- 11/8/20 2nd Sunday class
- 11/21/20 Newcomer Orientation
- 11/21/20 Repose ritual
- 12/13/20 2nd Sunday - Christmas
- 12/21/20 Yule ritual

2021 Activities and Plans (To Date)

- 1/10/21 2nd Sunday - Druids
- 1/31/21 Imbolc ritual
- 2/14/21 2nd Sunday - Forecasting
- 3/14/21 2nd Sunday - Japanese traditions
- 3/20/21 Spring Equinox ritual
- 4/11/21 2nd Sunday - Runes
- 5/1/21 Beltane ritual
- 6/20/21 Midsummer ritual

Financial Report

Our budget with UUCT is \$600. We have not spent any money in this fiscal year. We have collected \$434 in donations in this fiscal year (since July 2020).

We do not collect donations at business meetings or social events. We do collect donations at worship services. Many attendees come to more than one worship service.

Chapter History

The SAZCUUPS mission is to connect UUs and Pagans of many different faiths in an inclusive, welcoming space. It celebrates Earth-based faith traditions in harmony with UU principles.

The group is an official chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans, a chartered organization of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), and it welcomes UUs from all four UU congregations in southern Arizona. Our first event was Yule 2016, and the Chapter was formally established in April 2017.

More information about SAZCUUPS can be found on the UUCT web site, under the Worship tab (<https://uuctucson.org/worship/sazcuups.html>). In addition, Chapter activities are publicized in the weekly email blast from UUCT, on the back of the order of service, and on their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/SAZCUUPS/>).