

May Day 2011 Intergenerational Ritual

(draft)

When: May 1 2011 @ 12:00 PM after church service

Planners:

Holley - Logistics and will lead/explain short ritual/meaning -circle cast etc.

Lesley - Music

Amber- Honey-cakes

(Ritual will need to be short and focused as children have short attention span)

Preparations:

Decorate area with Pagan flags (Holley and Joy (Green Man) and others can bring to hang in trees-treehouse etc.)

Songs/Music-Leslie -Silver Branch

Holley Lead Eastern morning- call and response

Cast Circle- Basket with Flower petals to cast circle.
maybe we don't even need candles at noon

Smudge (sage, sweet grass?) with bowels and feathers -circle may be big as folks are starting to RSVP on FB - Helen Bringing

Plate for honey cakes (Amber?)
Libation bowl for "wine" and cakes blessing at end
(Cider)

Lots of long ribbons - will be attached to carabiner at loop on pole Ladder to hang ribbons before people gather

Drums

Flute

Guitars

Cakes

Gather in screened porch and set up refreshment table

Call folks to Maypole

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Ritual:

Welcome and explain ritual

State Intention : Weaving the generations for the healing of the earth

Teach song.- call and response call in directions

At circle- smudge 2 people ?

Cast circle with flowers-everyone

Amber reads May Pole story- SHORT

Each person takes ribbon and states magical intention (kind of love)

Drumming begins and dance begins (Participants circle In both directions) singing (song gets faster and livelier as dance goes on);

Complete pole dance

Offer cakes and "wine" to all then pour as libation

Silverbranch sings Song while cakes and juice/wine is passed around

Dismiss directions.

Take down circle singing

The Circle is Open but Unbroken..."

Run into the woods and be WILD