

April 2025



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April is the sign of Aries until 19th and then Taurus to May 20th, so happy birthday to Aries and Taurus folks.

Birthstones are ; Diamond for Aries, For Taurus it is Emerald and Malachite.

Tarot cards are; Aries is the Emperor, Taurus is the Hierophant so look them up and see how they relate to the cycle we are in now.

April comes after March winds and rain recede and a gentle colorful blending of the cacophony of bird song and flowers bursting up from the earth to bless us. It is the time of the Maiden. The Earth is awakening to the song of renewal. It is a point of change as the world around us swirls in ways we are all feeling. It is a time to look at those seeds we placed into fruition. Many of us have some very difficult things coming at us and we are in the process of redoing many things we thought were secure. We here are in fire season, many of our trees need fire to help them propagate, be mindful of things, fire brings change and right now we are in the midst of much. The Universe needs and is diverse in all things as we are also. Be kind in all it goes along way, stand up in your sovereign worth our ancestors of blood and land are with us, do not fear the shadow for in good things get transform as the light of balance nurtures. We are the cycle of the Maiden and her song is beautiful. Listen with your heart and sing your song of power for that is what the universe gave to you as your unique self. As Earth Day approaches we must become the care takers of our planet, how in our square mile do we each day nurture our land? We need each other in community as we need the land under our feet. So as we come into April and its showers, may flowers in bounty come forth with another cycle.

As things transform, our newsletter will also follow the seasons, starting at Solstice we will go to quarterly, following our cycles at the Equinoxes and Solstices. We will always inform you of anything that comes up immediately, we have our website and the FB group. In this way we can search through some of the things that our land here is doing as we look into spirit of diversity.



First spring flowers, daisy, crocus, dandelion and daffodil, dogwood blossom as does cherry trees.



Important dates

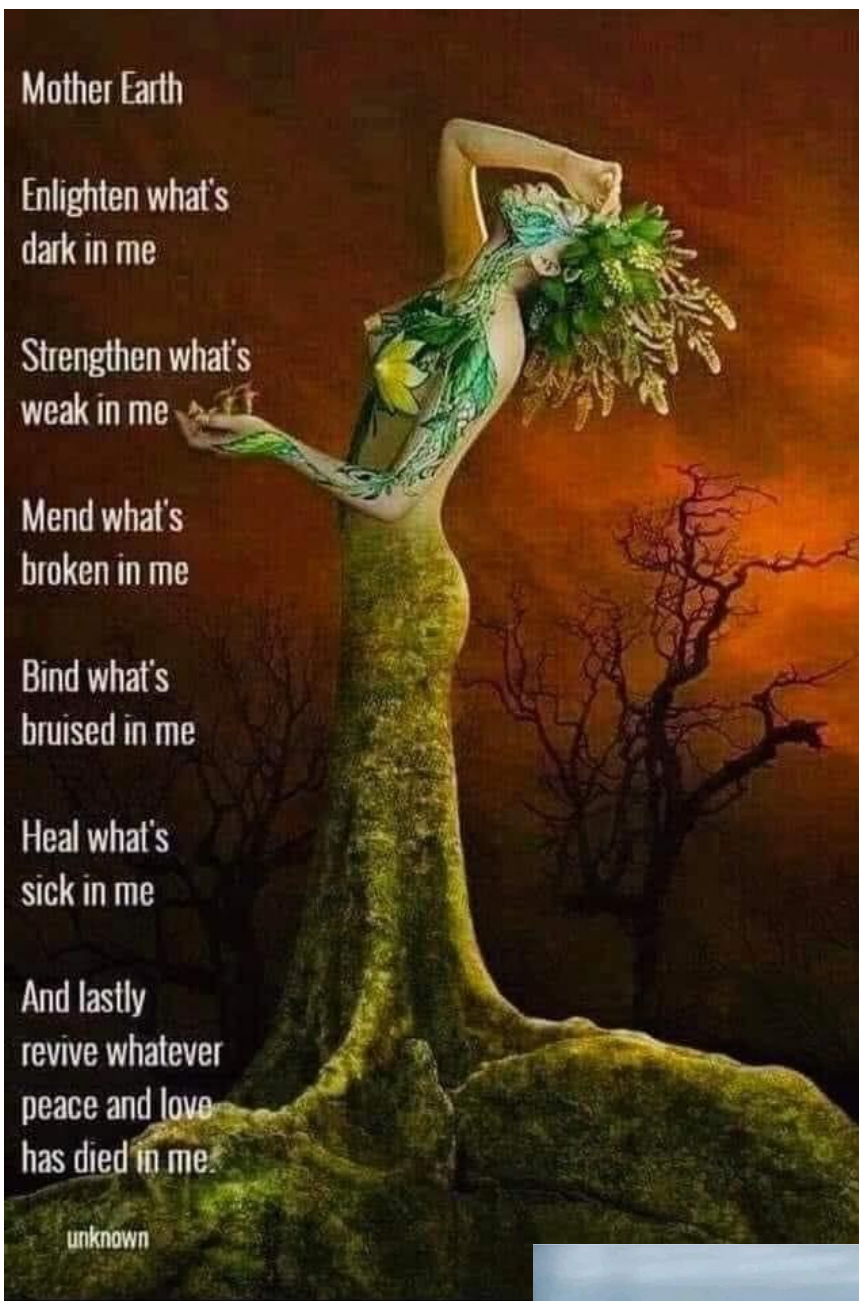
April 13th coffee service @ 10 am starts for all @ 11:30 also Palm Sunday.

April 20th is easter— the bunny is the animal of the goddess as eggs are abundance—celebrate as you will.

April 22nd is the calendar earth day, give thanks, water the earth, feed the animals a special treat.

April 26th Is UU celebration of earth day, there will be guided walks, the Lorax play will be presented, Labyrinth walks, ribbon cutting for we are now a registered Arboretum, food trucks and more. Cuups will be there to help out and it is our meeting for Beltaine approaches and we need to plan. All this starts at 9:30. Contact the office if you want to help.

As always everyone is welcome it is open to all



Earth Listening Circle

Saturday, April 12

Our first Listening Circle will take place at UUCFM on April 12, in the amphitheater in the Arboretum/Eco-Preserve. Times to be announced, but please plan to spend most of the day in Nature, listening to the Earth's Voices. Earth Listening Circles- a Powerful Act of Connection

When Thich Nhat Hanh was asked what we need to do to save the world, he said, “What we most need to do is hear within ourselves the sound of the Earth crying.” Opening ourselves to listen to the Earth, to the cries, the songs, and the wisdom of the Earth is a powerful act of connection and sacred reciprocity.

We will be presenting this circle, based on the Pachamama Alliance’s work to accelerate an evolutionary leap that transforms our species’ dominant way of being from human supremacy to human responsibility and sacred reciprocity with Earth, one another, and all life.

Awakening our capacity to listen and dream is a core teaching from the Indigenous partners of Pachamama Alliance that underlies this project. This can be a powerful source of resilience, interconnection, and grounding in these challenging times.

We will create a Sacred space in Nature, for participants to come together and deeply listen to the Earth for what transformation is being called for, so that we can remember our responsibility and sacred reciprocity with All life.

We will create a safe space where we can identify how the insights we receive might shift our current way of being, doing, and relating (as individuals and as a community).

We will seek to harvest the patterns of collective wisdom that arise through our Circle.

Our Goal is:

To gain a deeper capacity to listen, dream, and connect with the Earth to guide and sustain our ongoing work.

To identify areas of transformation that could enable a shift to a life-enhancing human presence on earth.

To feel nourished and energized by the inquiry process, so that we are inspired to continue listening to the Earth and living into the wisdom received.

To cultivate a profound connection to life, enabling participants to experience a deeper commitment to sacred reciprocity.

We are engaging in this process to reconnect us to the practice of listening and sacred reciprocity. We create an open space in which we can discover what most needs to emerge or be remembered in service to the future of life on this planet

Circles of connection and listening support us to shift from individualistic thinking to feeling a part of Earth’s living body and to embrace our responsibility as ancestors to future generations.

Gary Robbins, Debra Leigh, and Andrea Joy have attended training in hosting Earth Listening Circles, as presented by Pachamama Alliance. Along with this training, each of us has extensive background in working with the Earth and caring for the Earth, through a multitude of Spiritual paths and teachings. We have come together to create our own perspective on Earth Listening Circles, and truly wish to share the Joy of listening to the voices of the Earth with all of you. What we hear and what we learn can help shape our lives and bring peace to our days.