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Saturday, September 26th, 2026



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Pagan Pride Day Information

Who is invited to Pagan Pride Day? Pagan Pride Day is open to the general public, whether Pagan or non-Pagan. The purpose of our event is to encourage tolerance through education and information.

Are the rituals open to everyone? Yes, our rituals are open to all those attending the event, including children as long as they can behave in a respectful and mature manner.

What charities are you helping? We are collecting donations in place of admission for The Foodbank Program operated by the Frederick Community Action Agency, The Western Maryland Immigrants Rights Collective, and the Adoption Center at Frederick County Animal Control. We can also accept cash donations for Frederick CUUPS (the group that organizes and staffs Frederick Pagan Pride Day).

Respect & Responsibility You are responsible for your welfare and the welfare of **any children in your care**, as well as any personal property in your care. Please remember that your children are your responsibility and **must always remain under your supervision** – Frederick Pagan Pride does not provide childcare services.

We expect everyone to: respect all participants, including those whose spiritual tradition, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, race, etc, differ from yours; be quiet in designated quiet areas/times and ritual spaces; be honest, trustworthy and considerate in dealing with others including Frederick Pagan Pride Staff, Vendors, and attendees (Pagan and non-Pagan alike).

Vendors While we do have vendors at Frederick Pagan Pride, please be aware that these vendors do not represent the organization in any way and FPP is not responsible for any information they may share or any products that they may sell during the event.

Photography & Media Frederick Pagan Pride is a public, camera-friendly event. Your entry into this event constitutes your implied consent to be photographed and to have the resulting photographs published in print or online.

Schedule of Events

Time	Event Field	Workshop Area 1	Workshop Area 2	Stage
10 am	Opening Ritual with Stone Circle Wicca			
11 am		Honoring Vesta		The Dragons' Scales
12 pm		Pagan Paths Roundtable	Fighting Dragons and Nazis	
1 pm		Introduction to Healing Crystals		Kindred Crow
2 pm	Main Ritual with Firefly House			
3 pm	Drum Circle		Create Your Own Candle Story	
4 pm		FCUUPS 101	Hearth of Hestia: A Hellenic Ritual	
5 pm	Closing Ritual with Frederick CUUPS			

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10 AM	Opening Ritual with Stone Circle Wicca	Event Field
11 AM	Honoring Vesta from Ancient Rome to Today with Alicia Vesta is the Roman goddess of the hearth and home, she played a central role in Roman society both at home and at large. Will cover the importance of the hearth as a concept in society, family, and a modern witchy house and this goddess's centrality to life in Ancient Rome. Will also cover the history of Vestal worship. To close with ways to honor Vesta in modern context.	Wkshp Area 1
11 AM	The Dragons' Scales The Dragons' Scales are an inclusive pagan a Capella singing group. Established in 2024, our musical support encourages deeper ritual experiences for Frederick Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (FCUUPS) event participants. We have been honored to open for Kindred Crow, provide occasional musical support for Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Frederick (UUCF) Sunday services, and perform at the very first Frederick Fantasy Market.	Stage

12 PM	Pagan Paths Roundtable Join representatives from different Pagan traditions and religions for a roundtable discussion.	Wkshp Area 1
12 PM	Fighting Dragons and Nazis with Eric Our ancestors understood that Dragons were sometimes emblems of Greed (Misers) that refused to support their community and our very recent ancestors all worked together to defeat the Nazis. Can we do anything BUT honor their memory and take Inspiration from their courage? This ritual will honor these truths and find our courage to follow in their footsteps. There will be toasts and declarations in the fashion of Heathen traditions, nonalcoholic and alcoholic options will be available for toasting.	Wkshp Area 2

1 PM	Introduction to Healing Crystals with Starfire Crystals (and stones) are used as sacred magical tools which can be used to help in healing, spells, rituals, or making charms. Crystals are an easy, accessible, and fun way to enhance your practice. In this workshop we will cover the basics of healing crystals, clearing and charging your crystals for use, safety concerns, magical/divination practices, and some correspondences. We will have short exercises during this workshop.	Wkshp Area 1
1 PM	Kindred Crow Kindred Crow is an acoustic journey through mystery, magic, myth, and mirth. Pagan Folk: Soaring lyrics over powerful rhythms. A little bit of magic, a dash of mystery, and a whole lot of revelry. Like their namesake, the Crows offer a musical mix that strikes a balance of compelling beauty, resonant storytelling, and more than a little bit of mischief.	Stage
2 PM	Main Ritual with Firefly House	Event Field

3 PM	Create Your Own Candle Story with Tara Tara M. Clapper (TaraTheBard) will guide you to discern your own story—that part of yourself you wish to empower through story and ritual practice—and to create and decorate a chime candle for reflection and personal ritual. Instead of carving into the candles, we will use wax candle write-on tools. Paper and pens will also be available, but please feel free to bring your own, as well as any candle purchased from the friendly vendors at the event. Children are welcome to participate with an adult to help them. (We will not be carving or lighting candles.) Recommended age 8 and above.	Wkshp Area 1
3 PM	Drum Circle Join members of Kindred Crow for a drum circle! Bring your favorite hand percussion or borrow some of ours and join in the celebration. Dancers and Fire Spinners welcome, Fire Spinners but must bring their own Safety.	Stage

4 PM	FCUUPS 101 with representatives of the FCUUPS community Are you curious about Frederick CUUPS, or interested in attending an event but not sure which one to start with? Join FCUUPS Board Members other members of the community for a crash course on all things FCUUPS. This workshop is a great way to feel more grounded in exploring our community. Learn what different events and gatherings FCUUPS offers, what some hallmarks of our events are, and how to get more involved if you're interested.	Wkshp Area 1
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4 PM	Hearth of Hestia: A Hellenic Ritual for Community and Resilience Join the Potomac Valley Palladium, a local inclusive Hellenic Polytheist group, for a ritual in honor of Hestia and the bonds of community between all of us. Inspired by the ancient idea of the hearth of Hestia—the eternal flame of community and hospitality that never dies— participants will symbolically link their own hearths by contributing an item from their homes to create a community altar. The items will then be blessed and returned, so that everyone can carry the resilient light that we’ve raised home with them. Participants of all ages, paths, and walks of life are welcome to join us, regardless of whether or not they are able to bring an item for the altar.	Wkshp Area 2
5 PM	Closing Ritual with Frederick CUUPS	Event Field



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The Firefly House



The Firefly House is a pan-Pagan organization based in the DMV. Our ceremonies are rooted in Wicca, but our membership encompasses everything from druids, witches, heathens, and ceremonial magicians to polytheists, pantheists, animists, and atheists.

thefireflyhouse.org



**Amandari
Dance Company**



Frederick Pagan Pride Day is organized by

**The Frederick Covenant Of Unitarian
Universalist Pagans (Frederick CUUPS)**

Frederick CUUPS is an **official member of the national Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS)**, an organization dedicated to networking Pagan-identified Unitarian Universalists, educating people about Paganism, promoting interfaith dialogue, developing Pagan liturgies and theologies, and supporting Pagan-identified UU religious professionals.

Frederick CUUPS Mission Statement:

We, the Frederick CUUPS (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans) group of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Frederick, honor the UUA 7th principle; “Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part”. We provide support to all seeking to live a life more in balance with nature by exploring the teachings and traditions of various pagan and Earth-centered religions and philosophies.

We adhere to the mission statement of UUCF, National CUUPS, and the principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association. We promote personal responsibility and integrity, diversity and compassion, competency and education in the pursuit of spiritual balance.

We offer our talents and abilities in service to our fellow congregants at UUCF and the greater Frederick community by providing celebrations to honor the Earth and its cycles. We seek both mirth and reverence, and we honor the Divine in many forms.

Frederick CUUPS media:

www.FrederickCUUPS.com

Facebook Page: facebook.com/FrederickCUUPS

Newsletter: www.frederickcuups.com/newsletter



WHITE ROSE WITCHING

White Rose Witching is rooted in working with our ancestors and the spirits around us, serving to heal personal and community trauma through:

- Connecting with Queer Ancestors
- Interfaith ministry for the LGBTQ+ community
- DEIA training and consultation for spiritual and interfaith organizations
- Activism as embodied ritual work
- Spiritual resilience while fighting for social justice
- Intentional self-care and community care

Rev. Ron Padrón (he/him/his) is the creator of White Rose Witching. He is a gay Cuban-American hedge priest from the swamps of Florida. He is specifically interested in divination, Queer Ancestor veneration and necromancy, bio-regional Druidry, and spiritual activism. He is a co-founder and co-editor of a punk spirituality zine, ALTAR PUNK, and the founder of the PaganPunk Community Grimoire project, a collection of short zines on varying pagan topics.



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Visiting Groups

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The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide. Through funding for research, education and advocacy AFSP is working to create a culture that's smarter about mental health. As a grassroots volunteer-driven organization, AFSP builds strong connected communities and promotes a better understanding of mental health. We all have a role to play to create long-lasting changes in mental health equity and to prevent suicide. To learn more please visit www.afsp.org/maryland or see one of our volunteers at Pagan Pride.

Visiting Groups

The Stone Circle Tradition of Wicca is a Wiccan mystery tradition which exists to promote the spiritual development of Dedicants and Initiates; to encourage responsible fulfillment of diverse Wiccan vocations to priest/esshood; and to offer service to our communities, to all in Earth's Household, and to the Divine Spirit of the Universe, One and Many and the Divine appearing in many forms Male, Female, All Genders and Beyond Gender. We offer community events, moon services, classes and official statements (reproductive freedom, inclusion and social justice on our SCW website.

Reston CUUPS is a Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS) Chapter affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston. We are a multi-generational, welcoming community that is open to all regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or ability. We hold rituals and have a variety of events throughout the year. Our events are open to all who support our principles of inclusivity. For more information email RestonCUUPS@UUReston.org.

2026 Frederick Pagan Pride Day Vendors

Tiw's Arm	Silver Quill Studio
Darkflower Books & Folk Art	Zephyr Dreaming
Idol Hands	Sun Dame
Phoenix Engravings	Stone Circle Council
Marble Crow Atelier	Wild Thing Pottery
Fox Tower Creations	Phoenix Grove Wellness
Silver Moon Offerings	Wicked Wand Shoppe
Wizards Tower	Hedge, Herbs, & Hearth
StormWolf Studio	A Touch of Glass ... and then some
Dancing Pig Pots	Crescent Cat Library
Moth Spire	PFLAG Frederick
Hallowed Homecoming	L&M Crafts
Green Holt Apothecary	Queer Magick & More
Peridot	

2026 Food Vendors

bonus bites	La Carreta
The Pham Food Truck	ELLO Dessert Food Truck



What is Stone Circle Wicca?

The Stone Circle Tradition of Wicca (USA) is a mystery tradition based in Ecofeminism and Queer Spirituality. SCW exists to promote the spiritual development of dedicants and initiates; to encourage responsible fulfillment of diverse Wiccan vocations (priestess, priestx, or priest); and to offer service to all in Earth's Household. We honor a Divine Spirit of the Universe, which is both One and Many; and may be Male, Female, All Genders, and Beyond Gender.

Open Ceremonies

Join us for Moon Services hosted onsite and/or online and for ceremonial events at the Solar Holidays, Red Dragon in February, or Interdependence Days in July.

Classes Leading to Initiation

Meeting online once each moon for a year and a day (13 moons), the class introduces students to core ethical, cosmological, liturgical, and theological teachings and trains each student to design and lead public ceremony. Each class provides lessons on Wiccan religion, ritual, and magic. Each class focuses on one of the 13 sacred Tools: The Cord, The Book, The Drum, The Blade, The Censer, The Dish, The Cauldron, The Schmatta, The Chalice, The Bowl, The Mirror, The Candle, The Wand.

Supporting Empowerment and Liberation

SCW is committed to full humanization of all people and is a Queer Spirituality tradition. Please see our SCW Official Statements: Social Justice (6/2/20), Inclusivity (8/17//20), and Reproductive Freedom (5/19/22).

Learn more at StoneCircleWicca.org

Upcoming Events with Frederick CUUPS

Open Libation for Saturday, October 17th
Persephone & Potluck 5 PM

Full Moon Labyrinth Walk & Friday October 23rd
Drum Circle 7 PM

The World of the Dead:
Early Heathen Cosmology Monday October 26th
with Trey Moonwood 7 PM
(Online)

Heathenry 101 Wednesday, November 4th
with Ash Glasse (Online) 7 PM

Open Ancestors Ritual Saturday November 7th
7 PM

Earth Centered Spirituality Service	Second Sundays 1 PM
FCUUPS Kids & Teens	Second Sundays 1 PM
Moon Circle	Third Tuesdays 6 PM
Yoga for Advanced Beginners	Mondays 1 PM
Restorative Candlelit Yoga and Sound Immersion	Second Thursdays 7 PM
Dragons' Scales Rehearsal	Mondays 7:30 PM
Dungeons & Dragons Community Campaigns	First & Third Sundays 1 PM
Death Café	Fourth Sundays 1 PM

Recurring event times may change with seasonal scheduling and facilitator availability. See our full schedule of events at

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On behalf of the Frederick CUUPS Board, we'd like to thank you for attending the tenth Frederick Pagan Pride Day! We hope you had a wonderful time, learned new information and connected with our amazing community in a meaningful way.

Planning for Frederick Pagan Pride Day 2027 will begin over the winter. If you'd like to be involved, email frederickpaganpride@gmail.com or let one of the board members know.

To stay up to date with all things Frederick Pagan Pride, follow us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/FrederickPaganPride>

or visit the web page:

www.frederickpaganpride.com

With deepest love and gratitude,

Irene Glasse and Hazel King

(Frederick Pagan Pride Day Coordinators)