# Turning Circle Welcome

Welcome everyone to Turning Circle's (ritual.) We're so glad you could join us!

## SCHEDULE

Turning Circle generally meets at the Owen Brown Interfaith Center on the 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month, but we do switch our calendar around occasionally. We also meet for some social outings and special events throughout the year.

### CONTACT

To confirm meeting times, you can find our current calendar on our website – turningcircle.org, and on our Yahoo groups website. If you aren't on our Yahoo group list and want to be, please leave your email address in our guest book, and we can add you in.

#### **MEMBER-LED**

Turning Circle is an eclectic Pagan group, and is member-led meaning that each meeting can be very different depending on who is leading. As long as it honors Pagan or Earth-based spirituality, we're open to it! If you want to get to know Turning Circle, please come a few times – each circle can be a new and novel experience.

We run on the energy and goodwill of our volunteers. If you want to see something done, suggest it, or volunteer to lead it. If you offer to lead it, you're in charge!

#### UUCC

We are affiliated with the UU Congregation of Columbia, and are grateful to them for the space they give us at OBIC. You don't need to be a member of UUCC to come to our events. You don't even need to be a member of TC to come to our events – we welcome friends and drop-ins with goodwill! If you DO want to join TC, please let us know!

#### RESPECT

Remember that our circles are church services and should be respected as such. All questions should be asked before or after ritual time. If you want to take photos of the altar, we can relight candles after the ritual is finished. All our events are free, but donations are gladly accepted for supplies and space.

Why don't we go around, and introduce ourselves?

#### **JOYS & SORROWS**

One of the things we admired and borrowed from UUCC is our "Joys and Sorrows" time. Please come forward, drop a stone into the bowl of water (light a candle), and share some personal news going on in your life. Please speak briefly, but from the heart.

(Can say BLESSINGS after each person.)

I drop a final stone (light a final candle) for all that remains unspoken in our minds and hearts, and for those who are not here physically, but stay with us in spirit. May the Gods hold us in the palms of their hands. (May we keep each other in our thoughts and prayers.) So mote it be!