

Continental Unitarian Universalist Women & Religion (UUWR) is a network of UU women's organizations and individuals, dedicated to freeing ourselves, others, and the Earth from traditional, historical, and contemporary oppressive and patriarchal systems.

30 April 2023

Blessed Beltane !

Connection Spring 2023 in Illinois



UU Women's Connection Spring Retreat will be at Pilgrim Park near Princeton IL again this year, the weekend of June 2-4.

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Keynote speaker is Martha Kirby Capo!

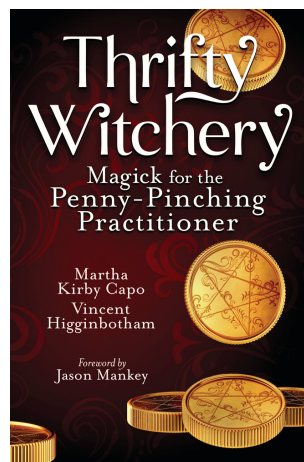
Martha Kirby Capo is a Solitary Witch currently working with Brigid, Hekate, Pan, and Cernunnos. She is the page manager of Patheos Pagan's shared blog *The Agora*, where she writes as The Corner Crone. Her *Moments for Meditation* can be heard on KPPR Pure Pagan Radio.

Martha has been active in several Unitarian Universalist congregations for 35+ years, including First Jefferson (Ft. Worth TX), Bay Area (Clear Lake TX), Peoples (Cedar Rapids IA), and DuPage (Naperville IL).



She is currently a member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Miami, where she has established a monthly Drum Circle and serves as a resource for members seeking to learn more about paganism. Martha has served on the CUUPS Board and was a co-founder DuPage UU's Earth-centered spirituality group. With members of that group, she led the Opening Ritual of Greater Chicagoland Pagan Pride 2017.

Martha has been extensively anthologized through Skinner House books, Flying Cow Productions, and various Llewellyn Publications. An online collection of her work is included in the UUA's Worship Web Library, which provides resources for worship services and personal spiritual practice. An award-winning poet and lyricist, she has written for several online and print magazines, including *The Wild Hunt* and *Witchology*.



Martha has been a presenter at Florida Pagan Gathering, Turning the Tide, and Mystic South. She is a member of Circle Sanctuary and Everglades Moon, a Local Council representing the Covenant of the Goddess in Florida.

Martha's first book, *Thrifty Witchery*, co-authored with Vincent Higginbotham, is available in the [UUW&R Bookstore](#).

Upcoming Events



Dancing at the CMwD W&R Summer Retreat, August 1997

UU Womenspirit Spring - 17 May 2023 at the Mountain in NC **Eliot Women's Weekend** - 19 May 2023 near St Louis, MO
UU Women's Connection Spring - 02 Jun 2023 near Princeton, IL
UU General Assembly - 21 Jun 2023 - in Pittsburgh, PA
UU Women's Connection Summer - 11 Aug 2023 in SW Michigan
UU Womenspirit Fall - 04 Oct 2023 at the Mountain in NC
UU Women's Connection Fall - 13 Oct 2023 in Racine, WI

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Featured Ritual:



"May you deepen into ecstasy, may deepen into joy, may you deepen into pleasure, may you deepen into life in all of its richness, all of its mystery, and all of its invitations to explore and uncover."

*Molly Remer, MSW, D.Min, is a priestess, teacher, and poet facilitating sacred circles, seasonal rituals, and family ceremonies in central Missouri. Molly and her husband Mark co-create **Story Goddesses** at **Brigid's Grove**. Molly is the author of nine books, including *Walking with Persephone*, *Whole and Holy*, **Womanrunes**, and the **Goddess Devotional**. She is the creator of the devotional experience #30DaysofGoddess and she loves savoring small magic and everyday enchantment.*

Molly shares her thoughts on the **Rites of May** at the Feminism and Religion blog. "It is important that we share these rituals of celebration and affirmation with our sons as well as our daughters. Men, too, should know the power of joined hands in a circle, voices lifted in song, and sweet words of connection surrounding one another on a bright spring day..." [Read More...](#)

UUW&R will have some of Molly's creations at our General Assembly booth!



Cakes for the Queen of Heaven curriculum

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You can contribute to our herstory

We did some Spring cleaning! We had a request to make more of our Archives available and get them better organized. Here's some of what you'll find:

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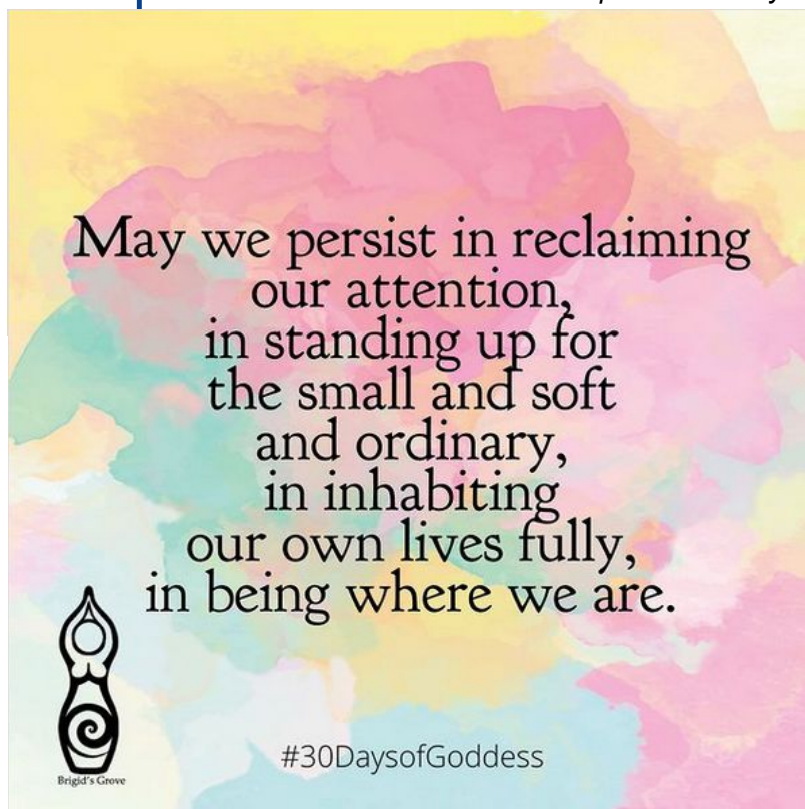
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Have you written your women's group herstory? There's lots of room in our Congregational section for UUW&R to publish yours or include links.

We open the circle... *Excerpt from 30 Days of Goddess by Molly Remer*



We welcome all those who identify as women, expansively defined as anyone who feels that they belong in this space, including those who are nonbinary or agender.



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