

# *Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.*

## *"The Full Moon Folk"*

### **GREETINGS**

Well, the Autumnal Equinox was this past weekend. I had a turkey in the freezer, and we thawed that and added other lovely foods for a nice harvest feast. The marvelous thing about turkey is that we can have turkey sandwiches for the rest of the week – I think I like the sandwiches almost better than the harvest feast itself!

With the weather turning more clearly into fall, I've become more contemplative, and a little slower to move. I'm enjoying getting out of the house more often, though, and hope to continue that pattern through the cooler weather. What are your plans as the weather cools?

As a reminder, this month's OFM is a bit late; next month will be October 19<sup>th</sup>, and will seem to occur very soon after this meeting.

—*Alia*

### **THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT**

Hearthstone thanks Gary and Misty for presenting our late August Open Full Moon ritual. After a unique and colorful circle casting with colored crepe paper and everyone participating, Persephone and Hades were invoked. The ritual's theme was Experiencing Change and Transition. In guided meditation we passed through a doorway labeled Change, into a field, and there discovered our individual basket containing gifts from the God and Goddess for easing us through the transformations in our lives. My own basket's contents still have me thinking! A beautiful reading was offered about how the Wheel of Life is Change and includes both joys and sorrows. When it is time to dance with Change, we shall take his hand and enjoy the tango! Thank you, Misty and Gary, for sharing this well-done and valuable ritual with all of Hearthstone!

—*Southmynde*

### **SEPTEMBER OPEN FULL MOON**

Hearthstone meets the Friday before or the Friday of the Full Moon at the First Unitarian Church at 14th and Lafayette in Denver. The church doors open at 7, and we like to start at 7:30. (We are NOT big proponents of Pagan Standard Time, but if there is weather related driving trouble or a problem on the freeway, we've been known to wait a bit longer.) This month's ritual is FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2007.

Remember, please, that Hearthstone doesn't expect everyone to enter in Perfect Love and Perfect Trust, as there are people you don't know there, but to enter with a willing heart and an open mind, and leave your differences at the door.

Some traditions are more controversial than others, or may contain a component that disturbs someone attending an Open Full Moon. It is one of the risks of exploring different traditions. Should anyone be uncomfortable, unsettled, or upset about any ritual presented by Hearthstone, please contact Alia or Catherine to discuss -- and hopefully resolve and heal -- the issue.

—*Alia*

The Wiccaning has been postponed until the February OFM due to technical difficulties. Contact information for anyone interested in volunteering or who would like their child to be included can call Amy at 303-487-8784 anytime.

The September OFM, will be presented by Amy, Mars, and Alora: This month we will be focusing on things that we planted at Ostara and how our harvests turned out this year.

## PREPARING FOR FEBRUARY'S OPEN FULL MOON

The February 2008 OFM will be a Wiccaning presented by Amy and Teri for children ages 4 to 11. We have selected this age group mostly for parents who have found this path later in life and missed the traditional Wiccanings done for children during infancy. This is not a Dedication; this is a formal introduction to the elements, directions, and Deity. Each child will receive a token from each element and the Lord and the Lady, and a bag to keep them in. They may be dressed in formal ritual robes or dresses if you choose, or in ordinary attire. Due to time constraints, we will have to limit participation to 25 children who need to be pre-registered by August 21st. There will be a \$4 cash only fee to cover supplies which will be collected upon admittance on the 14th. You can contact Amy a 303-487-8784 (cell) ANYTIME or Teri at 303-470-6272 during daytime hours of 9am to 6pm for registration and/or questions. We both have voicemail that is checked regularly, and you will receive a confirmation callback.

Please contact Amy and Teri before February 2008 to arrange a Wiccaning during that ritual.

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## A NOTE ON PARKING

From our landlords:

One of the challenges facing us as an urban congregation is a lack of available parking. As our congregation grows, we take up more room and make it increasingly difficult for our neighbors to find places to park. Those using the building are highly encouraged to carpool, walk, bike, or use public transportation whenever possible. If you do drive to evening events or meetings, please make an effort to park in designated parking spaces in the Alta Court parking lot on the northwest end of our block of Lafayette. Spaces marked FUSD E or Visitor are available for our use on evenings.

Window decals can be purchased in the office for \$1 (call 303-831-7113 ext.101 for details). All metered spaces on Colfax are free after 6:00 p.m. Please show concern for our neighbors and consider these spaces before attempting to park on Lafayette.

In addition, please do not park in the spot "Reserved for Minister" in the back of the church.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

—*Alia*

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## ON DONATIONS

We appreciate that many of you donate to the church. With your contributions, we have reached the point where the church is preparing to set policies for assisting those in need. The more you can spare, the more we can help those who need it.

We aren't going to start collecting at the door, and no one will be turned away for not having a donation. However, we would like to suggest a donation of 4 to 7 dollars per person. (The extra is to cover the pagans that are unable to donate.) If you can't afford it, you are still welcome – if you can afford more, we'd be delighted to accept it.

**NOTE:** Hearthstone is a church and your donations to Hearthstone are **tax deductible**. If you would like to write a check so you can keep track of your donations, we can certainly handle that as well.

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## PAGAN COFFEE HOUSE

Witches Brew is a new Pagan coffee shop. They sell locally mixed teas, books, jewelry, art and other various and sundry paraphernalia. They are open Tuesday through Sunday Noon to Midnight. In addition to being an excellent place for the traditional post-ritual caffeine binge, they offer space for classes, discussion groups, and ritual. The coffee shop can be reached at [witchesbrewdenver@gmail.com](mailto:witchesbrewdenver@gmail.com) if you have any questions or are interested in their weekly newsletter. Coming up at the end of October,

they will be starting their shop-hosted rituals with Samhain on the 31st of October at 10:00 pm. Located right off I-70 and Sheridan, they're easily accessible at 4900 W. 46th Ave. and can be reached at (303) 997 9571.



College of Wicca and Old Lore -  
Established in 1999, the College of Wicca and Old Lore has as its mission to teach Wicca and the Old Ways, to teach teachers of Wicca and to build community. To apply to either of the programs listed below, please go to our website: [www.collegeofwicca.org](http://www.collegeofwicca.org).

#### Wicca Basics Classes

Wicca Basics is one of the ways that the College teaches Wicca and builds community. It is an eight-week course covering essential topics of the Craft, including: Esbats, Sabbats, history, traditions, grounding and centering, altars and tools, deities, energies and Craft ethics and etiquette. Wicca Basics classes are taught by experienced College of Wicca and Old Lore Faculty.

Upcoming classes:

Wednesday, October 3, 2007, 2 hours, at 7:00 p.m. for 8 weeks, skipping 10/31/07 and 11/21/07

Tuition:

\$50 for entire eight-week course.

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Year and a Day Program

Our Year and a Day Program is a one-year program set up on the quarter system with

classes on Sundays. It covers in-depth topics of the Craft, including Esbats, Sabbats, tools and energies, herbs, divination, ritual construction and ethics. Students are required to complete a Wicca Basics class or equivalent study before admission to the Year and a Day Program. Year and a Day classes are taught by experienced College of Wicca and Old Lore Faculty.

Experiencing the Divine Worship Times start at 9:00 a.m.

Morning classes 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 p.m.

Afternoon classes 1:30 P.M. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuition:

There is no charge for "Experiencing the Divine" worship times.

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### Colorado Pagan Children's Circle

Children's Circle is a magickal gathering for children of all ages to meet and celebrate! We do crafts, sing and tell stories. All ages are welcome!

During the summer months, we try to meet outdoors at a park. During bad weather we meet at Spirit Wise at 6590 S Broadway.

We gather at noon and cast at 12:30. If you come while we are casting please wait for us to cut you into the circle.

9/16/07 Mabon

10/28/07 Samhain

12/16/07 Yule

For more information join us at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ColoradoPaganKidsCircle/>

Or call Kath at 303-618-770

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### Reclaiming Spirit Presents:

Songs and Chants of the Reclaiming Tradition  
October 13; 2:00 PM FREE

We meet at Spirit Wise, 6590 S. Broadway, Centennial, CO, 80121. Phone: 303-730-2974

<http://www.spiritwisegifts.com>

Let us raise our voices in praise of the divine! Let us sing, breathe and create lovely sacred sounds for the Goddess!

The Reclaiming Tradition of Witchcraft, its teachers and priestesses, have been creating beautiful music and songs since the late 1970's.

Come to this workshop, learn and sing chants and songs from the Reclaiming tradition. We will sing some classic songs and teach some songs we are bring home from our last Witchcamp.

This is an all ages workshop and is free. For more information:

[www.reclaimingspirit.org](http://www.reclaimingspirit.org)

Or

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/reclaimingspirit/>

Phone: Amelia 720-200-9971 or Kath at 303-618-7702

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## THE IRON PENTACLE

October 20 & 21, 2007.

Reclaim the qualities of Sex, Pride, Self, Power and Passion. Call them back to you and claim them as your birthrights. Our culture has twisted these words: we, as Witches, know that we can use these words, they are sacred. They are the building blocks to becoming more human.

Using our magical skills, moving and shaping energy, transforming ourselves through trance to explore the five points of our inner pentacle: Sex (primal energy), Self, Passion, Pride (self-esteem), and Power (effectiveness in the worlds).

Reclaiming is a community of individuals working to unify spirit and politics. Our vision is rooted in the religion and magic of the Goddess, the Immanent Life Force. We see our work as teaching and making magic; the art of empowering ourselves and each other.

### Teachers

Sif is a Reclaiming teacher and witch who loves earth-moving magic and songs offered in praise to the gods. She believes in the healing power of kisses and friends and finds great joy in dancing with the Fey in the moonlight.

Skathach is a Reclaiming witch cleverly disguised as suburban mother of two. She is a priestess dedicated to the Goddess for ten years. She is a full-time graduate student. She facilitates a Children's Circle & teaches classes on Tarot and Wicca.

Branwyn WhyteRaven is a Reclaiming witch, a writer, and a mother. She's no spring chicken, so she feels one of the important things she brings to a circle is a reminder that, as Mae West said, "You're never too old to become younger."

### Class Schedule:

Saturday, October 20

10:00 am - 9:00 pm

Sunday, October 21

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Note:** We start class on time, so please be prompt. The classes are designed to work together, so plan to attend all.

Prerequisite: Reclaiming Elements of Magic or equivalent.

The Iron Pentacle will be drug and alcohol free so safe, nurturing, sacred space is created for all.

### Course information

Cost: \$95 to \$145 sliding scale

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: \$75 to \$90 if registered by Sept 29, 2007.

Deposit: \$35 non-refundable

For more information, please see:

[www.reclaimingspirit.org](http://www.reclaimingspirit.org)

Or

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## EARTH TEMPLE DATES

These are the 2007 dates for Earth Temple rituals. Earth Temple meets on Fridays at 7:30 pm we start announcements, and ritual begins at 7:45 pm; at Small Gatherings, 66th and Wadsworth.

If you have suggestions or questions about Earth Temple activities, please write to us at [earthtemple-owner@yahoo.com](mailto:earthtemple-owner@yahoo.com).

### Earth Temple 2007 dates

October 12 - New Moon

November 2 - Samhain

December 7 - New Moon

December 21 - Yule

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## WHO TO CONTACT

Alia's phone number is 303-680-1741. Southwynde's is 303-698-1066. Catherine's is 303-534-5264. If you would like to officiate at a future Open Full Moon, please contact Alia or Catherine. For Pagan or Wiccan clergy, or for any other Hearthstone business, please contact Alia or Catherine.

Hearthstone Community Church has a website at <http://hearthstone.fnorky.com>. It's kept current, so anything you miss here should be there.

Alia's e-mail address is [alia@fnorky.com](mailto:alia@fnorky.com); Southwynde's is [Southwynde@yahoo.com](mailto:Southwynde@yahoo.com); (it is not frequently checked). Catherine's e-mail address is [catherine@fnorky.com](mailto:catherine@fnorky.com)

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## GUEST COLUMNS?

If you have something to say, and are willing to let Alia or Catherine edit it slightly, (generally for grammar – Alia has the soul of an English teacher and I want to be one) please feel free to submit your writing to [hearthstone@fnorky.com](mailto:hearthstone@fnorky.com). Content will not be edited. We can usually make room for more voices.

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### 2007 Open Full Moon Dates

Sept. 28 2007

Oct. 19, 2007

Nov. 23, 2007

Dec. 14, 2007

*Several of our dates are a week early this year, in an effort to separate them somewhat from Sabbats very close to the date. This allows for Hearthstone to focus on Full Moon celebrations and allow other groups to focus on the Sabbats, whether that be public groups or closed circles.*

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