

Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.

"The Full Moon Folk"

GREETINGS

We've entered into the dark time of the year. Samhain has come and gone; we've made the choice about what to take into the new year, and those things are laying quiet now. Yule is still a dream of the future.

It's dark when I leave the office now, and dark when I wake up in the morning. I can feel the winter coming – in my bones, as it were.

Another year has passed for me as well. I celebrated my 50th year on this earth last week. I went off my diet and had a great time. How wonderful it is to have been here half a century! Here's to another 50 years to come!

—Catherine

THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT

Thanks and a Tip of the Hat to Morgan of Bast Temple for providing our Open Full Moon Circle in October. Morgan provided us with interesting information and answered questions from our Hearthstone attendees prior to commencing the ritual. Bast Temple is affiliated with Golden Dawn, which was started in 1888 with the concept of comparative religion. Golden Dawn has split a number of times due to different interpretations and directions. Golden Dawn concepts and material were brought into early Wicca via the OTO (Ordo Templi Orientis).

Following the teaching segment, the intent of this ritual was to each create a talisman, then together vibrate a God name to raise energy and charge our talismans. We then shared an example of a Mystical Repast, in which all the Elements are represented in the body parts of Osiris.

Thank you, Morgan, for sharing your tradition with us!

---- Arynne *(Any misinformation or confusion in the above synopsis is mine! Morgan provided a lot of historical background and I'm not sure I got it all straight.)*

NOVEMBER 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, NOVEMBER 23, 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 November 23rd OFM will be led by Gary. This will be a ritual about the time between Samhain and Yule. We will focus on the way our ancestors faced this time: with concern and hope, concentrating on the question of whether there was enough to get through the winter and into spring. We will step into their shadow...and attempt to determine our new year's path, knowing we face a far kinder and gentler life than those before us. At the end of circle we will raise energy to help us focus on what lies ahead.

PREPARING FOR FEBRUARY'S OPEN FULL MOON

The February 2008 OFM will be a Wiccaning presented by Amy 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 the end of January. 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. She has voicemail that is checked regularly, and you will receive a confirmation callback.

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

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

ON DONATIONS

We appreciate that many of you donate to the church. **Unfortunately, donations have diminished over the years, to the point where Hearthstone is once again losing money. Since Alia can no longer support the church on her own, we ask you to please give what you can to support the work and service of the church to the community. The more you can spare, the longer we will be around, and the more we can help those who need it. While we will keep Hearthstone Community Church, Inc. running as long as possible, we do feel we should let you know that we need your support to continue to serve the community.**

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 5 to 10 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.

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 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.

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.

12/16/07 Yule

For more information join us at:

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

Or call Kath at 303-618-770

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@yahoogroups.com.

Earth Temple 2007 dates

December 7 - New Moon

December 21 - Yule

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, for Pagan or Wiccan clergy, or for any other Hearthstone business, please contact either 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; Southwynde's is Southwynde@yahoo.com; (it is not frequently checked). Catherine's e-mail address is catherine@fnorky.com

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 Catherine wants to be one) please feel free to submit your writing to catherine@fnorky.com. Content will not be edited. We can usually make room for more voices.

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2007 Open Full Moon Dates

Nov. 23, 2007
Dec. 14, 2007

2008 Open Full Moon Dates

January 18, 2008
February 15, 2008
March 21, 2008
April 18, 2008
May 16, 2008
June 13, 2008
July 18, 2008
August 22, 2008
September 12, 2008
October 10, 2008
November 7, 2008
December 12, 2008

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