



# Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.



## "The Full Moon Folk"

### GREETINGS

It's April in Colorado – so we had snow during the first two weeks. This is the good kind of snow, the kind that comes down heavy with lots of water and soaks into the ground, giving the new plants lots of water to grow. It seems that the seeds we sowed earlier are now gaining the strength to grow.

In a favorite children's book of mine, The Little Princess, Frances Hodgson Burnett speaks of spring creeping across a garden like a green mist. I've always liked that description, especially since I can see it every day when I leave my house or when I come home. Spring has arrived!

—Catherine

### THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT

Hearthstone offers our Thanks and a Tip of the Hat to Nora and her priest for leading our March Open Full Moon ritual. Nora is a priestess who moved here from Missouri in June, and already is contributing to our community. Her ritual on March 21 combined energies of the full moon with Ostara. As participants arrived we were each invited to select a colorful plastic egg, choose markers and stickers and decorate it, then fill it with wrapped chocolates. At a point during the ritual Nora asked everyone to trade seats and pair up with someone we didn't know, then share about ourselves, and trade our eggs. The ritual celebrated freshness and new beginnings, and how, with fresh beginnings such as simply introducing ourselves to one another, we grow new connections and friendships within our community. Thank you, Nora, for helping us to celebrate new beginnings in all their forms.

----- Arynne

### APRIL 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, APRIL 18, 2008.

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

In the spirit of the new beginnings of Spring, this month's ritual will be a Wiccanning presented by Amy Harper / Nyteshade for the older children in our community. I will have quarter calls printed and be requesting volunteers to BE quarters and elements. I also need a Youth God aspect, and a Father God aspect. If you would care to volunteer, please call me or text me @ 303-487-8784 and I can give you a better idea of what to expect.

As for the children who pre-registered, they will be formally introduced to our quarters, elements, Lord and Lady, and the community. They will each receive a Wiccanning keepsake as well. I do have room for 5 more children if there are any others who would like to participate..

---Amy

### 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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## **DRAGONFEST 2008**

The Journey of a Thousand Paths begins with one step.

Each year members of our growing and diverse community present rituals that represent the paths they walk as individuals and as covens. It is challenging and inspiring to present a ritual to the Dragonfest community and we hope that this year many of you will share your rituals with the community. Do you have a favorite ritual? Mystery? or a ritual with a special focus? Or perhaps a ritual from your specific Path you would like to share with the Dragonfest community?

We would love to have you present this year.

Please email [rituals@dragonfest.com](mailto:rituals@dragonfest.com)

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## **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.

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## INTUITIVE TAROT

Sunday, April 27th & May 4th, 2008 Noon to 4:30 PM

Do you own a deck of cards, but don't know where to start? Are you overwhelmed by books full of meanings for each card? Perhaps you are familiar with the cards, but want to see them with fresh eyes? Join us as we explore the cards with our intuition.

INFORMATION:

DATES: Sunday, April 27th, 2008 Noon to 4:30PM

Sunday, May 4, 2008 Noon to 4:30 PM

COST: \$35 to \$50, sliding scale.

Reclaiming believes strongly in making classes available to everyone in the community. Scholarship or work exchange is available.

What to bring:

- \* A journal or notebook
- \* A bottle of water
- \* A snack to share
- \* Tarot cards –

There will be additional decks available to use during class

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## CORE SHAMANISM

Saturday, May 10, 2008

Focusing on healing as a Shamanic activity, we will teach the core technique of trance using power animals as guides. We will explore contacting and relating to power animals, energy body cleansing (extractions) and soul retrievals. This work requires the ability to trance (guided meditation), and some familiarity with power animals. We will focus on contact with your personal energy signatures known as the Energy Child and past-life regressions. You will need to wear comfortable clothing and bring a rattle, journal and small quartz crystal.

This work is fun and very revealing. We will learn to apply this healing modality to ourselves. Shamanic work holds the potential for deep self-knowledge for those who are open to it and can be very intense and

emotional experience. Please come to the session open and willing to support each experience. We accept of all backgrounds and orientations.

This class is drug and alcohol free.

Teacher:

Cedar has been a student and practitioner of Shamanic techniques for nine years. He is trained in core Shamanism, the Shamanistic techniques introduced by Michael Harner. His teachers have included George Hueco, a student of Michael Harner, who also incorporates native North American techniques, and Laura Bodmer, a native Hawaiian who teaches Huna Shamanism. Cedar has developed his own style of Shamanism incorporating Wiccan and Southwestern traditions.

\$25 - \$45 sliding scale for one or both sessions.

Dates:

Saturday, May 10, 2008 – 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Please bring pot luck lunch item to share.

Preregistration is required.

Location: SpiritWise Bookstore, 6590 South Broadway, Centennial, CO

Contacts: Kath @ 303-618-7702

EMAIL: [morgans\\_insight@yahoo.com](mailto:morgans_insight@yahoo.com)

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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. Located right off I-70 and Sheridan, they're easily accessible at 4900 W. 46th Ave. and can be reached at (303) 997 9571.

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## EARTH TEMPLE

Earth Temple rituals have moved to a new location: Ye Old Firehouse, 3232 Depew Street, Wheat Ridge. With a few exceptions, all of our

rituals will be held at this location. With one exception, all dates are Fridays, with community announcements starting at 7:30 pm, and ritual starting when announcements conclude. Here are the remaining dates of ET's 2008 schedule with the exceptions and locations listed.

### **Earth Temple 2008 dates**

May 2 -- NM/Beltaine – Wheat Ridge Senior Center, 6363 W. 35th Avenue, Wheat Ridge

May 30 – NM – Ye Old Firehouse

June 14 SATURDAY – Litha – Noonish start time (actual start time TBD) at Anderson Park, 44th and Field Street, Wheat Ridge

Aug 1 -- NM/Lammas – Ye Old Firehouse

Aug 29 – NM – Ye Old Firehouse

Sep 19 – Mabon – Ye Old Firehouse

Oct 3 – NM – Ye Old Firehouse

Oct 24 – NM – Ye Old Firehouse

Samhain – Date and time TBD

Nov 28 – NM – Ye Old Firehouse

Dec 19 – Yule – Ye Old Firehouse

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## **NEW MOON CIRCLES AT WITCHES BREW**

Mary Reeves and Robin Vinehall, from Tree in the Circle, will be holding New Moon Esbat rituals at Witches Brew on the Sunday closest to the New Moon. If the New Moon falls on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday the ritual will be the Sunday before. If the New Moon falls on Thursday, Friday or Saturday the ritual will be held on the Sunday after. Mary and Robin will be invoking gods and goddesses from a variety of pantheons, whose energy is consistent with the astrological energies of the particular New Moon. This energy will also be consistent with each sephira of the Qabalistic Tree of Life, taken in the order of the "Downward Striking Lightning Flash". (Don't worry! They'll explain things before each ritual. No previous knowledge of Qabalah or even astrology is necessary.) The rituals will be in traditional Wiccan form, incorporating both Qabalah and astrology into powerful and empowering Wiccan rituals.

Witches Brew Coffee House is at 4900 West 46th Avenue; Call: (303) 997-9571 or go online at:  
<http://www.myspace.com/witchesbrewdenver>

The doors will close for regular business at 7:00 PM and ritual will begin at 7:30 PM

The planned dates are:

March 9

April 6

May 4

June 1

June 29

August 3

August 31

September 28

October 26

November 30

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

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### 2008 Open Full Moon Dates

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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