



Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.



"The Full Moon Folk"

GREETINGS

May Day has come and gone. My lilacs are blooming and the irises have started to bud. As is not unusual in May in Denver, it snowed on Beltaine. We've had a couple of snow storms since then as well. I have yet to have to water my lawn, although some elf has mowed my lawn. Thank goodness for that – I managed to fall and sprain my ankle in the last week. Just remember that Snickers are dangerous in more than one way.

This is the time of year when we celebrate fertility – that of the earth, our bodies and of our minds. This is the time to revel in that fertility and creativity.

—Catherine

THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT

Hearthstone offers our Thanks and a Tip of the Hat to Amy and a cast of quite a few for the incredible April ritual where 6 young people were introduced to the Wiccan community. Amy brought Mars H., Alora H., Jeremy D., Brenn D., Elyot M. and Sarah H., to each of the four elements and to each of the three faces of the Goddess and God. The children promised to honor the elements the gods and were welcomed to the community. Welcome kids, and thank you Amy for a moving ritual.

----- Catherine

MAY 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, MAY 16, 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

The May 16 ritual will be in keeping with the fertility of the season. Catherine will be leading the ritual – which means there will be music. There will also be a guided meditation to unlock our creativity. We will also have a circle dance, in lieu of a maypole (not having a handy 10 foot pole).

Come prepared to sing, dance and celebrate your creativity.

---Catherine

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

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 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

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:

June 1

June 29

August 3

August 31

September 28

October 26

November 30

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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2008 Open Full Moon Dates

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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