



# Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.



## "The Full Moon Folk"

### GREETINGS

Yule approaches quickly. It's the longest night of the year, and we ward off the dark with lights. It seems that many cultures in this northern hemisphere do the same – everywhere you see lights to make the darkness seem less deep and long. We sing and light those lights, and celebrate the day when the young god begins his reign.

As these days lengthen, please remember the light.

—Catherine

### THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT

Hearthstone offers our Thanks, and a Tip of our Hat, to Carridwen Brennan and Martin Anthony who presented our November Open Full Moon with guided meditations. Through their Alexandria Temple of Universal Metaphysics, a 501(c)3 charitable organization, Martin and Carrie serve as volunteer chaplains for the Department of Corrections . For our Hearthstone community they offered a Gardnerian ritual modified as it might be for a prison setting. First we experienced a deep breathing and relaxation meditation, very effective at calming and bringing a deep sense of peace. Following was a meditation specifically for this darkening time of year, designed to focus on and nurture the seed of light within each of us. We came away knowing how to breathe into our inner seed of light, to grow it brighter and warmer, when we have need in the cold, gray times of winter.

Thank you, and bless you, Carrie and Martin, for sharing your time and skills with us in the Hearthstone community, as well as with inmates throughout the state who have access to so much less spiritual community than we.

More information about this pagan prison ministry is at

[www.zyworld.com/atum/](http://www.zyworld.com/atum/)

—Aryne

### DECEMBER 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, DECEMBER 12, 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 December 12<sup>th</sup> Open Full Moon will be a multiple drawing down.** The priestesses drawing down will be Judith Brownlee, Jackie Weller, and Alia. If time and The Goddess permit, you may visit more than one goddess.

Remember that a drawing down can be a very intense experience, often too intense for children.

We will be taking volunteers to help with the grounding area. If you are interested in helping, please e-mail Catherine at [catherine@fnorky.com](mailto:catherine@fnorky.com) as soon as you can.

—Catherine

## ON DONATIONS

Many of our local Pagan organizations run on a shoestring. Your donations do make a difference, and the cost of a movie ticket to one of these organizations from several of their patrons can make the difference between failing and thriving. (Not to mention making the organizers excited and happy that their efforts are of value to you.) If you'd prefer not to donate to Hearthstone, I encourage you to donate something to the organization of your choice. Your donations can make the difference between an organization thriving and folding.

We appreciate that many of you donate to the church. **We ask that you 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. We will keep Hearthstone Community Church, Inc. running as long as possible, and 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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## CABALISTIC WICCA CLASS

Starting Sunday, January 11, 10:00 AM, Mary Reeves, Robin Vinehall, and Cynthia LeFevre will be presenting a class at Isis on the basic principles of Qabala and applying them to Wiccan/Pagan belief structures and practices. Qabala is an ancient system for understanding spiritual and magickal energies. It has been developed over the centuries out of a profound understanding of the human spirit and its relation to the natural and supernatural world. It is organized into a central pattern called The Tree of Life, which contains ten powerful energy centers.

This class will focus on understanding and using these energies in order to forward personal goals, deepen mystical experience, intensify ritual, and heighten one's awareness of the possibilities of life.

Each class will conclude with a Qabalistic-Wiccan ritual incorporating the concepts developed in that class.

Mary and Robin ask those who plan to attend this class to first call 303-933-6540. We would like to get an idea of how much people already know about both Wicca and Qabala.

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## CAPITOL HILL REIKI CIRCLE

Capitol Hill Reiki Circle -- Third Wednesday of every month through 2008. For more information contact Jo, 720-255-5132 or [JoMar01@comcast.net](mailto:JoMar01@comcast.net).  
[www.myspace.com/reikicircle](http://www.myspace.com/reikicircle)

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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

Dec 19 – Yule – Ye Old Firehouse

### Earth Temple 2009 dates

January 30th - New Moon/Imbolc  
February 27th - New Moon  
March 20th - New Moon/Oestara  
April 24th - New Moon  
Beltane - date and location TBA  
May 22nd - New Moon  
New Moon/Litha - date and location TBA;  
this will be a Ritual in the Park on a Saturday  
July 17th - New Moon  
July 31st - Lammas  
August 21st - New Moon  
September 18th - New Moon/Mabon  
October 16th - New Moon  
Samhain - date and location TBA  
November 13th - New Moon  
December 18th - New Moon/Yule

### 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". (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 Ave.; Call: (303) 997-9571 or online at:

<http://www.myspace.com/witchesbrewdenver>

### WHOM 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)

### 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  
December 12, 2008**

**2009 Open Full Moon Dates**

**January 9, 2009**

**February 6, 2009**

**March 13, 2009**

**April 10, 2009**

**May 8, 2009**

**June 5, 2009**

**July 3, 2009**

**July 31, 2009**

**September 4, 2009**

**October 2, 2009**

**November 6, 2009**

**November 27, 2009**

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