



Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.



"The Full Moon Folk"

GREETINGS

The time change crept up on me this year. I'm not used to it being this early in the year. Still, it's fun to look at a late-night television schedule and see that a half-hour show is scheduled to start at 1:30 and end at 3:00.

Spring seems to have come early in so many ways to our area. March is supposed to be the snowiest month in the year, but it had better start snowing soon. The Front Range is seriously under its usual snowfall. And that will mean super watering restrictions this summer.

When I moved into my house, I started planting my landscaping with xeric plants. I hardly watered last year because of our wet summer. This year, if it is as dry as it promises to be, I actually may have to pay attention to the watering schedule. I suppose that is a good thing – it will force me to pay attention to the summer and fall season in my yard. But oh, the cost of the water!

—Catherine

THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT

The Hearthstone Community warmly thanks Joy and Erin of the JUCCUUPS community; Joy and Erin served as volunteer officiants for Hearthstone's Feb. Open Full Moon ritual, offering an Imbolc theme. We began by grounding, then Quarters, God and Goddess were invoked. Little bags had been prepared, each with seeds and an affirmation inside, such as "May we grow in Wisdom" or "May we grow in Love". A basket of these seed packets was passed around the circle, and each person took one and read aloud the affirmation, creating a fertile circle of blessings and intention for the new year. We all focused on the seeds of Spring, our hopes and dreams for this year, while participating in a guided meditation about the growing energies of the stirring Earth. Then, chanting to a drum beat, the group raised a cone of energy for charging our personal intentions and healing the Earth. Yes, She changes everything She touches! Including us!

Thank you very much, Joy and Erin, for sharing this energizing, empowering ritual with Hearthstone!

—Arynne

MARCH 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, MARCH 13, 2009.

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 March 13th Open Full Moon will be presented by Martin and Carrie of ATUM. Martin and Carrie will do a modified Gardnerian Full Moon ritual with a meditation centered around Ostara. They are well-known in the Denver community for their work in the Colorado Corrections system, through their organization ATUM.

—*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.

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. Also with a few exceptions, 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 2009 schedule with the exceptions and locations listed.

Earth Temple 2009 dates

March 20th - New Moon/Oestara

April 24th - New Moon

Beltane - May 2 (Saturday) 5:30 pm at Wheat Ridge Senior Center

May 22nd - New Moon

New Moon/Litha -- June 20 (Saturday); start time TBA but will be a mid-day ritual; location TBA but will probably start at The Firehouse

July 17th - New Moon

July 31st - Lammass

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

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—Greybart

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>.

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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2009 Open Full Moon Dates

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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