



Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.

"The Full Moon Folk"



APRIL 6 OPEN FULL MOON

Hearthstone meets the Friday before or the Friday of the Full Moon in the upstairs chapel 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. This month's ritual is FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2012.

At the April 6th ritual Amy Harper, friends, and volunteers will present a maiden's coming of age ceremony. Join us in welcoming one or more young ladies into their blossoming womanhood.

--Alia

GREETINGS

It has been a very warm early spring, which I have certainly enjoyed. Right now it's a bit chilly, but that will soon pass. The absence of snow on the streets certainly makes it easier for me to get around the neighborhood. I have been walking dogs, visiting the nearby stores, and generally spending more time outside than I have been able to for a few months!

We could see another decent snowstorm or two, but they should melt away quickly. April is our second snowiest month, though, so don't put your coats away quite yet.

---Alia

THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT

Hearthstone offers our Thanks and a Tip of the Hat to four priestesses who gave us our March 2 ritual on the theme "Awaken to the Rising Current of Spring". Thank you, Skathach Sophia Rose (of the RoseHill Line of Feri Reclaiming Witchcraft), Scarlet, Ariana, and Donna. After casting, we were led in stretching our bodies, just as plants and earth awaken in early Spring. A lovely meditation followed on "What seed within wants to grow? What in us is called to by Spring? What makes us want to awaken each day? What do we long to do?" Energy was raised with a "Wake Up!" chant with movement, then channeled into ourselves to energize our awakenings.

Thank you, co-priestesses, for awakening Spring within us!

—Aryne

HEARTHSTONE RITUALS

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

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



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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.

WICCAN BASICS CLASS

Sacred Stone Circle <http://sacredstonecircle.org/> is once again providing Wicca Basics classes SOON! For those interested, please go to the website and fill out the New Student form at: http://sacredstonecircle.org/?page_id=1063. We will contact you with the particulars. Check out our other offerings as well. Lots of information on the site.

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HavenWood and Sage

Priest and Priestess of Sacred Stone Circle

EARTH TEMPLE

Earth Temple celebrates New Moons and Sabbats. With the exceptions noted below, our rituals are held at our NEW location: Full Moon Books and Event Center, 9106 W. 6th Ave. in Lakewood.

We start announcements at 7:30, and then start ritual when announcements end. Our dates are all Saturdays. Hope you can join us!

Event	ET date
New Moon	Apr 21
Beltaine	May 5**Location TBA
New Moon	May 19
New Moon/Litha	Jun 16
New Moon	Jul 21
Lughnasagh	Aug 4
New Moon	Aug 18
New Moon	Sep 15
Mabon	Sep 22
New Moon	Oct 13
Samhain	Nov 3**Location TBA
New Moon	Nov 17



New Moon/Yule

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Dec 15



WHOM TO CONTACT

Alia's phone number is 303-680-1741. 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; 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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2012 Open Full Moon Dates

April 6

May 4

June 1

June 29

July 27

August 31

September 28

October 26

November 23

December 28