



# Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.

## "The Full Moon Folk"



### SEPTEMBER 25 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, SEPTEMBER 25, 2015.

Amy "NyteRoze" Harper will lead us in a ritual celebrating Mabon. With the equinox this week, it's a great time to think about the balance we seek within ourselves, as well as in the outside world. We may discuss some of the seeds of whatever type we sowed at Ostara, and how they are coming to fruition this Mabon.

This Full Moon is also a Supermoon. Astrologically, that means it is closer to the Earth than usual, and looks larger. What does that mean metaphysically?

—Catherine

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### GREETINGS

I took a few days of vacation this last month. I had forgotten how nice it is to have several days in a row off; days where I had little planned and could just rest my brain. I went to lunch with friends—and otherwise did very little. I came back to the office feeling refreshed. I must do this more often. Really, I must. I'm running into a "use it or lose it" situation at work.

I've also been discovering another "use it or lose it" situation. During a rather dramatic period in my life a few years ago, I stopped singing as much as I used to. I had millions of reasons: I was working on my Master's and was dealing with multiple losses of various kinds. I wasn't worried, the voice had always been there—how could taking a break cause a problem? Then I started wanting to do more singing again, and found that the thing I had taken for granted was different than it used to be. I couldn't reach the notes I used to. The voice got tired more easily. At first, I thought I just needed more practice. That helped a little, but I still had problems. I finally realized that I needed help from outside my own experience. And I got it—things are coming back!

I knew that the way I hear myself isn't the way others hear me, but had forgotten that those others could help *because* they were outside my head.

This applies in other parts of my life. We're coming up on a season of decisions. I must remember that in making those decisions, I do not have to depend solely on myself. After all, others may see what I don't. Thank goodness!

—Catherine

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### THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT

Hearthstone offers our thanks to Martin and Carri, the only Wiccan chaplains in the Dept. of Corrections, for leading our Open Full Moon ritual in late August. Four volunteers assisted with calling the Quarters as Circle was cast. Martin then led us into deep relaxation...calm, serene, peaceful. Carri spoke of the magickal cycle of breath: the first thing we do when we are born is to take in one breath, and at the end of life we exhale one last breath.

With the Sun in Virgo and the Moon in Pisces, the theme of this ritual was balancing a healthy ego with healthy emotional boundaries.

Looking at the Virgo aspect of our lives, which appreciates order and structure, Carri asked each of us to consider the Rule Book of our lives, and the importance of identifying any rules that are archaic, conflicting, or simply stupid. Our Pisces aspect asks us to listen: to listen to pain and disquiet, and to have compassion. We need order in our lives, while having compassion for ourselves and for others. Martin and Carri then drew down the Goddess, asking Her for words of wisdom and compassion. There was opportunity for participants to speak privately with Her.

Thank you, Carri and Martin, for your support for our Hearthstone Community, and for sharing your beautiful selves with us yet again! Blessed Be!

—Aryme

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## 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

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## 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.

—Alia

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## **PETS: Free/Low-cost Spay/Neuter and Vaccinations are available**

CATS fixed for free / DOGS fixed for \$50

Dumb Friends League: Services valued on average at \$250 or more. Surgeries provided at above listed cost for owners with income of less than \$40,000 from all sources. You must qualify as low-income; bring documents. Spay/Neuter Clinics are offered on specific dates at locations across the metro area, from Aurora to West Denver, Arvada to Englewood. Arrive by 7:30 AM. First-come, first-served. Get more information by calling 720.241.7098 or by visiting the web site at [ddfl.org](http://ddfl.org)

### Reduced Cost Vaccinations for Dogs and Cats

Denver Animal Shelter: Saturday and Sunday mornings 9:00 – 11:00 AM at the shelter at 1241 W. Bayaud Ave, Denver. Vaccinations \$15 each, microchip \$25. You do not have to be a Denver resident. Details at 720.913.1311 or [www.denveranimalshelter.org](http://www.denveranimalshelter.org)

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## **ORPHEUS PAGAN CHAMBER CHOIR 5TH ANNUAL ORPHEUS MEADFEST**

**When:** Saturday Oct. 3rd from 5-9pm

**Where:** The Black Crown Social  
1446 South Broadway, Denver

**Come sample and buy mead from Colorado's best meaderies while  
enjoying delicious food and a performance from the choir!**

Featuring tastings from:

Dragon Meadery LLC Honey Jack Meadery  
Hunters Moon Meadery of the Rockies  
Redstone Meadery

**Tickets are \$25 per person or  
\$45 for two (online preorder only)**

For tickets and more info:

[www.OrpheusPCC.org](http://www.OrpheusPCC.org)

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## ***MY MOTHER'S LESBIAN JEWISH WICCAN WEDDING***

THEATRE OR\* PROUDLY PRESENTS THE REGIONAL PREMIERE OF  
***MY MOTHER'S LESBIAN JEWISH WICCAN WEDDING***

BY DAVID HEIN AND IRENE CARL SANKOFF

OCTOBER 3 – NOVEMBER 8 AT THE SOILED DOVE, LOWRY

**SPECIAL DISCOUNT OCTOBER 10 FOR HEARTHSTONE NEWSLETTER  
RECIPIENTS**

**COME TO A WEDDING!** A hilarious, heartfelt musical comedy about a woman's journey of self-discovery, this uplifting, life-affirming, modern love story is also about embracing change and finding yourself. With a universal message for all – no matter what religion, sexuality, or spirit you favor – *MMLJWW* is based on the true story of the playwright's mother and couldn't be more

timely. A hit at the 2009 Toronto Fringe Festival, this charming new musical is catching on at theaters throughout the nation, where it has frequently been extended or reprised due to popular demand. The playwrights have updated the script to reflect the recent momentous Supreme Court decision affirming same sex marriage.

Performances are October 3 – November 8 at the Soiled Dove, 7401 E. 1st Avenue Denver. Tickets \$23-\$37. [www.soileddove.com](http://www.soileddove.com) or 303-830-9214. Mention code **Wicca** and receive a \$4 discount either Saturday, Oct. 10, at 8 p.m. or Sunday, Oct. 11, at 2 p.m. Wiccan priestesses Alia Denny and Catherine Mock will participate in a post-performance discussion with artists and audience after the Oct. 10 performance.

*\*Or is the Hebrew word for light.*

*(Yes, that's us. Catherine and I were asked to provide information on Wicca to the theater group. –Alia.)*

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## **Brainwashed Language Monkeys (or, Your Puny Law of Karma Does Not Apply to Me)**

As most of my friends know, I spend way too much time on the internet reading the stupid. I seem to enjoy it tremendously. And that is because I am fascinated by the train wreck that we call humanity. After all, what other species is there that believes that half of its population is completely and utterly wrong?

Yesterday, I was on Facebook reading my newsfeed, when I stumbled across a real gem of disagreement. Someone, who I will refer to as Joe the Magician, posted a gripe as his status update. And I can't do it justice without presenting it in its full over-the-top glory.

Joe the Magician wrote: "Today, I have seen a few arrogant wannabes with superiority complexes, looking down on people like Gods and judging them [as if] they were nothing more than cattle, or 'brainwashed language monkeys' as one of them so eloquently stated. If these people are so intelligent and so all-knowing, I wonder why they are too stupid to learn about Karma, or the Law of Attraction, or the Principle of Cause and Effect, because these universal laws apply to everyone, no matter how smart a person may think they are. I guess that they are using the little bit of intelligence that they have to appear to be more than they really are. Perhaps, they are also trying to cover up their own fears and insecurities by attacking others."

Toss in the Three-fold Law and the Wiccan Rede, and you would have the Unholy Pentefecta of Pagan Morals and Ethics, that set of cosmic rules that the fluffier pagans and Wiccans like to beat people over the head with when people decide to do things that the fluffies hate, such as cursing an enemy.

And let's be honest, while I did not call anyone a brainwashed language monkey (and you all know that I wish that I came up with that term, for it perfectly describes some of the more stubborn specimens of humanity), I am definitely one of those people who have not learned the joys of the Unholy Pentefecta.

For instance, Karma is completely misused by most modern Westerners. In its original context, in the Hindu religion of India, Karma means the principle by which the state of one's next life is determined. Do good deeds and you will be rewarded in the next life; be a complete asshole, and you will pay for it in the next lifetime. Karma is not instantaneous, and does not nail you this lifetime. Furthermore, there is a major difference between the Western idea of reincarnation, and our Eastern counterpart: in its native culture and society, reincarnation is connected to the idea of

the caste system—you are born in a caste, and remain there for life; it is only through reincarnation and living a good life today that you are allowed to move into another (hopefully better) caste in the next lifetime.

Fluffies, on the other hand, believe that Karma will come visit you this lifetime. If you curse someone, you are also going to curse yourself—not next lifetime, but this lifetime. The belief in rapid Karma is so strong in the fluffy community that if your life is going off the rails, there is a good chance that someone will tell you that the messed up condition of your life is proof that you have been mistreating people.

(It should be noted that at one time, I did teach the concept of Karma as understood by the fluffies—I no longer do because I have a better understanding of the concept. It should also be noted that I do still teach a “chickens coming home to roost” principle, but that I use another term for it, being the Old Norse word, Wyrð.)

Each of the other parts of the Unholy Pentefecta of Pagan Morals and Ethics is also misunderstood by the majority of the people who haul them out in judgment of other people. The “laws” are used by the fluffies to judge, and put in their proper place, those who the fluffies feel are not being good representatives of the pagan community. And often those being judged are actually more educated in paganism and occultism than the people judging them.

I find it sad that those who understand the principles of magic the least (probably having never worked a successful operation in their entire life), have gotten it into their heads that they understand the laws of magic better than those who have spent decades studying and actually working the system. Yes, I realize that I should respect the beliefs of those people who are better human beings than I am...but I do not think that the fluffies are my superiors. There is also the little fact that if the Unholy Pentefecta worked the way that the fluffies think they do, my life would be a smoking crater. Someone must be wrong, and I do not think that it is me. So I must be one of these arrogant judgmental wannabes that Joe the Magician thinks that he is better than—is it wrong that I take some pride in that?

### **Morgan Drake Eckstein**

Morgan Drake Eckstein writes about Golden Dawn, Wicca and other mystery traditions on his blog at: <http://gleamingsfromthedawn.blogspot.com/>



Come to the 24th Annual  
Denver Witches' Ball  
Saturday, October 24, 2015,  
Doors open 6:00pm  
Highlands Masonic Center  
3550 Federal Blvd, Denver

The Mile High City's Premiere Pagan Halloween Masquerade Party  
Live Music with the dark faerie Celtic vocal band Pandora Celtica,  
Denver's shamrockingest band The Indulgents, and  
Sensory Orchestra featuring members of Tuatha  
Witches' Feast with new budget menu and beverages  
Primal Roots Ecstatic Trance Drumming and Dancing for all  
Shopping in the Magickal Marketplace  
Psychic Fair with Aura Photography  
Costume Contests  
Advance Tickets Adults: \$25/Children 12 and Under: \$5  
\$30 at the Door  
Buy online at [www.DenverWitchesBall.com](http://www.DenverWitchesBall.com)  
Or at Isis Books & Gifts and Herbs and Arts (cash only)

(Image of a spooky black cat in front of an orange glowing moon, with the following text:)

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### **WAITING FOR AUTUMN.**

Autumn is almost here. I can't wait for autumn to arrive. I usually view autumn with excitement, until I realize we're that much closer to winter, but as with all things, you have to take the good with the bad. This year, I'm not dreading the change in weather so much. Many of the clients I work with do not have Central Air or any air conditioning at all, and the schools are still sweltering.

In anticipation of cooler weather, I'm going to share two of my favorite simmering potpourri recipes.

Obviously, you'll need a small pot, and some water. Always keep the burner on simmer and don't forget to keep an eye on it. I've ruined a pot before due to letting all the water boil off.

Fill a small pot with water about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way full. Add 2 cinnamon sticks (or you can use a tablespoon of cinnamon...more or less depending on preference and amount of water being used. The same goes for the rest of the ingredients.) A teaspoon each of Nutmeg, cloves (whole or ground are fine), allspice and a splash of vanilla.

A simpler recipe would be to add a cinnamon stick, and orange and lemon rinds to water and simmer.

Sometimes I'm lazy and I just throw in an apple core and a teaspoon of apple pie spice (they actually have a blend at Target).

These always make me feel like autumn is coming when I brew them and it's easier for me to get into the spirit of the season, especially when we're mid-September and are still having 90 degree days. I'm definitely ready for the season to change and the weather to get cooler. Here's hoping that this year, we have a magnificent autumn!

-Jo

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## EARTH TEMPLE

Earth Temple meets at Full Moon Books and Event Center, at 9106 W. 6th Ave. in Lakewood, for New/Dark Moon ritual work. All of our dates are Saturday evenings, and we normally begin our rituals right on the dot at 7:30 PM. Join our Meetup Group for reminders and information about specific rituals: [www.meetup.com/EarthTemple](http://www.meetup.com/EarthTemple). And, check out our Witchvox page for more info about us:

[http://www.witchvox.com/vn/vn\\_detail/dt\\_gr.html?a=usco&id=35084](http://www.witchvox.com/vn/vn_detail/dt_gr.html?a=usco&id=35084)

Our 2015 dates:

Oct 10

Nov 7

Dec 12

*---Chris, Dara, and Michelle  
the Earth Temple steering committee*

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## WHOM TO CONTACT

Alia's phone number is 303-521-6620 (*NOTE: This number has changed. We are having issues with the house phone; please call this number instead. It has been changed on the web page as well*). Catherine's is 303-886-7067. 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>

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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 is simply a fanatic) 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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**2015 Open Full Moon Dates**



September 25

October 23

November 20

December 25—we will not meet, as it would be the 13th OFM