

Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.

"The Full Moon Folk"

GREETINGS

August already! The monsoon season has settled in – alternating with hot, humid days. Misha, my little white dog, begs to differ with the term Dog Days – apparently it's way too hot for dogs out too. She is, by the way, sporting a stylin' crew cut for the rest of the summer.

I've been thinking about compassion lately – having compassion for ourselves, as well as each other. Too many times we're gentle with others while beating up on our own inner selves. Think of the joy that we're robbing ourselves of that way. So, just for today, forgive one lapse. Be gentle with yourself.

—*Catherine*

THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT

Thanks and a Tip of the Hat to Catherine and Marian, who presented a unique meditation opportunity in the WingIt tradition. I found the ritual touching on several levels -- the literal touching offered to everyone, the non-verbal communication that the ritual encouraged, and the way it reached most of us in an unfamiliar fashion. It was impressive in that it reached me emotionally by communicating in other methods than sight and sound. I found the experience fostered an especially powerful and emotional connection.

--*Southmynde*

AUGUST 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, AUGUST 24, 2007.

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 August 24, Gary and Misty will be presenting a ritual composed of both Algard and Shamanic traditions. They will be illustrating change through involvement by the group as a whole. Through meditation and writing down experiences, they hope to come to a better understanding of how we approach change.

PREPARING FOR SEPTEMBER'S OPEN FULL MOON

The September 28th OFM will be a Wiccaning presented by Amy and Teri for children ages 4 to 11. We have selected this age group mostly for parents who have found this path later in life and missed the traditional Wiccanings done for children during infancy. This is not a Dedication; this is a formal introduction to the elements, directions, and Deity. Each child will receive a token from each element and the Lord and the Lady, and a bag to keep them in. They may be dressed in formal ritual robes or dresses if you choose, or in ordinary attire. Due to time constraints, we will have to limit participation to 25 children who need to be pre-registered by August 21st. There will be a \$4 cash only fee to cover supplies which will be collected upon admittance on the 14th. You can contact Amy a 303-487-8784 (cell) ANYTIME or Teri at 303-470-6272 during daytime hours of 9am to 6pm for registration and/or questions. We both have voicemail that is checked regularly, and you will receive a confirmation callback.

A 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. With your contributions, we have reached the point where the church is preparing to set policies for assisting those in need. The more you can spare, the more we can help those who need it.

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 4 to 7 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.



College of Wicca and Old Lore -
Established in 1999, the College of Wicca and Old Lore has as its mission to teach Wicca and the Old Ways, to teach teachers of Wicca and to build community. To apply to either

of the programs listed below, please go to our website: www.collegeofwicca.org.

Wicca Basics Classes

Wicca Basics is one of the ways that the College teaches Wicca and builds community. It is an eight-week course covering essential topics of the Craft, including: Esbats, Sabbats, history, traditions, grounding and centering, altars and tools, deities, energies and Craft ethics and etiquette. Wicca Basics classes are taught by experienced College of Wicca and Old Lore Faculty.

Upcoming classes:

Saturday, August 18, 2007, 2 hours, at 10:00 a.m. for 8 weeks

Sunday, August 19, 2007, 2 hours, at 4:00 p.m. for 8 weeks

Wednesday, October 3, 2007, 2 hours, at 7:00 p.m. for 8 weeks, skipping 10/31/07 and 11/21/07

Tuition:

\$50 for entire eight-week course.

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Year and a Day Program

Our Year and a Day Program is a one-year program set up on the quarter system with classes on Sundays. It covers in-depth topics of the Craft, including Esbats, Sabbats, tools and energies, herbs, divination, ritual construction and ethics. Students are required to complete a Wicca Basics class or equivalent study before admission to the Year and a Day Program. Year and a Day classes are taught by experienced College of Wicca and Old Lore Faculty.

Water Quarter Schedule:

Sundays, July 8, 2007 through September 30, 2007

Orientation: July 8, 2007

Experiencing the Divine Worship Times start at 9:00 a.m.

Morning classes 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 p.m.

Afternoon classes 1:30 P.M. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuition:

Sliding scale from \$7-\$15 per required class (10 classes during each Quarter are required for dedication); elective classes are \$3 each.

Tuition payments are arranged on Orientation. There is no charge for "Experiencing the Divine" worship times.

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Colorado Pagan Children's Circle

Children's Circle is a magickal gathering for children of all ages to meet and celebrate! We

do crafts, sing and tell stories. All ages are welcome!

During the summer months, we try to meet outdoors at a park. During bad weather we meet at Spirit Wise at 6590 S Broadway.

We gather at noon and cast at 12:30. If you come while we are casting please wait for us to cut you into the circle.

9/16/07 Mabon

10/28/07 Samhain

12/16/07 Yule

For more information join us at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ColoPaganKidsCircle/>

Or call Kath at 303-618-770

Reclaiming Spirit Presents:

ELEMENTS OF MAGIC

Friday, Sept. 21st - Evening. Saturday, Sept. 22nd - all day.

Friday, Sept. 28th - Evening. Saturday, Sept. 29th - all day.

Elements of Magic is the first of the core class in the Reclaiming tradition of Witchcraft. In this class, we will explore our personal relationship with the elements of Air, Fire, Water, Earth and Spirit.

Techniques that we will use include breathwork, song, visualization, sensing and raising energy, trance work, movement, spellcrafting and creating sacred space.

Reclaiming is a community of individuals working to unify spirit and politics. Our vision is rooted in the religion and magic of the Goddess, the Immanent Life Force. We see our work as teaching and making magic; the art of empowering our selves and each other.

This class is open to women and men.

For more information, please see:

www.reclaimingspirit.org

Or

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/reclaimingspirit/>

Phone: Amelia 720-200-9971 or Kath at 303-618-7702

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THE IRON PENTACLE

October 12, 13, and 14, 2007.

Reclaim the qualities of Sex, Pride, Self,

Power and Passion. Call them back to you and claim them as your birthrights.

Our culture has twisted these words: we, as Witches, know that we can use these words, they are sacred. They are the building blocks to becoming more human.

Using our magical skills, moving and shaping energy, transforming ourselves through trance to explore the five points of our inner pentacle: Sex (primal energy), Self, Passion, Pride (self-esteem), and Power (effectiveness in the worlds).

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EARTH TEMPLE DATES

These are the 2007 dates for Earth Temple rituals. Earth Temple meets on Fridays at 7:30 pm we start announcements, and ritual begins at 7:45 pm; at Small Gatherings, 66th and Wadsworth.

If you have suggestions or questions about Earth Temple activities, please write to us at earthtemple-owner@yahoogroups.com.

Earth Temple 2007 dates

August 10- New Moon
September 7 - New Moon
September 21 - Mabon
October 12 - New Moon
November 2 - Samhain
December 7 - New Moon
December 21 - Yule

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, please contact Alia or Catherine. For Pagan or Wiccan clergy, or for any other Hearthstone business, please contact 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 I want to be one) please feel free to submit your writing to hearthstone@fnorky.com. Content will not be edited. We can usually make room for more voices.

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2007 Open Full Moon Dates

Aug 24, 2007
Sept. 28 2007
Oct. 19, 2007
Nov. 23, 2007
Dec. 14, 2007

Several of our dates are a week early this year, in an effort to separate them somewhat from Sabbats very close to the date. This allows for Hearthstone to focus on Full Moon celebrations and allow other groups to focus on the Sabbats, whether that be public groups or closed circles.

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