



Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.



"The Full Moon Folk"

GREETINGS

Last weekend, I was chatting with someone and it seemed incredible that it was almost Midsummer. Our weather has definitely settled into a summer pattern, with low pressure systems almost every afternoon. My garden grows – oh how it grows! When I sprained my ankle last month, I wasn't able to trim back the old growth but the new growth came in underneath all the same. I was finally able to trim some of it this evening – with a weed whacker.

I feel the Summer healing my soul as well. I'm suddenly able to take action; as if with the growth in my garden, there has come a growth in my spirit. I don't think I've ever felt the ties to the land so much as this year. What a beautiful world comes with the Summer.

—Catherine

THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT

Thanks and a Tip of our Hat to Catherine, who welcomed us into May's OFM Circle with a song. Each participant received a fresh rose, and we were led in meditation to see, taste and touch the beautiful full flowering of our goals. We raised and sealed the energy, joining in a circle dance, singing "May the Circle Be Unbroken" (with minor change of wording). Thank you, Catherine, for this beautiful ritual and for all the roses! Our thanks also to assisting priestess Amy, and to the volunteers who called the Elements. Together we are the welcoming Hearthstone community, and we create "beautiful music" together!

Blessings to all!

--Arynne

JUNE 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, JUNE 13, 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 June 13 ritual will be presented by Cerridwen Brennan and Martin Anthony of the Alexandria Temple of Universal Metaphysics. They will be presenting a Wiccan ritual, including a meditation for Finding the Goddess Within.

Alexandria Temple of Universal Metaphysics is a "daughter church" of the Aquarian Tabernacle Church (Washington state). The ATC is one of the oldest Wiccan "Churches" [i.e. 501 (c) (3) religious non-profit] in the country and has affiliates world wide. (Janet Farrar and Gavin Bone's officially recognized group in Ireland is ATC.) ATC has had a prison ministry (mostly in WA) for over 20 years. ATUM became an ATC affiliate when we realized our primary calling was Pagan/Wiccan prison and jail ministry. Colorado has nearly 30 state prisons, every county has a jail and there are 7 Federal prisons. They all have Wiccan, pagan and heathen inmates. ATUM is adding bridging and after-care functions to aid parolees and the newly released in staying focused in their spirituality so

as to succeed in rejoining the World. We and our associates have programs and services in State, County and Federal facilities. Cerridwen Brennan and Martin Anthony are 3rd degree Gardnerians and have been active in the Denver Metro Pagan community for 25+ years each. Their associate priest/esses are all elders in the community.

--Catherine

ON DONATIONS

First, we would like to say a very hearty "Thank You!" to the couple who donated so generously to the Church last month. We were astonished and grateful to find their check in the donations – it was very exciting! While it is not our entire budget for the year, it does mean that with the other donations we receive that we will be able to continue operations for the rest of 2008 and into 2009, and that is a marvelous gift.

--Alia

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. **Unfortunately, donations have diminished over the years, to the point where Hearthstone is once again losing money. Since Alia can no longer support the church on her own, we ask you to 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. While we will keep Hearthstone Community Church, Inc. running as long as possible, we do feel**

we should let you know that we still 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. 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

June 14 SATURDAY – Litha – Noonish start time (actual start time TBD) at Anderson Park, 44th and Field Street, Wheat Ridge
Aug 1 -- NM/Lammas – Ye Old Firehouse
Aug 29 – NM – Ye Old Firehouse
Sep 19 – Mabon – Ye Old Firehouse
Oct 3 – NM – Ye Old Firehouse
Oct 24 – NM – Ye Old Firehouse
Samhain – Date and time TBD
Nov 28 – NM – Ye Old Firehouse
Dec 19 – Yule – Ye Old Firehouse

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". (Don't worry! They'll explain things before each ritual. 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 Avenue; Call: (303) 997-9571 or go online at:
<http://www.myspace.com/witchesbrewdenver>

The doors will close for regular business at 7:00 PM and ritual will begin at 7:30 PM
The planned dates are:
June 29
August 3
August 31
September 28
October 26
November 30

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, 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; 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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2008 Open Full Moon Dates

June 13, 2008
July 18, 2008
August 22, 2008
September 12, 2008
October 10, 2008
November 7, 2008
December 12, 2008

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