



Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.



"The Full Moon Folk"

GREETINGS

It's August, almost September. The sun is setting noticeably earlier in the evening.

I've started to reap the harvest of my work this year thus far – I applied for and started a Master's program. So now I get to spend every Tuesday night in class and the rest of the week reading and writing. The first paper has been a daunting project, until I remembered that even academic papers start by telling a story.

When I started the application process, I found that I was telling myself stories about my undergrad days – and they were not always pleasant. I feared those stories, along with what my transcripts might say about those long ago days. When I got the transcripts, I found that I had done both better than I remembered. The stories I had told myself were nothing to fear. How much would I have lost had I let my stories stop me?

How many of us tell stories about our lives that stop the new stories from happening? This is the time of the harvest; time to let go of the things that do not serve us and time to bring in the ripe fruits of our achievement.

—*Catherine*

THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT

We had Pink Floyd and other help at our ritual! -- via their music.

Catherine decided to base a ritual around Pink Floyd's "Eclipse," and her choice worked rather well.

Between her words and the music she chose, I was pulled so deeply into the meditation that it seemed to last -- at most -- five minutes!

But in those seeming few minutes were powerful nuggets of wisdom.

Even in the mightiest portion of summer, we would do well to remember that the ongoing turning of the eternal wheel of the year will bring the other seasons. The gleaning of the first harvest reminds us to prepare for later harvests. What things within us do we now choose to nurture or weed over the next weeks and months to prepare for the cold, dark time of the year?

Thank you, Catherine.

—*Southwynde*

SEPTEMBER 4 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, SEPTEMBER 4, 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 September 4th Open Full Moon will be presented by Amy. Amy will be celebrating the Harvest Moon with a reflection of the goals and successes of the past year and preparation for the coming year. She will also be leading a meditation to help us acknowledge those accomplishments.

—*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.

ALCHEMY AND MAGIC

“Turn and face the strange.” – David Bowie

Change is the only constant. We are asked to integrate the new and release the outdated with every breath. Alchemy is the art of transformation and the study of movement from one state of being to another. We can access maps from other times and be guided by healers, artists, magicians and seekers who have walked this path before us.

What do you want more than anything?
What do you want to be free of?

Does your life support your deepest longings?

In this experiential workshop we will use our minds, hearts, voices and bodies to remember why we are here and begin to embrace the changes for which our lives have been asking. We explore ancient alchemical scripts and delve into our own inner alchemy—revealing the golden truth of the divine self in the laboratory of our souls.

Ravyn Stanfield is a healer, writer, lover and aspiring alchemist dedicated to bringing more of the extraordinary into the world through the cracks of Western civilization. She practices acupuncture in Portland, Oregon. She teaches magical workshops internationally and in the Oregon prison system. Ravyn is an initiate in the Reclaiming and Feri traditions. She will never stop creating erotic revolution that restores our wild and strange humanity, and ultimately, our collective health.

Dates: Saturday October 10 & Sunday October 11, 2009 10 AM – 4 PM Potluck lunch

Location: Spirit Wise Gifts 6590 S. Broadway Centennial, CO 80121

Tuition: \$165 to \$105 sliding scale (limited partial scholarships available) Class size is limited and a \$45 deposit is required to reserve a space in the class

To register, contact: Misty 720-620-7736
astarrymist@gmail.com

Make checks payable to Reclaiming Spirit Colorado. PayPal available at morgans_insight@yahoo.com

Presented by the Reclaiming community, a community of women and men 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 ourselves and each other. In our classes, workshops, and public rituals, we train our voices, bodies, energy, intuition, and minds. We use the skills we learn to deepen our strength, both as individuals and as community, to voice our concerns about the world in which we live, and bring to birth a vision of a new culture.

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

September 18th - New Moon/Mabon
October 16th - New Moon
Samhain - date and location TBA
November 13th - New Moon
December 18th - New Moon/Yule

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

September 4, 2009

October 2, 2009

November 6, 2009

November 27, 2009

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