



# Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.

## "The Full Moon Folk"

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### **MARCH 18 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, MARCH 18, 2011.

At the March 18<sup>th</sup> OFM, we will concentrate on "planting our gardens" for the year. These gardens are not only our literal gardens in the earth, but our gardens of spirit. With chant, song, meditation and, hopefully, a little laughter, we will celebrate the beginning of the Spring and the growing season. The Hearthstone Board invites you to join them in this celebration of the full moon and Spring.

— *Catherine*

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### **GREETINGS**

March already. The evenings have been warm and mild – so mild, in fact, that I have spent some time out in the garden playing my guitar. I've also been looking at my yard and realizing the amount of work that needs to be done this year. I've already started raking up some of the detritus of the Winter: next comes trimming back things so that the new growth can start. And of course, I must plant the seeds for anything new that I want to grow.

It's also the time to plant the seeds for my spiritual life. That's why I've started spending that time outside playing. Not only do I reconnect with my music, but I'm reconnecting with my small corner of the world. And that's what Spring is about: reconnecting with life after our long Winter's sleep. Happy Ostaral!

— *Catherine*

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### **THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT**

Thanks and a Tip of Hearthstone's Hat to Walden, Joy, and Jana of Living Earth, who offered an Imbolc-theme for our February Open Full Moon ritual. After casting and invocations, a mirror was passed around the Circle, and we were asked to look at ourselves with compassion, and then introduce ourselves. Walden explained an elemental version of the Path of Manifestation, starting from Air (ideas and new beginnings), moving to Water (excitement), then to Fire (action), and lastly to Earth (manifestation). All participants were invited to contemplate our own projects and desires, then we moved free-form through the Circle, slowly chanting, considering what position best represented where we individually were on the Path of Manifestation. When everyone eventually stopped, we quietly reflected on where we are in the process of manifesting our goals. Then, with a reminder to be compassionate with ourselves, we were invited to share aloud what we represented by the location where we stood. The personal sharing was lovely, e.g. "I'm standing in the North because I recently achieved a big goal, and I'm looking toward the East because I'm now considering what I'll begin next." Lastly, a beautiful pentagram-shape loaf of fresh bread was passed around the Circle, and we each partook of this symbol of manifestation.

Thank you, Jana, Joy, and Walden, for offering this gentle ritual that helped us to contemplate our "inner space" as we shared sacred space together. Blessings to all!

— *Arynne*

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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.

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## THE KEYWORD APPROACH TO TEACHING ASTROLOGY

There are several methods of teaching astrology and chart interpretation. One of the most popular ways is through the use of keywords. This method of teaching was developed by Margaret Ethelwyn Hone (also known as Peg Hone), and introduced to the public through her book "The Modern Textbook of Astrology" (1950). The idea was so popular that other astrologers started to use it, and the idea has spread to other esoteric fields.

Keywords are a set of words that describe the basic functions and characteristics of an esoteric symbol. In astrology, the symbols are the signs, houses, planets and aspects. Some astrologers use a single word; others use a list. Related to the keywords are the key-phrases. The keywords and phrases vary among astrologers, but there tends to be a consensus in the major traits and energies of the symbols.

As an example, Chic and Sandra Tabitha Cicero (Self-Initiation into the Golden Dawn Tradition---1995) give the following list of astrological keywords and key-phrases:

Planets: Moon---Emotions; Mercury---Reasoning Powers; Venus---Affection; Sun---Inner Self; Mars---Energy; Jupiter---Expansion; Saturn---The Teacher; Uranus---The Awakener; Neptune---Intuition; Pluto---Transformation

Signs: Aries---Activity (I am); Taurus---Stability (I Have); Gemini Versatility (I Think); Cancer---Devotion (I Feel); Leo---Magnetism (I Will); Virgo---Practicality (I Analyze); Libra: Harmony (I

Balance); Scorpio---Intensity (I Desire); Sagittarius---Visualization (I Understand); Capricorn---Ambition (I Use); Aquarius---Imagination (I Know); Pisces---Understanding (I Believe)

Houses: First---Identity; Second---Values; Third---Awareness; Fourth---Security; Fifth---Creativity; Sixth---Duty; Seventh---Cooperation; Eighth---Regeneration; Ninth---Aspiration; Tenth---Honor; Eleventh---Social Consciousness; Twelfth---Subconscious

Aspects: Conjunction---Emphasis; Square---Challenge; Opposition---Perception; Trine---Harmony; Inconjunct---Adaptation; Sextile---Opportunity; Semi-Sextile---Support

Using the keywords, the student astrologer looks at a chart, pulls out various bits, and converts them into sentences.

For instance, I have my Mercury in my second house. Taking the keywords for Mercury and the second house, "Reasoning Powers" and "Values," one could say, "The subject uses reason and logic as the basis of their values." One can modify this with other known factors. For instance, with the second house's cusp being located in the sign of Cancer, one can expand the statement to include emotions and devotion: "The subject feels strongly about using reason and logic as the basis of one's values." Toss in the aspects with other planets, Mercury being square with both the Moon and Neptune in Scorpio (both in the fifth house) and one could end up with a statement along the lines of "The subject's use of logic as the basis of their moral values conflicts with their creativity which is based on their emotions and intuition." I will let my friends decide how true that statement is.

### **Morgan Drake Eckstein**

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

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## **PAGAN FRIENDLY THERAPY**

A Year and a day ago I initiated my dream of having my own private psychotherapy practice. On my anniversary I am offering an Open House at my office. We are offering several different healing modalities, including, massage, Brennan Healing Science, Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), and NeuroImaging. These are all state-of-the-art healing modalities that work with mind and body to clear old wounds and pain and shift the mind and body to a stronger state.

The Spring Wellness Open House will be offered at 7345 S. Pierce St. in Littleton from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on March 22, 2011. Light refreshments will be served and door prizes will be available!

For more information call: Kath at Deer Creek Counseling at 720-663-7702 or email [deercreekcounseling@gmail.com](mailto:deercreekcounseling@gmail.com).

--Kath

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## **EARTH TEMPLE**

We're still at the Firehouse Community Center in Wheat Ridge for all rituals except Beltaine and Samhain. We start announcements at 7:30, and then start ritual when announcements end. Our dates are all Saturdays with one exception: Ostara will be held on SUNDAY, March 20.

Hope you can join us!

*The ET steering committee, Chris, Dara, Michelle, and Vella Rose*

### **2011 ET Ritual Dates**

Event	ET Date
Ostara	Mar 20 SUNDAY
New Moon	Apr 2
Beltaine	Apr 30**

New Moon	Jun 4
Midsummer	Jun 18
Lammas/	July 30
New Moon	
New Moon	Aug 27
Mabon	Sept 24
New Moon	Oct 22
Samhain	Nov 5**
New Moon	Nov 19
Yule	Dec 17

\*\*Location TBA

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## 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.

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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 wants to be one) 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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### 2011 Open Full Moon Dates

<p>March 18, 2011  April 15, 2011  May 13, 2011  June 10, 2011  July 15, 2011  August 12, 2011  September 9, 2011  October 7, 2011  November 4, 2011</p>
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December 9, 2011

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