



Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.

"The Full Moon Folk"



JANUARY 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, JANUARY 25, 2013.

As many of us know, the month of January is also the month of the Wolf Moon. During this time we are in a period of darkness, where the soul is affected by the darkness as well as the mind and body. We endure the winter and the darkness, waiting for the season of Spring to be reborn. However, in order for us to be "reborn," we must overcome the things that bind us to our old selves, and let go of everything that weighs us down each and every day. We all take with us the strength to carry on when we enter the darkness, but most do not realize they also carry past baggage that hinders/prevents us from growing both mentally and spiritually. Through this ritual we intend to take our circle members on a meditational journey to the center of their minds where all spoken and unspoken inhibitors reside. Hopefully, through the help of meditation, magick, the elements, and our beloved God and Goddess, we will cast aside the baggage and clear our souls of the clutter that empowers our shadows and keeps us from reaching our ultimate spiritual potential. True, one ritual may not be enough to expel all of the negativity from our hearts, but this one is sure to help cut the ties that bind us by allowing our baggage to decompose as our souls prepare to bloom in the spring.

—Catherine

GREETINGS

What a dry 2013 we've had so far. It has indeed been a Wolf Moon. I never thought I would say this, but I'm actually praying for a blizzard or two soon.

In 2002 and 2003, we had a record drought on the Front Range. It feels as though this year might be worse. During this time of drought, it may be wise to encourage our own creativity to its fruitfulness. In that way, perhaps by our fruitfulness, we may encourage the Earth to follow our example.

—Catherine

THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT

Hearthstone thanks the priestesses and priest who made the December Drawing Down a wonderful and moving ritual. Thank you so much Alia, Carrie and Haven for your service to the community. Also, I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you who helped to make the ritual a magical one.

—Catherine



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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

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.

GLOBAL IS THE NEW LOCAL

Recently, a friend of mine mentioned the fact that someone was trying to convince her to only spend money at local merchants—mom and pop stores. The logic used was that money spent at the local mom and pop stores would be spent locally and stay in the local economy, therefore strengthening the local economy. Needless to say, I instantly questioned the logic that the person was using.

While I am not sure about all mom and pop stores, I am familiar with two in my neighborhood. Sure, some of the stuff might be produced locally. But I am quite sure that the tomatoes and lettuce are not grown around here; at least, not at this time of year. For that matter,



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don't coffee, lemons and bananas have to be shipped in? Truth be told, if the state of Colorado had to be self-sufficient, we would all starve to death.

And in my cause, not only is part of my income going out of state, part of my income actually comes in from out of state. I am a writer. If I restricted my customer base (aka readers) to just people living in Colorado, my income would plummet. While my royalty statements are as clear as mud, I do know one thing: I am collecting royalties in six different currencies. As a writer, I work in a global market place.

In fact, we all work and live in a global market place. It is a reality that some people have yet to grasp. While some people decide to push for a "Buy Local Only" economy, most of us can't live in that world. And to pretend that we can is to live as a hypocrite. I know that part of my income comes from overseas, and I presume that my royalties originating in the United States come from all fifty states. And given my wife's dietary needs (food allergies), well, I am more concerned with whether or not my wife can eat something than where the food actually came from.

If we could fix the world by focusing strictly on local concerns, the world would probably be a much better place...or a much worse place—one can never be sure about such things. I will admit that it is a tempting idea to think that if we spend all of our money locally, and kept the foreigners out, and quit shipping jobs overseas that our lives would return to the level of prosperity of the 1950s. But a local only solution will not work. In fact, the prosperity of the 1950s was a result of the position that the United States had in the world's economy after the Second World War—a global position. Likewise, so many other solutions to economic problems fall short because they fail to take in the big picture—the fact that we are now all part of a global world.

And some problems, such as global warming, can only be solved with a global solution. Sure, we can enforce super-strict measures locally; but it will not slow down global warming if no one else in the world acts. Concerned about your wages? Encourage the spread of higher wages in China and India. (In fact, jobs are beginning to come back to the United States because working conditions have improved overseas.) Concerned about China buying American companies and land, and holding a large part of America's debt? Encourage the Chinese to vacation in our mountains.

The key is not to emphasize just local concerns. Solutions that focus strictly on the local economy are doomed to fail. Instead, one needs to think globally. Sure, one can still spend their money at the local mom and pop store; but do it because you can walk to the local store instead of having to take your car there—that way you can act both locally and globally at the same time.

Morgan Drake Eckstein

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

EARTH TEMPLE

Earth Temple meets at Full Moon Books and Event Center, at 9106 W. 6th Ave. in Lakewood. All of our dates are Saturday evenings. Please arrive at the store before 7:30 pm, since the store closes and the doors lock right at 7:30. Please check out our Witchvox page for more info



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about us: http://www.witchvox.com/vn/vn_detail/dt_gr.html?pa=usco&id=35084. Thank you, Hearthstone, for sharing information about our circle!

Event	ET date
NM/Imbolc	Feb 2
NM/Ostara	Mar 16
Beltaine	Apr 27
New Moon	May 11
NM/Litha	Jun 15
New Moon	Jul 6
NM/Lughnasagh	Aug 3
Mabon	Sep 14
New Moon	Oct 5
NM/Samhain	Nov 2
Yule	Dec 14

WHOM TO CONTACT

Alia's phone number is 303-680-1741. 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; 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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