



Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.

"The Full Moon Folk"



JUNE 13 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, JUNE 13, 2014.

June's Open Full Moon Ritual, which will be led by Morgan Drake Eckstein, will focus on Isis as a universal goddess, and how Golden Dawn techniques such as the Middle Pillar ritual can be used in Wiccan ritual.

—Catherine

GREETINGS

The year is finally getting quieter for me. Our summer weather pattern seems to have become established early this year: sunny mornings followed by stormy afternoons and evenings. Thus far, I haven't had to water my lawn at all, and I've had to cut it three times – just so that the dogs could be seen running through it. Coincidentally, we had a tornado warning the very day after they posted the "tornado shelter" signs at work. Perhaps our weather gurus had special notice?

The doctor has pronounced my ankle fully healed. I'd like to thank all of you who sent energy my way. It did help in healing the bones so completely. I'm looking forward to riding my wonderful pink bicycle.

Midsummer is approaching with its usual speed. I hope your summer is going wonderfully!

—Catherine

THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT

A Tip of the Hat to the members of Sapphire Circle who once again led us in a one-element circle – this time working with Fire to celebrate Beltane. We learned how to work with the element, and prepare for the work of the Summer to come. The officiants made sure we grounded well after the ritual to be sure we were back in balance rather than buzzing around filled with fire! Thank you, Les, Cynthia, Clyde, and the rest of Sapphire Circle for a lovely ritual!

—Alia

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.

–*Alia*

Our Hearthstone community includes many pet-lovers, and we strongly encourage spaying and neutering to reduce the tragedy of excess, uncared-for animals. Many beautiful, sweet animals are euthanized due to excess births, and many others sadly try to fend for themselves without needed food and veterinary care.

People with lower incomes can get spay/neuter services for their cats and dogs at reduced fees, subsidized by Dumb Friends League donors, when one of their mobile spay/neuter clinics visits their neighborhood. DDFL also partners with local animal welfare organizations in a trap-neuter-return (TNR) program for community (un-owned) cats to help reduce the number of unwanted litters born and the number of kittens and cats brought to shelters. Please call DDFL's mobile spay/neuter help line at (720) 241-7098 for questions and information, or find details, schedules, and locations at: <http://www.ddfl.org/content/mobile-spay-neuter-clinics>

STAYING WELL

Hi Folks. Right now I am in the middle of my “big move” so I will be recovering from packing/unpacking, and settling in my new place and soon, my new job. I hope everyone's month goes smoothly and I will return in July with another column.

Stay well,

----*Jo Fontana, RN*

TURTLE MONKEY CHILDREN'S EBOOKS

Hi all, this is Jo again. I recently completed the 13th book of my new Turtle Monkey series! This is a pagan friendly children's ebook series. They are available at Smashwords: <http://www.smashwords.com/books/search?query=Jo+Fontana> and Amazon:

http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=sr_nr_seeall_1?rh=k%3AJo+Fontana%2Ci%3Astripbooks&keywords=Jo+Fontana&ie=UTF8&qid=1384142676

We are also available through Barnes & Noble and the Apple iBookstore.

—Jo

DRUMMING DOWN THE SUN

Chrysalis Circle is hosting the Third Annual Drumming Down The Sun event on June 21 at 6PM -10PM. All are invited. Suggested \$2.00 donation to cover park costs. See website link for full details. Lakewood, Colorado. <http://chrysaliscircle.org/cs-calendar/drumming-down-the-sun/>

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

June 28

July 19

Aug 23

Sep 20

Nov 1

Nov 22

Dec 20

—Chris, Dara, and Michelle
the Earth Temple steering committee

WHOM TO CONTACT

Alia's phone number is 303-680-1741. Catherine's is 303-886-7067. 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 is simply a fanatic) 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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2014 Open Full Moon Dates

June 13

July 11

August 8

September 5

October 3

October 31

December 5