



# Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.

## "The Full Moon Folk"



### **JULY 11 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, JULY 11, 2014.

Amy officiating at the July ritual and is planning a surprise for us. Given the rituals she has led in the past, we can look forward to an exciting and meaningful evening.

—Catherine

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### **GREETINGS**

Ah, June and July. It is indeed the middle of the summer: my flowers have bloomed, and some have already gone to seed for the year. Others are at full bloom and block the gate to my house. I don't particularly like temperature extremes. June can bring out both. It certainly did this year.

Being water-conscious, I don't water my yard at all. Several years ago, I over-seeded the bluegrass in the front yard with more native grasses. In early June, they were wonderfully green and grew apace. I had to cut them down relatively often. I now mostly have straw – albeit short straw. The alfalfa, however, is lovely. I do have a lot of shade. However, it seems to be mostly provided by Chinese Sumac – also known as Tree of Heaven. I have no idea where it got that name, because it smells nasty and will take over if you don't keep after it.

Okay, that's enough about my yard. July has arrived and it's hot. We've just passed the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. As of last night, we were still getting fireworks. They're beautiful flowers in the sky. I enjoy watching them from afar.

May your July be sparkly – and fire free.

Oops, another thought. Because it's the middle of the summer, we are short on columnists. Have you ever thought to yourself "I can write better than these folks"? Here's a challenge to you: Submit a column to the newsletter. Alia or I may edit it for punctuation or grammar; other than that, we'll be happy to see your thoughts. Thanks!

—Catherine

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

Our thanks to Morgan Drake Eckstein for a ritual honoring Isis and the attributes we wished to bring forth this summer, and for some background and history of the Kaballah and Golden Dawn. We drew symbols on images of Isis of what we wished to bring into our lives to place on our home altars. Thanks to Ada and Cecelia for their able assistance.

—Alia

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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.

–Alia

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## ABOUT OUR ANIMAL COMPANIONS

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>

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## HONEY, I'M HOME!

They say when one door shuts, another door opens. Imagine my surprise when a turn of events had me returning to Denver instead of moving half-way across the country to Florida. I was very disappointed at first, but as I prepared for my move, a few interesting things came to light.

The first but most surprising thing was that I received an offer from Crystal Publishing LLC, a local publisher, for my Turtle Monkey book series. I am pleased to announce that Turtle Monkey will be available in print soon – in the form of pop-up books and possibly coloring books. The former being most appropriate, because Turtle Monkey is so hyper that there is no better medium in which to express that trait.

The second thing was that I earned a wonderful opportunity with one of the local hospitals for training as an OR nurse. I can only say that I hope not to see any of you in my operating room. I am very blessed and thankful for these opportunities. I am especially thankful to everyone who helped me along the way.

Stay well,

-----Jo Fontana, RN

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## **TURTLE MONKEY CHILDREN'S EBOOKS**

Hi all, this is Jo again. I recently completed the 14th book of my new Turtle Monkey series! This is a pagan friendly children's eBook series. The only difference with this next book is that it will soon be available in print through Crystal Publishing.

Here is the link for Crystal Publishing: <http://www.crystalpublishingllc.com/>

The first 13 books are still available online at Apple, Amazon, and Barnes & Noble.

Here is the link to our books at Apple: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/artist/jo-fontana/id677705293?mt=11&ign-mpt=uo%3D4>

This is the link for our books on Amazon:

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This is the link to our books at Barnes & Noble:

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/s/Jo-Fontana?store=allproducts&keyword=Jo+Fontana>

Also, please check out our new and improved website@ <http://www.turtlemonkeybooks.com>

Thank you for all your support!

-Jo

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

July 19

Aug 23

Sep 20

Nov 1

Nov 22

Dec 20

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

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## 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](mailto: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

July 11  
August 8  
September 5  
October 3  
October 31  
December 5