



Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.

"The Full Moon Folk"



DECEMBER 5 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, DECEMBER 5, 2014.

The December 5th ritual will be led by Carrie and Martin of the ATUM-ATC. The Alexandria Temple will be presenting a Wiccan Full Moon ritual with the Moon in Gemini with a meditation on the Gemini Moon. There will be a Drawing Down. Please join us in worship, and celebrate the Goddess and God.

—Catherine

GREETINGS

Ah, November, a quiet and grey month. This year, it seemed especially so – it seemed to snow on every day I had off. The weather kept Alia and I from having our annual joint birthday celebration at Fresh Fish Company. You see, Alia and I were born 9 days (and 3 years) apart, so we usually split the difference, leave the families at home and go to the restaurant to celebrate. This year? No such luck. We had snow both days we could go. We finally split the difference and went for sushi on the next day we had in common.

My mother (also a Scorpio) spent her 80th birthday in South East Asia this year. She went to visit my brother and sister-in-law, who live in Kuala Lumpur. On her birthday, she was in the Mekong River Delta: I saw the pictures.

What is it about these annual remembrances of the day we were born that is so important to each of us? Make no mistake, it is important – even if you've stopped counting the years. Even if you are shy the rest of the year, your birthday is the time you truly want to be noticed. Presents are not necessary – it's the acknowledgment that is important. Then we move on toward the next birthday.

We celebrate many holidays during the year – each one an anniversary. We acknowledge each one and then go on to the next. Each day is a new birthday. We should acknowledge the importance of that birthday!

Happy Birthday everyone!

—Catherine

THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT

We offer a Tip of our Hat and Hearthstone's appreciation to Lady Nightshade and Rowena for leading the Lesser Banishing Ritual of the Pentagram at Hearthstone's Open Full Moon on Samhain night. Samhain is, of course, the time when the veil between the worlds is thin. This ritual began with devoting the altar, grounding and centering, followed by high ceremonial magick with the intention of assisting our beloved departed and lingering spirits of the space to cross over to the other side, escorted by the archangels Raphael, Michael, Gabriel, and Ariel.

After we released these spirits, all participants were invited to create intentions for ourselves, blessings we seek to come to us. We created "light arrows," charged them, and placed them into a flaming cauldron while chanting the names of the archangels and asking their healing. The two

priestesses led us in raising a cone of power to manifest our intentions. When ritual ended we were treated to a lovely assortment of cookies, juice, and white chocolate "pumpkins."

Lady Nightshade leads the Coven of the Golden Condors, part of the Black Forest Tradition based in PA. She can be contacted through WitchVox.

Thank you, Lady Nightshade and Rowena, for offering this complex and beautiful rite to our Hearthstone community. Blessings!

–Arynn

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

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>

SKIN HUNGER

As our society gravitates more towards technology, the lack of appropriate touch for others is decreasing. There are larger numbers of people living alone as well. I am thankful that I grew up in an Italian-American family. There was no lack of hugs and affection from the family. As I got older, my family grew smaller as we lost members each year. Now that I live in an area of the country where no blood family resides, I have filled the void with good friends. It helps to have a child that is still receptive to hugs once in a while.

Skin hunger is a real thing. I have seen elderly patients die from this when they are isolated to their rooms due to infections or a virus. Children also fail to thrive and die if they do not receive appropriate touch. It would make sense that this lack of affection affects adults too. Keep this in mind as the holidays are now in full swing. The holidays can be a hard time for many people. Appropriate touch (hugs) and caring goes a long way, and many people will not admit they need it. But it may help ease someone's despair and skin hunger.

<http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/affectionado/201308/what-lack-affection-can-do-you>

Stay well,

Jo Fontana, RN

TURTLE MONKEY CHILDREN'S EBOOKS

Hi all, this is Jo. 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:

http://www.amazon.com/gp/search/ref=sr_nr_seall_1?rh=k%3AJo+Fontana%2C%3Astripbbooks&keywords=Jo+Fontana&ie=UTF8&qid=1397343482

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.turtlemoneybooks.com>

Thank you for all your support!

-Jo

ORPHEUS 12TH NIGHT

In the days of the Vikings and Merrie Olde England, 12th Night was the final feast of Yule, the last occasion for merriment and mayhem in the dawn of the New Year.

Orpheus celebrates 12th Night with a festive concert of songs & carols of the season and some not-so traditional Yule music. Add to that a Boar's Head procession, generous toasting to the boar and the New Year, and a traditional Norse Yule smorgasbord following the concert, and Yule comes to a rousing close.

12TH NIGHT WITH ORPHEUS:
A YULE CONCERT & VIKING FEAST
SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2015
The Exhibition Hall at
Jefferson County Fairgrounds
5:00 PM: Box Office and Silent Auction opens
6:00 PM: Concert
7:30 PM: Feasting begins

Tickets:
\$49 BEGINNING DECEMBER 1
\$420 FOR A TABLE OF 10

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!

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--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.

Hearthstone Community Church has a website at <http://hearthstone.fnorky.com>

Alia's e-mail address is teal.cuttlefish@gmail.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 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

December 5

2015 Open Full Moon Dates

January 2

January 30

February 27

April 3

May 1

May 29

June 26

July 31

August 28

September 25

October 23

November 20

December 25—we will not meet, as it would be the 13th OFM