



Agape MCC Weekly News

July 22 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thu Jul 23:

7pm Spirt Road-

Our Diverse Gender Identities- Rev. Wynn

Fri July 24:

6pm Samaritan House Supper Club

Sun Jul 26:

10:30am Worship Sve

11:45am Meet, Greet & Eat!

Mon Jul 27:

7pm Vision Quest Mtg

Sat Aug 8:

6pm Murder Mystery Dinner (& Sock Hop!)

JULY STATS-

07/05

Attendance- 75

Offering-\$2,137

07/12

Attendance- 97

Offering-\$1,413

07/19

Attendance-114

Offering-\$1,954

Monthly Giving Target:

\$11,790

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TARRANT CO RAINBOW ROOM BACKPACKS



Agape has joined forces with the Tarrant County Rainbow Room to provide back to school backpacks for Tarrant County Foster Children. The Rainbow room estimates the need for 700 backpacks and we are hoping Agape will provide 200 of these needed backpacks.

Envelopes are available in our church pews labeled for this ministry outreach. We will be able to purchase the backpacks at wholesale prices once we have the funds collected. Our goal is to order the backpacks Monday August 9. We are requesting a \$5 donation per backpack.

WEEKLY MEDITATION- July 22, 2009

By Rev. Teri Lubbers

A Sip of an Answer

Who is it now in my ear who hears my voice? Who says words with my mouth? Who looks out with my eyes? What is the soul? I cannot stop asking. If I could taste one sip of an answer I could break out of this prison for drunks. I didn't come here of my own accord and I can't leave that way. Whoever brought me here will have to take me home. ~ Rumi, The Tavern

Rumi asks lots of questions. Meaning of life, existential kinds of questions. Not the sort we tend not to ask on a daily basis. But there are times when such questions come unbidden. For me they come usually in the context of immersion in some natural setting or in the quiet silence and solitude of meditation (hopefully someday they will come when I am immersed in ordinary things like washing the dishes, driving the car, or pulling weeds). I remember swimming once on a moonless night off an empty beach, the Milky Way reaching out to me, and dark ocean holding me up. I experienced both a sense of awe as well as just a wee bit of terror at the dark unknown, at the vast expanse above me and the depth of water below me. We are always living in the in-between of worlds, sky and earth.

I feel tiny in the big scheme of things, humbled but not insignificant. In moments (and they are often fleeting moments) of deep connection or calm I know that Spirit looks out through my eyes, and hears with my ears and that my heart keeps rhythm with the heart of God. When Jesus said, "I am the vine and you are the branches," he was describing this reality. I am like the

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blossom on my hibiscus plant; it reminds me that life is short but full of beauty.

We are so hungry for meaning - for our sense of purpose - that we go looking for it everywhere, like drunks going from one tavern to another seeking a sip of an answer. But all the while Spirit is already here.

We didn't come here on our own and whoever brought us here will take us home...

Prayer: *God, sometimes I feel very small and hesitant but I trust that I am a part of you. My life utterly depends on you. Flow through me and let me be a channel of your love and peace into the world. Bring me home to you and to myself today. Amen.*

AGAPE MCC PRESENTS:

**"The Return of Rock N. Roley"
Murder Mystery Dinner
Sock Hop to Follow!**
Wear your 50's finest
August 8, 2009 - 6pm @ Shell's Diner
4615 E California Pkwy
Fort Worth TX 76119
Tickets: \$12
Buy at Agape MCC
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PRAISES!

- David D. now home from surgery last week.
- Kris, Linda & Loretta back safely from their travels.
- For the loving Spirit that is and has always been Agape MCC.
- For all my friends. They have no idea how much they mean to me (I'll work on that!).

PRAYERS:

- Sheri C. asks for prayer for the family and friends of her friend Gloria who passed away last Saturday morning.
- Those looking for employment.
- All those in need of healing or improved health.
- Our church leaders.
- Our pastors.

TARRANT CO GLBT BUSINESS MIXER JULY 30

Most, if not all of you, are aware of the events that took place with the raid at the Rainbow Lounge on the 40th anniversary of Stonewall.

In a show of support for this business establishment, the Tarrant County GLBT Business Connections Professional Mixer will hold their July Mixer at the Rainbow Lounge. Meet at 6:00 and end at 8:00. There will be appetizers provided courtesy of the North Texas GLBT Chamber and Snap de Cuisine. Please come and show your support! Feel free to stay after and party the night away!

Hosted by the Rainbow Lounge
Thursday, July 30th, 2009
from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
The Rainbow Lounge
651 S. Jennings Ave
Fort Worth, TX 76104
(817) 870-2466

Please RSVP to jana.c.white@ampf.com or the GLBT Chamber at www.glbitchamber.org . There is no cost or obligation to attend this event.

TOWELS FOR ARLINGTON LIFE SHELTER



Bring Us Clean New or Used Towels and Washclothes

New or used towels and washcloths are needed immediately at the Arlington Life Shelter. The shelter is operating at emergency capacity due to the triple digit temps. Can you help? Bring towels and washcloths to Agape MCC, and we will get them to the shelter for you. Thanks in advance for your help in this emerging need in one of our communities!

HELPING THE HOMELESS IN TARRANT COUNTY

HRA (Helping Restore Ability) is asking for some help this summer:

The City of Fort Worth and its partner agencies are working to make homelessness a rare, short-term and non-recurring experience in Cowtown by 2018 through the Directions Home program.

If you would like to assist helping set up a new home for homeless individuals, please pick up household dry goods to help someone start a new life in their new home. Cash donations are also accepted. Bring your gifts to Agape MCC and we will gather these for pick-up by HRA staff.

For more information about HRA, go to <http://www.hratexas.org/index.htm> .

Our Mission- With open hearts, open minds, and open arms, Agape' MCC is a nurturing faith community seeking God's will by celebrating inclusive worship, redefining family, and providing a voice for justice.

Our Core Values- We believe that a sacred space: Welcomes and affirms all people; Does not "stand idly by" in the face of inequity and injustice; Communicates the unconditional love of God for all; Improves the spiritual connections between each person and God as she or he understands God.