



Agape MCC Weekly News

July 29 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thu Jul 30:

7pm Spirt Road-

Our Diverse Gender Identities- Rev. Wynn (Part 2)

Sun Aug 2:

10:30am Worship Sve

Aug 3 Chaplains Mtg Cancelled

Sat Aug 8:

6pm Murder Mystery Dinner (& Sock Hop!)

Mon Aug 17:

7pm Board of Directors (changed from 8/10)

JULY STATS-

07/05

Attendance- 75

Offering-\$2,137

07/12

Attendance- 97

Offering-\$1,413

07/19

Attendance-114

Offering-\$1,954

07/26

Attendance- 110

Offering-\$3,575

Monthly Giving Target:

\$11,790

Need a book? A Bible? A music CD?

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

817-535-5002

Weekly Medation- July 29, 2009

By Rev. Teri Lubbers

Come Out

I called through your door, "The mystics are gathering in the street. Come out!" "Leave me alone. I'm sick." "I don't care if you're dead! Jesus is here and he wants to resurrect somebody!" - Rumi, from The Essential Rumi

"Coming out" has a distinct meaning in the context of the GLBT community. It means having the courage to be who you are, to not hide, to let go of trying to be someone else's idea of who you're supposed to be, to be a whole person.

There is also a spiritual "coming out" that is not so different. Another phrase for is being "born from above." In this coming out, we have the courage to be who we are, to not hide our true nature, and to shed all the old and useless ways of seeing and doing that keep us stuck. Who are we? We are star dust. We are sparks of the Divine. We are creatures in the image of God. We are unique manifestations of the Being of the Cosmos. We are loved. We are closet mystics.

You think you are too sick to come out and join the other mystics...maybe tomorrow, you think. Don't listen to yourself talk that nonsense; come out...Jesus is already in the street waiting to resurrect you.

Prayer: Creator, help me to come out of all the places where I hide. Mostly help me to stop hiding from you and from myself. Amen.

Tarrant County Rainbow Room Backpacks

Shop Online at Your Agape MCC Bookstore. Save 20% on most items & get 5% back for our church. Link on our Virtual Store Link:



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Agape MCC will receive a \$25 check

for your inquiry.

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Join Our Mailing List!



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.

Praises!

- For the rain this week!
- For Michael R. and his wonderful accompaniment two Sunday's ago
- For David D.'s healing from surgery
- For the Episcopal Churches lifting their ban on ordaining l/g/b/t clergy
- For Janna B. who saw and need and met it
- For the Forest Hill Police and our neighbor Mike who all explored the labyrinth recently
- For Linda and Grace's renewing of their vows and the wonderful gathering on July18
- For Trish and her bookstore team who minister outside the walls of Agape
- For our Board of Directors
- For Mickey who saw a need and met it

Prayers:

- Healing for Anna R.
- Healing for Rev. Elder Brock
- Evelyn and Denise
- Jobs for Jade and Thomas
- Continued healing for David D.
- Our pastoral search process
- For the Episcopal Church
- For Terri, Aaron, and Jessica

Tarrant County 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.

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> .

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!

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.