



Agape MCC Weekly News

Aug 26 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thu Aug 27:
7pm Spirit Road- A Time of Spiritual Formation with Rev. Teri Lubbers

Fri Aug 28:
6pm Samaritan House Supper Club

Sat Aug 29:
2pm Rosales Baby Shower

Sun Aug 30:
10:30am Worship Service
Special Congregation Meeting (after a.m. service)

Thu Sept 3:
Spirit Road- Herbal Medicine

Sat Sept 12:
7:30pm Open Door Concert- "Ruby" w Erika Luckett & Lisa Ferraro

AUGUST STATS-

08/02
Attendance- 124
Offering-\$3,736
08/09
Attendance- 109
Offering-\$3,212
08/16
Attendance- 100

Special Congregational Meeting This Sunday

Agape MCC will hold a Special Congregational Meeting this Sunday, August 30 after the morning worship service.

The sole agenda item will be a vote to decide if Reverend David Wynn should be elected to the position of Senior Pastor for the congregation of Agape MCC.

To vote at the congregational meeting, you must be an active member of Agape MCC.

If you have any questions for the Pastoral Search Committee, please email them to agapepsc@yahoo.com

Come praying!

Weekly Meditation- August 26, 2009

By Rev. Teri Lubbers

Pendulums in Motion

While we may think that our circumstances are the cause of this frustration, the real source lies in not being aware of our higher self. Thus, the goal in meditation is to reconnect our personal self to this transpersonal dimension of our being.

Another way to picture this process is to think of consciousness as if it were a pendulum. At one end is the dimension of our being that is transient and evanescent, or continually changing and transforming through a process of evolution. At the other end of this pendulum is that part of consciousness that remains immortal and unchanged. Thus our whole being could be said to be a continuity in change - just as it's never the same water that passes under the bridge, yet at the same time it's the same river. ~Pir Vilayat Inayat Khan, Thinking Like the Universe: the sufi path of awakening

I have a little pendulum at home. The frame is made of cherry wood and the pendulum is made of brass and hangs suspended from a chain. When it moves, the pointed tip at the bottom traces designs in a small bed of sand. It fascinates me that pendulums move of their own accord (somehow related to the rotation of the earth and gravity). Anchored at the top and moving freely at the bottom. The designs it creates also fascinate me - intricate, ordered, and beautiful - as if it had a mind of its own.

We are anchored in the eternal. The part of us moving around here - going to work, feeding kids, making love, mowing the yard, reading a book, attending church - that part is continually changing and evolving. But our source, our anchor, our life-line is

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08/23
Attendance- 116
Offering-\$1,468

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the Divine. The task of our human existence is to let that eternal part of us be expressed in and through that evolving part of us. Heaven, eternity, peace and transcendence are not just pie-in-the-sky-when-you-die things. They are potential realities now, today, this moment, this instant.

Our lives are not just a collection of totally random events, although sometimes the circumstances and conditions of our lives collude to convince us that this is the case. Really our lives are God in motion, creating designs we could never have dreamed of. Think like the Universe today...

Prayer: Creator, help me remember who I am today. Help me remember that I am always connected to you and that you want to move in and through me today. I am available. Amen.

Spirit Road This Thursday Night, August 27

Rev. Teri asked us to invite you to bring a cushion if that's more comfortable than a chair to Spirit Road this week and also to bring a journal or something to write on. She will bring some notebooks and pens as well.

Spirit Road meets on Thursday Night at 7pm in the Agape Fellowship Hall.

See you there!

GLBT Professional Mixer - Thu Aug 27

Tarrant County GLBT Connections Professional Mixer

**Hosted by
Tim Appling and Philip Combs Design, Inc.
Thursday, August 27th, 2009
from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

Come mix and mingle in the heart of
the Historic Fairmount District
1600 Alston Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas 76104
Studio (817) 923-6868

Spend the evening mingling with other GLBT and Allied Professionals in the Tarrant County area. Promote your business, company, and organization. Bring plenty of business cards and please bring a guest! We will allocate some time during the evening so that those who wish can present a twenty to thirty second commercial or presentation about their business, organization, or community events.

**Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 26th, to
jana.c.white@ampf.com and the [GLBT Chamber](#).**

We look forward to seeing you. There is no cost or obligation to attend this event.

Agape MCC will receive a \$25
check
for your inquiry.

Contact us at:
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817-535-5002

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Rosales Baby Shower



**Location: Agape MCC Fellowship Hall
4615 E. California Parkway
Fort Worth, TX 76119 US
When: Sat, August 29, 2pm to 4pm
Phone: 817-501-2514**

Please join us for a "Come and Go" baby shower reception as we eagerly anticipate the arrival of Ana Elisabeth Rosales. Her family...big brother, Aiden, mom, Sarah and Dad, Robert look forward to celebrating with you!! They are registered at Target and Wal Mart...and diapers are ALWAYS appreciated. Kids are welcomed to attend:-).

Join OpenDoor in a night of intrigue, risk taking, and going to a higher ground with

Erika Lockett & Lisa Ferraro



as "RUBY"

Sat. 9/12

7:30 PM

Heart & Soul
Coffeeshouse

The Persian poet Jelaluddin Rumi uses the ruby as a symbol of transformation in describing the spiritual process, which transforms us into jewels. This show celebrates Ruby's CD, "On the Way of Love: Songs Inspired by Rumi". Sensual voices, rich and harmonic, blending with guitar sounds, draw the listener into the visuals created from the lyrics.

Proceeds from the event support the artists and the ministries of Agape MCC. *Please join us!*

[Tickets: \\$15 in advance / \\$20 at the door](#)

Open Hearts Gift Shop Update



From Trish at the Gift Shop: Agape MCC's Open Hearts Gift Shop is moving in new and exciting directions. We are going on the road. We are selling our wares and sharing information about our church with the community. This effort to raise money is also a great outreach program. Casting our nets on the other side and fishing for the fish that no one sees. Below are the dates and places you can find us:

Sep 12 - Open Door Production

Sep 26 - Best Friends

Oct 03 - Open Door Production
Oct 04 - Stampedes (Parade)
Oct 10 - Pride Picnic
Oct 24 - Best Friends
Nov 21 - Best Friends
Dec 12 - Best Friends

Rev. Delores Berry at Agape Oct 25 A.M. Service



Our special guest speaker on Sunday October 25 will be Rev. Delores P. Berry. Rev. Berry is an Evangelist and vocalist in the Metropolitan Community Churches. A former Christian Methodist Episcopal minister, she was ordained by the MCC in 1983. If you haven't heard her preach before, you're in for a treat. To say that she's dynamic is an understatement!

Please join us for this special event. Learn more about Rev. Berry and her ministry at her website:
<http://www.revdeloressberry.com> .

Praises!

- 3 new members who joined last Sunday!
- Those who helped with Meet, Greet & Eat - special thanks to Shawn, Tony, Kathy, Troy, and Mary...and Billy who made a salad run :-)
- A new school year.
- All who donated for a family in need Sunday.
- Cody's new glasses.

Prayers:

- Healing for Tyson.
- Our upcoming congregational meeting.
- For Anna.
- For everyone going back to school.
- For Terri, Aaron, and family.

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.