



Agape MCC Weekly News

Sept 16 2009

Upcoming Events

Thu Sep 17:

7pm Spirit Road- NOOMA by Susan Martin

Sun Sep 20:

10:30am Worship Service
2pm Dallas Pride Parade

Thu Sep 24:

7pm Spirit Road- Spiritual Formation with Rev. Teri Lubbers

Fri Sep 25:

6pm Samaritan House Supper Club

Sat Sep 26:

8-11am Labyrinth Workday

Sun Sep 27:

10:30am Worship Service
Meet, Greet & Eat (after Worship) & Seasonal Choir Org. Mtg
6pm Taize Service

Mon Sep 28:

7pm Vision Quest Mtg

Sat Oct 3:

7:30pm Zoe Lewis Concert

Sun Oct 4:

10:30am Worship Service
2pm Tarrant Pride Parade

Sept Statistics:

09/06:

Attendance: 89

Labyrinth Work Day Rescheduled, Sat. Sep 26



Water, water everywhere! We are rescheduling the Labyrinth work day to **NEXT** weekend, **Saturday, Sept 26**. Work from **8am-11am**. Bring your work gloves and tools. We will trim, weed and mulch this special area of our church.

Cold bottled water will be provided!

Weekly Meditation - September 16, 2009

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

Letting Go

You've been fearful of being absorbed in the ground, or drawn up by the air. Now, your waterbead lets go and drops into the ocean, where it came from. It no longer has the form it had, but it's still water. The essence is the same. This giving up is not a repenting. It's a deep honoring of yourself. ~ Rumi

Last Saturday night we had a great Open Door Productions concert by Erika Lockett and Lisa Ferraro. The lyrics for the music came from the poetry of Rumi. I have been immersing myself in one of the songs that reflects the thought in the quote above. The line in the song says, "Have you ever seen the ocean wooing the drop? Wooing the drop?"

The idea is that we are a drop that needs to return to the ocean, which is our source, and that the ocean is always calling to us: coaxing, wooing, inviting. But we are so convinced of our separateness that we are afraid to let go of whatever we are clinging to, we are afraid of dropping into that immense unity that beckons. Ego has us so convinced of the importance of our singular existence that we spend most of our lives living in fear of the very thing that would vanquish all fear. Let go... Let go... Let go.

Offering: \$1,511
09/13:
Attendance: 99
Offering: \$ 1,782

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Whatever you find yourself clinging to today...rethink it. Don't let fear hold you back from releasing into the One who already knows and loves you, the Friend who is wooing you, who is calling your name.

Prayer: God, sometimes I panic. I don't want to let go. Transform my fears into trust, and give me the courage to let my drop join your ocean. I really want to be whole, and to feel your presence and peace today. Amen.

Upcoming Pride Parades!



The **Dallas Pride Parade** is this **Sun., Sept. 20**. All 5 Metroplex MCCs will march with Would Jesus Discriminate (WJD). There are only 80 parade entries so the parade will not be as long as in other years. Can you car pool? We have members needing a ride- Call Thomas @ 682-936-9838 if you can help.

The **Tarrant County Pride Parade** will be **Sun., Oct. 4**. Again, all 5 Metroplex MCCs will march as one group with the WJD banners and t-shirts. Put on your walking shoes!

Applications for Church Positions



Grace and Claudia will staff a table in the church lobby this Sunday to answer questions and distribute applications for the upcoming vacant positions:

- 4 Board of Directors positions**
- 2 Alternative Lay Delegate positions**

Please talk with them and pick up an application this weekend if you interested in any of these important church positions. Elections for these offices will be held at our **Annual Congregational Meeting** on **Sunday, Nov 15**.

Update on Anna

Long-time member Anna Robinson is out of hospital and into rehab at Manor Care Health Services. She is busy with physical therapy and would love to here from you, *and* she is accepting visitors! Here's her contact information:

**Anna Robinson - Room 130
Manor Care Health Services, Rehab Center
7625 Glenview Drive**

North Richland Hills TX 76180
Phone: (817) 284-6240

Anna, we are so glad you are feeling better!

Sunday School Teachers Needed



Agape MCC needs additional teachers for our Children's Sunday School. Teacher plans, materials, and activities are already in place. We ask that teachers lead once every 4 to 8 weeks. If you are interested feel free to observe a Sunday School Class on any Sunday Morning. Just speak with Deb or Tina.

Our Agape kids are awesome, and it can be a special blessing to be part of their spiritual growth experience. Please consider this opportunity prayerfully!

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.revdeloresberry.com> .

Praises!

- Anna R.'s move to rehab.
 - New church visitors last week because of WJD billboards being in the news!
 - For my new job.
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Prayers:

- Terry B. coming home from hospital and healing from ear infection.
- Continued healing for Anna R.

- All those needing a healing touch.
- Those who are suffering.
- For those looking for employment.
- God's peace and guidance in my life.

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.