



## Upcoming Events

### 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

### Thu Oct 1:

7pm Spirit Road- The Amish with Lisa O.

### 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  
Offering: \$1,511

### 09/13:

Attendance: 99  
Offering: \$ 1,782

### 09/20:

Attendance: 75  
Offering: \$1,653

## Labyrinth Work Day This Sat. Sep 26



Please join us for our Labyrinth work day this **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.

**Bottled water will be provided!**

## Weekly Meditation - September 23, 2009

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

### The Root of Inner Wisdom

*To allow oneself to be carried by a multitude of conflicting concerns, to surrender to too many demands, to commit oneself to too many projects, to want to help everyone in everything is to succumb to violence. The frenzy of the activist neutralizes his/her work for peace. It destroys the fruitfulness of his/her own work because it kills the root of inner wisdom which makes work fruitful.* ~ Thomas Merton

The phrase "the frenzy of the activist neutralizes his/her work for peace" hit me between the eyes when I heard it yesterday for the first time. I know that feeling, from the inside out; I know it in my bones. I know what it is to look at a calendar all penciled in that has no breathing room. I know what it is to live on buzz of adrenaline. I know what it is to try frantically to go in all directions at once.

My ego and the world I live in are very clever. They collude to keep me busy in whatever context I find myself. Maybe in our past lives we stayed busy drinking or drugging, partying, maybe we were obsessed with the world of academia or books, maybe we were workaholics, maybe making money was the big motivator, or maybe life was consumed with trying to fix a dysfunctional family.

Then we experienced some kind of spiritual awakening, and we latched onto the spiritual quest as our new mission, church as our new community. But nothing changes until something changes. We just end up creating the same kind of frenetic activity, only in

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a new context; we might even feel more virtuous or self-congratulating.

It's a trick, this staying so busy all the time. It's a ploy to keep us so preoccupied that we avoid our real selves. Because if we ever stopped being so busy and came back to the root of our inner wisdom we would never be the same again.

**Prayer: God, help me discern today which things to say "yes" to. Help me recognize the pull and nudge of your spirit in the events of this day. And please grant me courage to say "no" to the things which are not mine to do, but belong to someone else. Keep me company today in the small things. Amen.**

**September Tarrant County GLBT Business Connections Professional Mixer!**

Hosted by

The Artful Hand Functional Art Gallery  
Sarah Garrett, Gallery Director

**Thursday, September 24th, 2009  
from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

**Come mix and mingle in the heart of  
the Fort Worth Arts District  
3408 W. 7th  
Fort Worth, Texas 76107  
(817) 738-4438**

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 Thursday, September 24th, to**  
[jana.c.white@ampf.com](mailto:jana.c.white@ampf.com) We look forward to seeing you.

*There is no cost or obligation to attend this event.*

**Next Vision Quest on Monday Sept 28- 7pm**

Our next Vision Quest on the Monday, Sept 28, will focus on Children's Christian Education at Agape. All are welcome and a special invitation to anyone who feels called to share in a discussion around the future of our young people's spiritual direction.

817-535-5002

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## Open Door Production

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# ZoE Lewis

**Saturday - Oct 3 - 7:30 pm**

**Tickets:  
\$15 in advance or \$18 at the door  
Heart & Soul Coffee House  
4615 E California Pkwy  
Fort Worth TX 76119**



Zoe storms the stage playing everything from swinging folk & latin jazz to acoustic funk and sprightly Celtic flavored tunes. Now from Provincetown, her boundless energy is hard to ignore.

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## Tarrant County Pride Parade- Sunday Oct 4!

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

## Spirit Road on Thu Oct 8 - 7pm



On October 8th, Spirit Road is very pleased to present Don Lee and friends from "Tough Love". Tough Love is a self-help organization providing ongoing education and support to families, empowering parents and young people to accept responsibility for their actions. This support network strives to make communities safe places to live.

Tough Love believes that drug and alcohol abuse, family violence, teen pregnancy, suicide, family dissolution, school drop-outs and runaways are problems created and maintained by the culture in which we live. It is the goal of the organization to change the conditions of culture by empowering people through Tough Love's community based self-help programs.

Tough Love does NOT:

Advocate or support "throwing kids out"

Advocate or support violence against kids or parents

Advocate or support verbal abuse

Offer an "instant fix" (The situation took a long time to develop; it will take a long time to reverse.)

Tough Love is not only for parents. The support and education offered by the group can also help in situations with parents, co-workers, spouses or any other areas where a relationship may

not seem to be a 50/50 one with good communication.

Please join us for this special presentation whether you have someone you need help with, or just want to learn how to develop better relationships in certain areas of your life. Also, if you know of anyone who may be interested in hearing about what Tough Love has to offer, please encourage them to join us. Spirit Road is open to everyone.

We would like to provide child care for those who would like to come but would not be able to without this offer. ***PLEASE let Lisa O'Grady know if you will be coming and bringing any children along.***

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### 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 Alternatate 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.**

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### 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!

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## 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> .

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### Praises!

- For Anna R.'s continued healing in rehab.
- Robert and Kevin's 20 anniversary.
- Evelyn and Gail's 20 anniversary.
- For Evelyn...her gifts and her spirit.
- For Kathy M. who faithfully tends to so much.
- For Mickey and his gentle spirit.
- For Rev. Teri, her ministry and her light.
- For Grace G. and the support she has given in a time of need.
- For Linda and all she does in love and care of the church.
- For Andy and Kent who helped out someone in need.
- For Jimmy and all he does in the community.
- For Tina who is making repairs on roof and ceiling.

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### Prayers:

- Marcia F.- in hospital; pray for healing.
- Shawn Mc- healing for hip problems & pain.
- Jade's Aunt Debra- breathing problems.
- Eric C.- for first round of exams this week.
- For Lucas F.
- For Stacy J.
- For Travis D. who has terminal cancer and for his wife, son, daughter and Dads.
- For peace and spiritual direction.
- For a cat Almond who is struggling with liver problems.
- For Maddie born prematurely and parents Byron and Ashley W.
- For resolution for medical insurance complications.
- For Carol S.
- Healing for Jennifer