



Agape MCC Weekly News

Oct 21 2009

Upcoming Events

Thu Oct 22:

7pm Spirit Road with
Rev. Teri Lubbers

Fri Oct 23:

6pm Samaritan House
Supper Club

Sat Oct 24:

6pm Trunk or Treat!

Sun Oct 25:

10:30 Worship with Rev.
Delores Berry
12pm Meet, Greet & Eat-
Potluck Lunch

Sun Nov 1:

Fellowship Sunday

Sun Nov 8:

Congregational
Forum (after service)

Sun Nov 15:

Congregational Mtg
(after service)

Sun Nov 22:

Rev. Wynn's installation
as Sr. Pastor

Oct. Statistics:

10/04:

Attendance: 104



Trunk or Treat this Saturday, Oct 24!

This annual event is fun for kids of all ages. Adults are invited to decorate their car trunks, vans or truck beds in their Halloween finest and compete for best in show (while "treating" the children with Halloween candies, etc).

Children, come dressed in your Halloween best! Many games and activities and foods galore.

Click [here](#) for flyer!

Please join us:

This Saturday, Oct 24

6:00-8:00 pm

It will be *boo-tiful!*



Rev. Delores Berry at Agape This Sunday!

Our special guest speaker this Sunday, October 25, will be Rev. Delores P. Berry. If you haven't heard her preach and sing 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>.

And don't forget our Potluck Dinner after service. Please bring a favorite dish (or two!) to share, if you haven't signed up already. What a great day is waiting on us this Sunday!

Offering: \$3,787

10/11:

Attendance: 99

Offering: \$1,698

10/18:

Attendance: 104

Offering: \$1,335

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Weekly Meditation - October 21, 2009

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

Joy at Sudden Disappointment

Someone once asked a great sheikh what Sufism was: "The feeling of joy when sudden disappointment comes." Don't grieve for what doesn't come. Some things that don't happen keep disasters from happening. ~Rumi

Yesterday someone told me a story about their travels in Scotland. He was heading to the airport to catch his flight back home to Texas and had plenty of gas for the trip. What he hadn't planned on was the 2-hour traffic delay he got stuck in. He ran out of gas. A kind soul gave him a lift to get some gas, he got back to his car, and finally arrived at the airport only to discover that they had just closed boarding for his international flight - even though the plane was still there! His first inclination was to feel frantic, upset, and distraught, wondering how and when he would be able to get home. But then he decided to just breathe and try to relax. In less than an hour another flight, which was about to depart, released a few open seats and he got one of them. It turns out that this new flight was a direct one and got him home sooner than the original one would have!

We have agendas that we try to impose (sometimes with force) on the unfolding of our days. We have plans. We have expectations. We have goals. We have stuff that just has to get done! But you can't help but wonder how differently the day - and our very lives - might unfold if we left a little space for the guidance and working of Spirit. Sometimes God has mercy on us and messes with our plans. Sometimes God bulldozes down the barriers we have in place because God loves us so much. Sometimes God does for us what we can't do for ourselves. Maybe we could consider leaving Spirit some wiggle room today.

Prayer: Beloved One, let me be content to be your follower today. Remind me that I don't always have to be the line leader. Hush the anxious voices in my head that think they have to have all the answers. Help me be okay with the questions. I trust you to guide me today. Amen.



All Saints Day Service, Sunday Nov. 1

In preparation for All Saints Day on Nov. 1, we honor Agape friends and family who have passed on before us.

Please submit photos of family or friends to Leigh and Patti at: pattiandleigh@sbcglobal.net so that we may celebrate their lives on this special day at Agape.

Photos are needed by this Friday, Oct. 23. Thank you!



Fellowship Sunday, Nov 1

November 1 is also Fellowship Sunday at Agape MCC

& raise funds for Agape!

Call the Kudlac Insurance Agency at 817-656-0885. Identify yourself as a member or friend of Agape MCC and ask for an insurance quote: home, auto, renters, life, etc.

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

Contact us at:

www.agapemcc.com

817-535-5002

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this year. It is a time for us to support our denomination with a special focus and a special offering during service. This year, Fellowship Sunday offerings will help strengthen the core programs MCC needs to sustain current leaders and raise up a new generation of leadership for MCC.

Our gifts will help in the following areas:

- Training for Interim Pastors
- Lay Leadership certificate program
- Spiritual formation and discipleship curriculum
- REVM's (Readiness to Enter Vocational Ministry retreats)
- Seminary partnerships and scholarships
- Leadership mentoring programs

"We can do anything if we provide our leaders with the best possible tools and teachers. Thank you for giving generously."- Rev. Nancy L. Wilson, Moderator of Metropolitan Community Churches.



Nursery Helpers Needed!

Our Nursery Dept. Coordinator, Wayne Crutchfield, is asking for your help. We need some Nursery Worker Volunteers.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering in the Nursery (children's ages are birth to 5 years old) once a month or even once every two months. Your assistance will be so appreciated.

Interested? Contact Wayne at: wayray69@sbcglobal.net or come by and visit the Nursery on Sunday mornings.



Our Supper Clubs Want You!

Agape has *two* Samaritan House Supper Clubs. Would you please consider joining our volunteers for either the 2nd Friday or 4th Friday of each month?

We plan and prepare a meal for the residents of Samaritan House. Then we serve and fellowship with the residents. Regular volunteers will tell you that they receive so much from this outreach to our larger community.

AND you get to add "Can cook for 60 people" to your list of talents! You say you can't cook - then volunteer to serve food or clean up. Can't be there on Friday nights? Be one of our sponsors and donate funds to defray the costs of the meal.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Kathy M. at 817-528-3210 or katmunn_1@hotmail.com . You will be blessed.



Agape MCC Christmas Pageant

Dec 12, 2009

"Twas a few months before Christmas and out went a call
To Agape church members, both big and small
We're going to have a big show, Santa said
Then he laughed out loud as he loaded his sled

Come divas and dyketones, beatniks and singers
Come dancers and poets, musicians, bell-ringers
Come comics, magicians, hear my call everyone!
It's a holiday bash and we're gonna have FUN!

December 12th-that's a Saturday night
Come and perform or just take in the sights
Bring friends and family - we're having a ball
With a potluck to follow in the Fellowship Hall!

Then he jumped on his sled as he gave me a wink
He waved to his reindeer and took off in a blink
And I heard him exclaim with his voice full of glee
No one has heart like Agape MCC!"

Hey, Kids! Let's put on a show! The Agape MCC Christmas Talent Show and Pageant that is! And there will be a Church Potluck to follow.

Want more information? *Well, you'll have to wait!* The time will be announced at a later date.

A sign up sheet is now available in the church lobby!

Praises!

- Maddy is gaining weight and doing well!
- For the generosity of our community.
- For our roof NOT leaking.
- For our Board of Directors.
- For all of our volunteers who are the embodiment of God in action.
- For a new job for Jade and resolution in housing.
- For all of the abundance that flows to us.

Prayers:

- Maddy to continue to get stronger and get to go home soon.
- All who are grieving and healing from loss.
- Ms. Billie M.
- Ms. Anna R.
- Aunt Cheryl.
- Evelyn B.

- For my dad.
- All journeying with illness and waiting on test results.
- Travel mercies for Delores and Judy.
- Those who are struggling financially.
- For those who are facing the unknown.

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.