



# Agape' MCC Weekly News

Nov 25 2009

## Upcoming Events

### Thu Nov 26:

Thanksgiving Day  
No Office Hours  
No Spirit Road

### Fri Nov 27:

6pm Samaritan House Supper Club

### Sun Nov 29:

10:30am Worship Service

**Worship Arts Organizing Mtg (after worship service)**

### Sat Dec 12:

**5pm Christmas Pageant**

**Potluck Dinner to follow!**

## Nov. Statistics:

### 11/01:

Attendance: 88  
Offering: \$2,848

### 11/08:

Attendance: 98  
Offering: \$3,774

### 11/15:

Attendance: 110  
Offering: \$2,212

### 11/22:

## Installation Service Pictures on Web Site!

To see pictures of Rev. David Wynn's Installation Service, please go to: [http://www.agapemcc.com/index.php?option=com\\_phocagallery&view=categories&Itemid=58](http://www.agapemcc.com/index.php?option=com_phocagallery&view=categories&Itemid=58)

To see a short video clip of Rev, David's Installation, go to our home page at: <http://agapemcc.com/> . Click on the link below the church picture (can be viewed with Windows Media Player).

Thanks to all who participated and all who helped this become such a joyous event!

## 5th Sunday Family Worship Service- Nov 29



In months with 5th Sundays, all children will attend church service in the sanctuary. No nursery or Sunday School will be provided on the 5th Sunday in order to allow a time for families to attend church service together and to give a break to the volunteers. Having all of the church family in service will be a wonderful opportunity for the adult members to be reminded of how beautiful our families are and how important it is to volunteer for nursery and Sunday School.

## Want a Copy of Last Week's Sermon?



Check the door of the Media Center in the Sanctuary. Shelly will keep a sign up sheet on the door to keep up with your requests!

Attendance: 159  
Offering: \$1,959

**Need a book? A Bible? A music CD?**

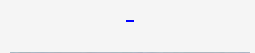
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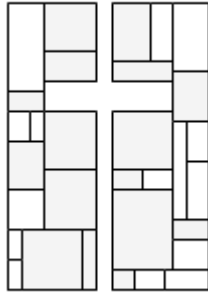
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**Thanksgiving**



**For Life**

**Thanksgiving For Life, Again**

**By Kathy Munn**

For those of you, like me, who have been around Agape' for a while, you will remember our Thanksgiving for Life celebrations here (*thanks, Jane R.*). We used the Thanksgiving season to create panels to celebrate the lives of those who have gone on before us- those who now live on in our hearts and minds, if not in our physical world.

After their careful creation, the panels would be placed on banners (*thanks, Jimmy M.*) and we would bring them in during worship service where they would be hung on the walls surrounding us. Some years we might have two banners to add; some years we might have eight.

It always made me readjust my way of grieving, my way of appreciating, my way of remembering my dear ones. If we were still sewing panels today, I would make one for Fred Fowler, Agape's poet laureate, who died some years ago. He shared his passion for word-smithing by teaching a poetry workshop here. I attended those workshops and ran across one of my attempts at "smithing" just today:

**LIFE QUILT**

*I am surrounded by the names  
Of my dead and loved ones*

*I did not know how  
It would make me feel*

*To take those panels of cloth  
And shape and name them you*

*You are my life's quilt  
My merit badges  
I can wrap myself up in you  
Or fold you up and go away*

*I think of you  
I see your faces  
I hear your voices  
I remember*

I am so thankful for my family- my parents, my sister and brother-in-law, my nieces, nephew and all the *grands*; and my Agape' family- you make my life so complete.

**Bring a Bear to Church!!**



Agape MCC is once again collecting teddy bears for the Warm Place in Fort Worth.

We will start collecting bears in the sanctuary on November 29th and continue **collecting until Christmas Eve** when we will bless the bears and send them on to do their own special ministry for children who have experienced the death of a parent or guardian.

Please bring only new or very gently used teddy bears. For more information contact the church office 817-535-5002 or Rev. Gina at 940-367-6124.

**PICK UP THE PHONE...**

**& 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](http://www.agapemcc.com)

817-535-5002

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**New Worship Arts Team**

We are forming a new ministry team to design and create "uniquely Agape'" banners and liturgical paraments for our worship space.

There will be two distinct teams taking part in this ministry, our creative minds will provide designs and our "doers" will bring them from paper to reality.

If you are interested in serving on this new ministry team, we will be having a short organizational meeting following worship **November 29th.**



**Tarrant County Food Bank**

It is closing in on the holiday season and the Tarrant County Food Bank has asked for our help with their food drive. Non-perishable food items are those items that can be stored without refrigeration and can stay on the pantry shelf for an indefinite period of time. These items would include canned foods such as vegetables, soups, fruits and meats; peanut butter, boxed pastas, powdered milk, dried beans, rice, boxed meal helpers and boxed cereal.

Please help us help our community! We will be collecting non-perishable food items through **December 13th.**

**Upcoming Would Jesus Discriminate Event**

Here an opportunity to participate in our DFW Would Jesus Discriminate Campaign!

**SCREENING FOR DFW-WJD DOCUMENTARY**  
DECEMBER 17  
UNT AT RTD BUILDING



**Agape' Christmas Pageant-  
Dec 12**

The Agape' MCC Christmas Talent Show and Pageant that is! The Pageant starts at 5pm and there will be a Church Potluck to follow.

For more information, please speak to Lisa O'Grady.

## HRA Needs Assistance for Homeless Clients

From Sara Trigg, Program Support Manager at Helping Restore Ability:

- 1) If anyone has old computer, or if anyone is getting a new one and will have an old one in the future, I have several clients who could benefit from having a computer.
- 2) If anyone has old cell phones with chargers, they can be used by folks using Metro PCS regardless of what carrier the phone came from.
- 3) If anyone wants to donate money to a Christmas fund for the HOMES clients, please see Flora or me. If anybody would be willing to request donations from your families, friends, churches etc. that would be so cool. I would like to get our folks a gift card to Wal-Mart and some Christmas decorations (tree).  
We are putting the children in our HOMES families in the Catholic Charities Christmas Toy program.

Thanks again to all of you for all you have done and continue to do for the people in our homelessness programs. You have exhibited such a spirit of generosity and compassion.

Sara Trigg  
Program Support Manager  
Helping Restore Ability  
817-469-1977

## Praises!

- For all who spent countless hours preparing for and making Installation Sunday so fantastic
- For Leigh W. who creates amazing sacred space
- For Cassy B. and her leadership and Spirit in this place
- For our children and their presence and lives...thanks to all of you for your gifts
- For Rev. Elder Lillie Brock...her vision and leadership
- For Vent...you know who you are
- For Rev. David's parents, brother, and in-laws for sharing the Rite of Installation with us
- For Rusty and David our resident Chefs
- For Wayne...thank you

## Prayers:

- Stephanie L.- healing for son Sebastian
- Tony P.- requests for finding the right job
- Alli H. - prayers for her dog who is ill
- Jane R. - prayers for a co-worker Lenore healing from surgery
- Healing for Judy Dale who has a broken ankle; and others who are going through surgery
- Prayers for Joyce W. and Michelle D.
- Prayers for Judy as she mourns the loss of her life partner
- Prayers for Valencia T. and her friend Jessica. They have

lost 2 family members and now her best friend grandmother is having kidney failure

- Prayers for Mark H.'s father - Roy Dale - and his family
- Prayers for a co-worker whose grandson is 6 months old and has a terminal illness
- Prayers for a friend, Rick M., who has congestive heart failure and his wife Joi
- Shawn M.- recovering from hip replacement surgery on Tuesday
- Maribelle T.- who is having surgery on Wednesday 11/25
- Grace G. will be going to Dallas to sit with Nancy
- Travel Mercies for all who are traveling during the holiday
- Prayers for those who we do not have names who are ill, are having relationship problems, family issues, etc.
- Prayers for JN - a job so that he can pay child support for his daughter Cameron

**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.