



## Agape' MCC Weekly News

Dec 9 2009

### Upcoming Events

#### Thu Dec 10:

7pm Spirit Road- Muslim Religion

#### Fri Dec 11:

6pm Sam House Supper Club

#### Sat Dec 12:

5pm Christmas Pageant

*Potluck Dinner to follow!*

#### Mon Dec 14:

7pm Board of Directors Mtg

#### Thu Dec 17:

7pm Spiritual Formation w Rev. Teri Lubbers

#### Thu Dec 24:

7pm Christmas Eve Service

#### Sun Dec 27:

10:30am Worship Svc

**Meet, Greet & Eat (after service)**

### Dec. Statistics:

#### 12/06:

Attendance: 96  
Offering: \$2,013



### Christmas Pageant This Sat, Dec 12

#### potluck!

Don't forget! The Agape' MCC Christmas Talent Show and Pageant is this **Saturday and starts at 5pm**. The Church Potluck will follow the performance. **Please bring a dish to share to the**

**potluck!** Lisa O'Grady will be at the church early (for anyone who wants to practice before the show); and Stacy and Cassy will be available to help with food handling and setup.

Please feel free to invite your family and friends- there is no charge for these events. All are welcomed!



### Tarrant County Food Bank

It is closing in on the holiday season and the Tarrant Count 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 this Sunday, December 13th**.



### Weekly Meditation - Dec 9 2009

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

**Come Home to the Hearth of Your Spirit**

*Though the human body is born complete in one moment, the birth of the human heart is an ongoing process. It is being birthed in every experience of your life. Everything that happens to you has the potential to deepen you. It brings to birth within you new territories of the heart...The heart is the inner face of your life. The human journey strives to make this inner face beautiful. It is here that love gathers within you. Love is absolutely vital for a human life. For love alone can awaken what*

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*is divine within you. In love, you grow and come home to your self. When you learn to love and to let your self be loved, you come home to the hearth of your own spirit. ~ John O'Donohue, "Anam Cara"*

It's cold outside this morning, the coldest we have had so far. I look to see whether my snapdragons have weathered the night and am delighted to find they have. While it is bundling-up weather outside, inside the house is warm.

I love the image of coming from a cold outside to a warm inside where a fire in the fireplace awaits. The hearth is a powerful metaphor. It represents the center, the place that gives light and warmth to the whole house. May love gather in you today as the day's events continue to deepen you, awakening your heart to the holy fire that is burning within you. Come home to the hearth of your own spirit.

**Prayer: Light of Lights, Maker of our hearts, bring us home to ourselves and to you today. May we leave the cold behind and find a cozy place where we may sit beside Your fire and be sheltered in the warmth of Your love. Amen.**



**Music Director Job Posting**

Agape' MCC is looking for a part-time Music Director (20 hours per week) to coordinate the music ministry of the church. The Music Director will report directly to the Senior Pastor. This is a salaried position.

For a copy of the full job posting and description please go to:

<http://agapemcc.com/pdfdocs/musicdirector.pdf>

**To apply, please submit a resume to:**

**Rev. S. David Wynn**

**Agape MCC**

**4615 E California Pkwy**

**Fort Worth TX 76119**

**email: [revwynn@yahoo.com](mailto:revwynn@yahoo.com) phone #: 817-535-5002**



**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.

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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## Agape' MCC Angel Tree is Here!

Agape' is once again partnering with Child Protective Services to bring holiday cheer to Tarrant County foster children this Christmas season. We have adopted 25 children who's wish lists are now located on the ornaments on the angel tree in the lobby.

If you choose to buy for a child this year, please pick up an information sheet located by the tree; this has information on it about the program and instructions for "packaging" gifts. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Patti Stephens at 817-501-2514 or via e-mail at [pattiandleigh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pattiandleigh@sbcglobal.net).



## 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!

## 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



## A Christmas Celebration! Dec 18

**Mansfield Wind Symphony in Concert with  
Tim Zimmerman's King's Brass**

**Friday, Dec 18 2009**

**St. John's Lutheran Church, Mansfield Texas**

**Dinner served at 6:30 pm**

**Concert at 7:45 pm**

**Meal and Concert - \$25 / Concert Only - \$10**

**Purchase 3 tickets by Dec 7, get the 4th free!**

**Tickets available at:**

[www.mwstexas.com](http://www.mwstexas.com)

## 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

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### Praises!

- Maribelle's healing and progress.
- Jade's new job.
- Kathy, Linda, Kris and Sheri- who donated space heaters this past Sunday. Thanks for the heat!
- Brother Billy- and his positive spirit.
- Everyone who helps make Agape' great.
- For Grace and Linda who show up at the right times.
- Troy and Tony- who support Shawn.
- Mickey- who always steps in and makes it happen.

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### Prayers:

- Shawn's 3 yr old nephew just diagnosed with cerebral palsy.
- Healing for Terri N.
- Healing for Carrie after knee replacement and prayers for some test results.
- Prayers for Sarah as she supports Carrie.
- Family and friends of a friend, Joann H., who is in hospital and gravely ill.
- For Jade, beginning a new job.
- Joe Don's girlfriend, Amanda, is having health problems and needs medical attention.
- Prayers for Shawn for a quick recovery and strength.
- Ray's father having back surgery; also pray for the family for

support during this time.

- Mark's dad, healing from a fall.
- Continued healing for Evelyn and support for her and Gail.
- Continues healing for Jade's ankle.
- For Shawn's mom.
- For all those recovering from colds and the flu.
- For all those healing from transitions within relationships.
- Those who are grieving during this holiday season and beyond.
- Search for a new Music Director.
- Juan is needing car repairs.
- Repairs for the church gas line.
- For all the performers this Saturday in the Talent Show.

**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.