



Agape' MCC Weekly News

Jan 6 2010

Upcoming Events

Thu Jan 07:

7pm Spirit Road-
Reincarnation, Part 1

Fri Jan 08:

6pm Samaritan House
Supper Club

Sun Jan 10:

10:30am Worship Sve

Sat Jan 16:

9am-4pm Board Retreat

Mon Jan 18:

MLK Day- Office Closed

Fri Jan 22:

6pm Samaritan House
Supper Club

Sun Jan 24:

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

Sat Feb 13:

**8pm Karen Williams in
Concert (at Youth
Orchestra Hall)**

January Stats:

01/03:

Attendance: 87
Offering: \$2,079

01/10:

Spirit Road at Agape' MCC this Thursday

We began a Thursday night gathering called "Spirit Road" in 2009. Since then we have explored several ways of worship, different beliefs, religions and many other interesting topics.

At that time we explained our goal with a quote by writer Henry Miller; "Our destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things."

Spirit Road will bring you songs, tastes, smells, experiences and stories. Through this journey we will continue to learn that although we may hear Spirit called many names, shown in many colors and worshiped in many ways, ALL who come to Spirit Road believe that we are indeed ONE.

Spirit Road will resumes this Thursday, Jan 7 at 7pm, and is always open to anyone who would like to come and join us!

Suggestion for this week's Spirit Road- bring a pillow! We hope that you might make us part of your New Year!



Weekly Meditation - Jan 6 2010

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

Become Light

A moth flying into the flames says with its wingfire, "Try this." The wick with its knotted neck broken tells you the same. A candle as it diminishes explains, "Gathering more and more is not the way. Burn, become light and heat and help, melt." ~Rumi, "The Glance: Songs of Soul-Meeting"

What is this poem about, these images of release, of being consumed, of melting, of annihilation?

There are many devout, religious people who believe God advocates masochism, suffering and sacrifice. The primary story these folks tell and retell is how much they have suffered; as if the more pain and misery in their lives, the more validated, vindicated and real they feel. Their theme song might be: Nobody knows the trouble I've seen..."

That's not what mystics mean when they use this kind of language. For mystics, the language of annihilation isn't about being self-

Attendance:

Offering: \$

01/17:

Attendance:

Offering: \$

01/24:

Attendance:

Offering: \$

01/31:

Attendance:

Offering: \$

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destructive. It is about letting go, letting go of anything that blocks or hinders the experience of Spirit and Presence. Gathering more and more is not the way. Burn, become light and heat and help, melt. We are choosing every day whether we will lighten the load, lay down the things we no longer need, or whether we will keep picking up stuff that only weighs us down.

Backpackers don't keep adding rocks to their packs. They carefully minimize the amount they carry. Hikers have been known to jettison something they thought they needed, but later found was not worth the added weight. It's a new year. Empty the rocks from your pack. Become light...melt.

Prayer: God, thank you for the New Year that stretches in front of me like a vast field. Help me to let go of what binds me. I surrender myself to your love. Let me become light and heat and help wherever your path may lead. Amen.



Ways to Help Agape'

Looking for ways to help members and friends of Agape' MCC in this upcoming new year?

Our church **Benevolence Fund** is depleted and **needs to be replenished**. Our Benevolence Fund is used to provide members and friends with funds for food and other supplies when times are tough. As you can imagine, there have been many needs to meet during 2009.

Won't you consider providing a special gift for those in need? It will be greatly appreciated!



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 phone #: 817-535-5002

or call 877-9-2agree

**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

817-535-5002

Join Our Mailing List!



Community Policing Forum

Lee Zollinger, President of Fairness Fort Worth, is passing along the invitation to everyone for the upcoming Community Policing Forum to be held at Lan Gran Plaza on Tue, Jan. 26 at 7pm.

This forum will be conducted to:

- Build a better verbal dialogue between the community and the police department
- Maintain a continuous working relationship and address the various concerns of the community

In this meeting, community groups and residents will have the opportunity to hear about the latest projects and programs, ask questions and give feedback to numerous police officials. For more information about the forum, [click here](#).

You are also invited to the next Fairness Fort Worth Meeting in January. Mark your calendars now. Thursday, January 14. 7:30pm Celebration Church. You can get on the Fairness Fort Worth email list by contacting Lee at: lzollinger@casham.com

It's Never Too Late To Plan Early!



**Comedian
Karen Williams**

Healing with Humor Tour!

For 25 years Karen has been creating laughter. If you've missed her on HBO, LOGO, Olivia Cruises or at any of her shows from San Francisco to NYC to Sydney, catch her New Show in Ft. Worth, Saturday, February 13, 2010!



Comedian Karen Williams

Sat, February 13

8 p.m.

Youth Orchestra Hall

4401 Trail Lake Dr / Fort Worth Texas 76109

Tickets: \$40 Reserved / \$20 General (\$25 at the Door)

Purchase Online at:

<http://www.opendoorproductionstx.com/tickets.htm>

Prayers:

- For David Wilson and family as they grieve the passing of his mother.
- For Janna B. - continued healing.
- For Aaron's mom who has cancer.
- For Jade and Thomas as they grieve the passing of their aunt.
- For all who are moving through life transitions.
- For Lee M.

Praises!

- Ms. Billie is home!
- For everyone who helped take down the greens!
- For great test results for Grace.
- For Rev. Robert.
- For the generosity of our church and our blessings.
- For Linda S. and her faithfulness with the root stimulator :-)

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.