



Agape' MCC Weekly News

Jan 20 2010

Upcoming Events

Thu Jan 21:

7pm Spirit Road-
The Muslim Religion

Fri Jan 22:

6pm Samaritan House
Supper Club

Sun Jan 24:

10:30am Worship Svc
**Meet, Greet & Eat (after
worship service)**

Thu Jan 28:

7pm Spirit Road- Spiritual
Formation w Rev. Teri
Lubbers

Sun Jan 31:

Noon-5pm Core
Leadership Meeting

Sat Feb 13:

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

Mon Feb 15:

6:30pm Orientation to
Deacon Training

Sat Feb 20:

7pm Men's Fellowship @
Rusty & David's home

Sun Feb 21:

Noon-2:30pm New

Spirit Road Topic This Week: The Muslim Religion

**Thursday, Jan 21
7:00 p.m.**



Weekly Meditation - Jan 20 2010

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

Things Are Just The Way They Are

Who looks out with my eyes? What is the soul? I cannot stop asking. If I could taste one sip of an answer, I could break out of this prison for drunks. I didn't come here of my own accord and I can't leave that way. Whoever brought me here will have to take me home. ~Rumi

Don't know how it is for you but there are days when my heart echoes Rumi: *If I could taste one sip of an answer, I could break out of this prison....*

I had a friend once in Alanon who used to tell me, "Teri, if you know why, things are just the way they are. If you don't know why, things are just the way they are. Knowing why is the booby prize."

Most things that hold me hostage and keep my amazing analyzing mind working overtime, have less to do with things outside me than I like to think. We tend to think things are uncomfortable because we don't have enough money, or because we have a health concern, or because our kids are screwing up, or because some other aspect of our lives is not conforming to our expectations, some person in our life isn't "behaving". But the truth is that things really are just the way they are and most of the time they aren't really directed at us; we haven't been singled out for "special" treatment.

So hear what Rumi shares with us. *Who looks out with my eyes? Spirit. What is the soul? Spirit. I didn't come here of my own accord...Whoever brought me here will have to take me home. Spirit. We are not here alone. We are not separate from the Spirit from who sent us here. We already have all we need to do all we are called to do if we stop and remember our deep connection to Spirit. Breathe...*

Prayer: Beloved, I forget pretty easily that you are the One who has brought me here and you are the One who companions my

Members Class

Sun Feb 28:

Chili Cook-Off (after service)!

January Stats:

01/03:

Attendance: 87
Offering: \$2,079

01/10:

Attendance: 109
Offering: \$2,199

01/17:

Attendance: 107
Offering: \$1,243

01/24:

Attendance:
Offering: \$

01/31:

Attendance:
Offering: \$

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journey, and you are the One who is my home. I surrender to your love today and wish to live in connection with your Spirit. Amen.

Work Party this Weekend!

Agape' MCCer Tamara Elliott is seeking help with house painting and home repairs. She is hosting a work party this weekend:

**Saturday, January 23
Beginning at 9:30 a.m.
5506 Inglewood in Arlington
RSVP to: (469) 767-0595**

Please bring your paint supplies and tools. More folks make quicker results! Thank you!



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

Deacon Training



Agape' MCC trains and equips a team of Deacons whose role it is to provide a spiritual presence to those experiencing illness, loss, stress, change and crisis. If you feel a calling to be a part of this team, please contact Rev. David at revwynn@yahoo.com or 817-535-5002.

We will have an **Orientation to Deacon Training on Monday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Social Hall to discuss what will be involved in and required in this intensive training.

janna.brown@sbcglobal.net

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New Member Class, Feb 21

If you are interested in seeing what being a member of Agape' is all about and interested in joining the church, plan to attend our New Member Class on **Sunday, February 21st, from noon until 2:30pm** in the Social Hall. Rev. David will lead the class.



It's Time for the Agape' Chili Cook-off!

New Member Class

and great fun!

Yee-haw! It's that time of year... the annual Agape' MCC Chili Cook-Off: great competition, great food

We have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in the categories of Best Chili and Best Brownies. **The contest will take place next month on Sunday, Feb 28 after service.** More information will be coming soon. Talk to Rusty Cuniff for details.

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>



Vote for Samaritan House online!

Samaritan House has been selected as one of three finalists in the "House the Homeless" category (there are multiple categories to vote on- Samaritan House will be in the Housing Category- 3rd page) in an online grant competition.

Project 7 will give \$15,000 to the organization with the most votes. Please support Samaritan House **by voting through Jan. 31st** at www.project7.com/voting. You can only vote once per e-mail address, so invite your friends to go online and vote too. With your help, Samaritan House will win the vote. Thanks for your support!



HOLOCAUST CANDLELIGHT MARCH

Equality March Texas will present the first annual "Holocaust Candlelight March" on **Wednesday, January 27, 2010**, beginning at 7 pm.

The event will begin at the fountain at Oak Lawn and Armstrong Parkway, along the sidewalks of Oak Lawn to the Legacy of Love Monument at Oak Lawn/Cedar Springs. Hot chocolate, hot apple cider and desserts will be served in the adjacent Warwick Melrose Hotel along with presentations by featured speakers. The event is free and open to the public.

The event will honor the more than 50,000 gay men and women who were rounded up and killed during the Holocaust. In light of the potential genocide of GLBT people in Uganda, Africa, planners of the event hope to educate young and old about the atrocities that GLBT people experienced and its relation to the present and future. More information on this event may be found at www.equalitymarchtexas.org or by calling Latisha McDaniel at 214-682-3014.

GLBT Business Mixer- Jan 28

The next GLBT Professional Business Mixer will be held at the Sheraton FW Hotel and Spa at Shula's. The date is Thursday, January 28th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Don't miss the chance to meet other GLBT professionals and gay friendly allies to build your business network. There will be drawings for some great prizes courtesy of Windows 7 and all in attendance will receive a \$150 rebate voucher for a Windows 7 upgrade. Please be sure and RSVP to the GLBT Chamber website at www.glbtcchamber.org under "Fort Worth Business Mixer" so that we can get a more accurate headcount of those planning to attend.

Sponsors are needed for future GLBT Professional Networking Mixers for 2010! If you would like to showcase your business or organization, please contact either me, GLBT Board Member, at jana.c.white@ampf.com or 817-552-3505 (phone) or Tony Vedda, GLBT Chamber President, at tony.vedda@glbtchamber.org. Mixers are held monthly on the last Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

BEN Group III (Business Exchange Networking)!

I am also excited to announce the formation of a new Business Exchange Networking (BEN) Group in Fort Worth! The purpose of the group is to create new business networks for its members. Dallas currently has BEN Groups I and II and they have generated over \$250,000 in new business for their members. The Fort Worth BEN Group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. in North Fort Worth (location tbd). Only one member from each business group or specialty is allowed and spaces are beginning to fill up. There is a 5 month "semester" period at a cost of \$250 per semester. This covers all expenses for the meetings including lunch. You must also be a North Texas GLBT Chamber Member to attend the BEN meetings. If you are interested in being a part of the new Fort Worth BEN Group III, please visit the chamber website and link to BEN - Business Networking Exchange Registration. Be sure to put "Fort Worth" in the comments section on the registration page.

I hope to see all of you at the meeting on the 28th! - Jana White, Ameriprise Financial Advisor, GLBT Board Member.

Prayers:

- For Trish's friend Steve, diagnosed with multiple myeloma; pray also for his wife and two children.
- For Gail's son, Steve, beginning his year in Afghanistan.
- For Mark and Billy on the death of Mark's father in Oklahoma.

Praises!

- Anna R. - great dr appointment!
- For a great community who support each other so much.
- For Thomas R.'s help last Sunday.
- For our Drummers in worship last week.
- For good Board Retreat last weekend.
- For Lisa D.'s mother's good surgical results.

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.