



Upcoming Events

Thu Jan 28:

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

Sun Jan 31:

10:30am Worship Sve
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
Members Class**

Sun Feb 28:

**Chili Cook-Off (after
service)!**

January Stats:

01/03:

Attendance: 87
Offering: \$2,079

01/10:



We Need Office Volunteers!

Several of our office volunteers here at Agape' have been blessed with some changing life events that have required them to step down from volunteering.

So we are looking for a group of folks who can share the "job" of helping out with administrative tasks as well as the daily activities of helping with phone calls, visitor letters, gathering Sunday's stats, etc....

If you are available to help out one day a week or every other week for a couple of hours, please email Rev. David at revwynn@yahoo.com or phone the church at 817-535-5002. Thank you!



Weekly Meditation - Jan 27 2010

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

Forgive The Dream

*All your images of winter I see against your sky.
I understand the wounds that have not healed in you.
They exist because God and love have yet to become real enough
To allow you to forgive the dream.
You still listen to an old alley song that brings your body pain;
Now chain your ears to His pacing drum and flute.
Fix your eyes upon the magnificent arch of His brow
That supports and allows this universe to expand.
Your hands, feet, and heart are wise
And want to know the warmth of a Perfect One's circle.
A true saint is an earth in eternal spring.
~ Hafiz , "The Gift" (translation by Daniel Ladinsky)*

When I was in high school and had broken up with a boyfriend, or was unhappy with how I looked, or something difficult was going on in my dysfunctional alcoholic family, I would put on music and listen to it hour after hour. I listened to melancholy songs (Janis Ian's "I learned the Truth at 17" comes to mind) that fed my own melancholy and resonated with my feeling of being at the mercy of a capricious universe. I have a few pictures of myself from that time. I don't look like a very happy camper...

Attendance:109
Offering: \$2,199

01/17:

Attendance: 107
Offering: \$1,243

01/24:

Attendance: 117
Offering: \$1,303

01/31:

Attendance:
Offering: \$

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What is it about the "old alley songs" we listen to? Even when we know they are only going to bring us pain, why do we turn them on anyway? Are we just gluttons for punishment or what?

Hafiz has an answer. He says that "God and love have yet to become real enough to allow you to forgive the dream." I don't think he means the "I've got a dream" kind of dream. I think he means the kind of dream that happens when we are asleep and then dissipates with wakefulness, the kind of dream that seems so real but turns out to be a chimera. Why would we need to forgive the dream? Because as long as we are occupied with the Unreal we are not available for the Real.

God is Real. Spirit is Real. Love is Real. The warmth of the Perfect One's circle is Real. We get to choose which songs we listen to. The old one that bring us pain and paints the world as continually cloaked in winter, or the new song of Spirit that promises that we will heal and expand, that we will become like an earth in eternal spring.

Prayer: Creator God, give me a new song today. Help me to trust your love and guidance and the perfect unfolding of my life. Help me let go of all that blocks the amazing things you wish to do and express through my life. Thank you for loving me. Amen.



We Want Your Stories & Ideas!

During the Season of Lent, we will be focusing on "Making Sense of the Journey...the Risk of Real Community". **We are gathering people's stories** about a time or event in your life that was transformational, epiphinal, greatly successful, a huge failure, or just a great teacher, to share with the community. These can be named or anonymous. We will be using these in a number of ways...in Updates, in special Services, etc... **Please keep your story to one page, approximately 150 words, 12 point font, and submit them to revwynn@yahoo.com or agapemcc@aol.com by February 21st.**

We also want to extend our experience of community and are asking for folks to **suggest places or events where we might be of service** like:

a work day in a local animal shelter or with an animal rescue group, a service project or worship service in an area nursing home or retirement center, a project with a local daycare or school, a project with Habitat for Humanity or other housing and homeless organizations, work with the food pantry, etc... You might consider joining our group that provides meals at the Samaritan House on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

So, tap into your connections and email suggestions or options to revwynn@yahoo.com or agapemcc@aol.com. It is our hope that as you make suggestions you will be available to also facilitate and lead the project, we will makes sure the volunteers are ready!

or call 877-9-2agree

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& 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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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.



New Member Class

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!

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

If you wish to compete, complete a registration form (found in church lobby), pay \$10 fee per entry- **deadline for entry is Feb 14 (fees are due by Feb 21).**

We have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in the categories of Best Chili and Best Brownies. Winners are chosen by the number of "votes" (in the form of dollars) raised by those tasting the entries. The winners will be the entries in each category raising the highest amount of money by the end of the contest.

The contest will take place next month on Sunday, Feb 28 after service. Please return contest entry forms and fees to Rusty Cuniff.

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!

GLBT Business Mixer- Thu Jan 28 6pm

The next GLBT Professional Business Mixer will be held at the Sheraton FW Hotel and Spa at Shula's. The date is tomorrow, Thu January 28th, from 6-8 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.

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

Prayers:

- For the family and friends of an employee of Tammy S.
- For Carlo's slipped disc pain.
- For those experiencing transition in relationships and jobs.
- For those seeking employment.
- For those who are on the move.
- For Stacy's sister Jennifer.
- For Hatti's recovery.
- Continued healing for those dealing with health concerns.
- For those dealing with loss and grief.

Praises!

- For the leadership at Agape' MCC.
- For Rusty and David and volunteers who made a fantastic lunch on Sunday.
- For Terri N.: God provided effective pain meds.
- For Stephanie L. and her ministry of nurture.
- For Kathy M. who notices the "little things".
- For Evelyn B. and her gentle Spirit.
- For Teresa M. and her donation for worship resources.
- For our worship team.

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.