



Upcoming Events

Wed Feb 17:

7pm Ash Wed Service

Sat Feb 20:

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

Thu Feb 25:

7pm Spirit Road-
Sexuality and Spirituality

Fri Feb 26:

6pm Samaritan House
Supper Club

Sat Feb 27:

6:30-9pm Game Night

Sun Feb 28:

10:30am Worship Svc
**Chili Cook-Off (after
service)!**

Sun Mar 7:

**12:00pm H1N1
Presentation**

Mar 20:

9am-3pm Church Work
Day

Sat May 1:

**8am-3pm Church
Garage Sale @ Jennifer**



Chili Cook-off This Sunday!

Don't forget our annual Chili Cook-Off and Brownie Bake-off: great competition, great food and great fun!

The contest will take place this Sunday, Feb 28 after service. Come support your favorite entries with your (\$\$) votes! This an annual Fun (raiser) for Agape'.

See you there!



Weekly Meditation - Feb 24 2010

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

A Community of the Spirit

There is a community of the spirit. Join it, and feel the delight of walking in the noisy street, and being the noise. Drink all your passion, and be a disgrace. Close both eyes to see with the other eye. Open your hands, if you want to be held. Sit down in this circle. Quit acting like a wolf, and feel the shepherd's love filling you. ~ Rumi

This little excerpt of a Rumi poem conjures up so many images. Noisy street. Delight. Passion. Seeing with the heart. Lone wolf. Joining the circle. Blindfolded, I reach into this bowl of images and see which one I pull out... lone wolf wins...

I imagine a wolf standing alone in a snowy landscape. Silent, with eyes that take you in and watch your every move. And when he's sure you're not a threat, he turns and walks away. He neither needs you nor seeks your company.

Do you remember the old Marlborough man commercials and magazine ads? The lone cowboy with his chaps and spurs and hat,

N.'s house-Arlington

February Stats:

02/07:

Attendance: 112

Offering: \$3,409

02/14:

Attendance: 90

Offering: \$1,828

02/21:

Attendance: 99

Offering: \$2,086

02/28:

Attendance:

Offering: \$

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smoking his Marlborough cigarettes under the open sky? That image sums up the culture I was raised in and how I was encouraged to be: rugged individualist, loner, self-sufficient person who needed no one and could handle anything.

Whose idea was it that we shouldn't need one another? That we shouldn't ask for help or directions? That we should go it alone? We were created for community. Community with God, with other people, with our own hearts.

This Lent we are focusing on community and how to be intentional about being relational in new ways. Simple, Rumi says: Open your hands if you want to be held. Sit down in this circle. Quit acting like a wolf... Sometimes we have to make the first move.

Prayer: God, help me to understand that needing other people isn't a weakness but a strength, an acknowledgement that you have made me for community. Help me open my hands and heart to those around me, and find my place in the circle. Fill me with your love. Amen.

Spirit Road During Lent



Please plan to join us on Thursday's at 7:00 as Spirit Road has a time of "Reflecting on the Journey" during the Lenten Season led by Rev. David. This will be a time for us to explore our own experiences on some controversial Spiritual topics. This will be a discussion based gathering honoring our collective experience of the following themes:

2/25 - Sexuality and Spirituality

3/4 - Heaven and Hell, are they real?

3/11 - Religion and Faith Traditions, who is right?

3/18 - Worship...what is it?

3/25 - Christianity...the only way?

4/1 - Crucifixion, Jesus as Savior



What Are You Doing for Lent?

Hello everyone! I just wanted to share with you what I am doing for Lent and see if any of you may be interested in joining me.

Contact Crisis Hotline of Dallas is having spring training during the month of March on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30-9:30. The training will be in North Dallas near the Galleria Mall. The cost is basically \$25 if you are willing to volunteer 4 hours a month after training. There is more information about doing this at www.contactdallas.org

I volunteered for Contact several years ago when they had enough people to have a Tarrant County Crisis hotline. It was an extremely educational and rewarding experience. Even if you do not choose to

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volunteer for the hotline afterwards, the training is fantastic and I promise you that it will truly touch your life and change you. We have been asked to go beyond our comfort area this Lent. We were asked to give of ourselves and this is what I have chosen to do! But HOW I WOULD LOVE for some of you to come and do it too! Please consider going to crisis hotline training and perhaps volunteering for Contact too. Perhaps we could even work out a way to ride part of the way together. Blessings! -Lisa O'Grady



Board of Directors Web Page

Check out the new BOD web page. It's the place to find Monthly Reports etc. It is still under construction, but take a peek by [clicking here](#). You'll also find the Board of Directors web page by going to our website under "About Us" then "Board of Directors"!



Game Night Is Back!

The Agape' MCC Deacons are sponsoring an all-church Game Night on Sat, Feb 27. Everyone is encouraged to bring a snack to share. Coffee and tea will be provided. There will be some games provided, but please feel free to bring some games of your own!

Agape' Game Night

Sat, Feb 27

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Everyone Invited!



A Night of Jazz

with the Mansfield Wind Symphony

March 7th 7:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church

1218 East Debbie Lane

Mansfield, TX 76063-3378

Tickets available at the door or online at

www.mansfieldwindsymphony.org

Click on the Store tab to purchase

Adults \$10.00

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Prom Dresses for CPS Teens

Agape' has been approached by an organization called P.A.L.(Preparation for Adult Living) to collect new or gently used Prom dresses that can be used by youth who are in alternative care (foster care, residential treatment, group homes, etc.).

The PAL program was implemented in 1986 to ensure that older youth in substitute care (foster home, group home, Residential Treatment Center) are prepared for their inevitable departure from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services' care and support. At any given time, there are about 3,500 youth 16 years of age and older in substitute care. PAL program staff strive to provide each of these youth with skills and resources they will need to be healthy, productive adults. Preparing youth for adulthood is much more than teaching them how to balance a checkbook and sign a lease. PAL services include involvement in programs aimed at improving youths' self-esteem and improving their ability to make responsible decisions. PAL helps youth face the challenges of adulthood and independence.

We will be **collecting dresses through March 7**; all sizes and styles are welcome and needed. If you have any questions, please contact Patti Stephens at 817-501-2514 or via e-mail at pattiandleigh@sbcglobal.net



Can you Donate Some Frequent Flyer Miles?

As an act of stewardship as we prepare to purchase flights and housing for our Pastor and Lay Delegates to attend General Conference, we are asking if there are some who can donate frequent flyer miles for the trip to Acapulco. The Conference is from June 28 to July 2. If you can donate, please contact Rev. David at revwynn@yahoo.com or 817-535-5002.



Church Cleaning - An Inside Job

We are planning an "Inside the Church" work day for **Saturday, March 20th between 9am and 3pm**. We are going to work on the Choir Room, under the Baptistery, the Board Room and then just general cleanup of the rest of the Church.

We love to have about 15 folks but will take what we can get and do what we can do.

from your Agape' Board of Directors



Church Janitorial Contract

The Agape' Janitorial contract is up for renewal. We will be obtaining 3 quotes before deciding in March who will be awarded the new contract for our Church Janitorial service. We are looking for referrals from you if you know someone who might be interested in bidding the job. Does your company use someone you think we should talk to, let us know? Email Rev. David at revwynn@yahoo.com or call 817-535-5002.



Protected From H1N1 This Spring?

Ben Curry, H1N1 Education Specialist with Tarrant County Public Health, will give a brief educational presentation addressing:

- * the differences between H1N1 and Seasonal Flu,
- * strategies for protecting your church and family,
- * and details about H1N1 vaccine, including where to get it for free.

When: March 7, 2010 @ 12:00 PM

Where: Agape' MCC

Prayers:

- For Grace's continued healing from surgery
- For Jennifer healing from seasonal cold
- For Carol healing from seasonal cold
- For Gail's health and breathing
- For Gail's son Steve in Afghanistan
- For help in Agape' office
- For Carol and her journey with insurance co.
- For Deannie and Letty grieving loss of pet
- For our new Sunday School class beginning in March
- For our roofs (social hall and sanctuary)
- For those entering Deacon Training
- For our Lenten Journey and building real community
- For Rev. David's hurting shoulder
- For Louise M.'s brother, Billy having Triple Bypass surgery today 2-25-10, at the VA Hospital in Dallas

Praises!

- Tom G. and the "Sunday School Boys" for their wonderful Hospitality spread last Sunday!
- Good results for Grace
- Kris and Linda's new puppy
- For Mick and Jeff's new pet
- For Grace and Linda's new puppy
- For Sarah and Patti beginning new Sunday School Class for our 2 to 4 year olds
- For all of our volunteer leaders!! You make a difference!!
- For Brennan and Pauly lighting our first Lent Candle
- For Eli, our new Music Director
- For our Choir who brings good medicine
- For Patti and Wren who bring so much in decorating our worship space
- For Lisa who cleaned our church and social hall last week for our guests
- For a wonderful Ash Wed. Service
- For Lisa D. who keeps us organized and on task!
- For everyone who helps those in need

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.