



Agape' MCC Weekly News

Mar 3 2010

Upcoming Events

Wed Mar 3:

7pm Choir Rehearsal

Thu Mar 4:

7pm Spirit Road- Heaven & Hell- Are They Real?

Sun Mar 7:

10:30am Worship Svc

12:00pm H1N1 Presentation

Mar 20:

9am-3pm Church Work Day

Apr 10:

8pm OpenDoor Production- Suzanne Westenhoefer @ Youth Orchestra Hall

Sat May 1:

8am-3pm Church Garage Sale @ Jennifer N.'s house-Arlington

February Stats:

02/07:

Attendance: 112

Offering: \$3,409

02/14:

Attendance: 90

Offering: \$1,828



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: This Sunday, March 7 @ 12:00 PM

Where: Agape' MCC



Weekly Meditation - Mar 3 2010

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

From Confusion to Wonder

Yeshua says...If you are searching, you must not stop until you find. When you find, however, you will become troubled. Your confusion will give way to wonder. In wonder you will reign over all things. ~ Gospel of Thomas, Logion 2

We are all on a quest you know. And our hearts can't seem to rest until we find what we are looking for. But Jesus says finding is only the beginning. Even when we think we have found it, we still aren't satisfied, it still doesn't feel like enough. *Finding* seems to confirm our fears that we are separate from everything else, and lacking something, that we need something outside ourselves to feel whole. We search, we find, we are troubled.

But what if we could stay in the midst of the discomfort of being "troubled" without slipping away or looking for the quick fix? What if we just stayed present instead of running away? We might discover that something amazing happens. We might discover that when we

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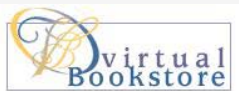
Attendance: 99
Offering: \$2,086

02/28:

Attendance: 121
Offering: \$2,664

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are willing to sit with it, the sense of being troubled begins to dissipate, the fog of confusion begins to clear and what is left is wonder, mystery, awe - all things that aren't figure-out-able. That is the sweet spot...when we surrender to what's underneath all the busy-ness and frantic activity that we mistake for our lives. Wonder, mystery, awe. It's in wonder that we are found.

Prayer: God, help me to slow down and stay put long enough to reach that central core of wonder. Your wonder that pulses at the heart of everything. 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:

- 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 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

**& 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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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
Children and Seniors \$7.00



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.).

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



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 Baptistry, 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

MCC Moderator Announces New Structure Proposal

Here it is! We have finally reached a draft proposal and implementation plan for a revised MCC structure. The efforts of the BOE, BOA, SRT combined with a consultant from the Alban Institute have prepared us for and brought us to this moment in the history of

our existence.

This is just a brief outline to help you successfully navigate through all of the content that has been prepared and placed on MCC Structure Review Website. Each segment of the document is available for you to review from the website or to download and review. We recognize that this is a good amount of information to engage and take in, so to help ease that process, the webpage has been set up to allow you to review and respond to each section of the proposal.

The segments of the proposal are:

- [Preamble: Imagine Alignment, Accountability and Participation](#)
- [Highlights of the Proposed Structural Changes](#) (This is a summary of the proposal)
- [Implementation Schedule and Tasks](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions and Answers](#)

We are looking forward to the feedback, and to an exciting General Conference in Acapulco!

Grace and Peace,

+ Nancy

The Rev. Nancy Wilson, Moderator, Metropolitan Community Churches



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.

Susan G. Komen Race for the Care

Register or Donate Online at:

www.komentarrant.org

Grace Gray - Captain

April 24, 2010

Downtown Fort Worth at Sundance Square

Prayers:

- For the people of Haiti and Chile.
- For Anna R.
- For George M. and a wonderful opportunity.

- For Lucas F.
- Michelle D. - healing prayer for her cancer to not grow anymore so she can stay with her family and friends a little longer.
- For the future of our community.
- Continued healing for Grace.
- For those considering Deacon Training.
- For Barry and his new journey.
- Healing for Claudia.
- Healing for Rev. David's shoulder...it's making him cranky.
- For those seeking employment.
- For those facing changes in employment.
- For those trying to manage finances.
- For the children.
- For families in stress.
- For those dealing with chronic health concerns.
- For Wisdom.

Praises!

- For Aaron! It's official!
- For Game Night w/ Deacons.
- For all who donated food & gave money: we were able to provide for a neighborhood family of 7 who showed up during Sunday's service needing food.
- For our new 2 to 4 year old Sunday School class and the leaders Patti and Sarah.
- For our choir.
- For donations for our benevolence fund.
- For donations to purchase Sunday School furniture.
- For our new hot water heater in Social Hall.
- For our programming and facilities teams.
- For folks who have donated prom dresses.
- For a great Chili Cookoff! Congratulations Gail R. for winning chili.
- Congrats to Pat and Jimmy...tied for winning brownies.

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.