



Upcoming Events

Wed Mar 10:

7pm Choir Rehearsal

Thu Mar 11:

7pm Spirit Road-
Religion & Faith, Who Is
Right?

Fri Mar 12:

6pm Samaritan House
Supper Club

Sat Mar 13:

7pm Mens Fellowship @
Wayne & Ray's home

Sun Mar 14:

10:30am Worship Sve
Noon Core Team Mtg

Mon Mar 15:

7pm Chaplains Mtg

Sat Mar 20:

9am-3pm Church Work
Day

Thu Apr 1:

7pm Spirit Road-
Crucifixion and Jesus as
Savior with a time of
meditation

Fri Apr 2:

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:

- 3/11 - 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

Weekly Meditation - Mar 10 2010

by Rev. Teri Lubbers



Reimagining Reality

"...the work of spirituality, the work of Jesus [is to create] a new symbolic universe at the dangerous level of imagination. Jesus is involved in a war of myths; the ultimate battle for the soul is to change the way we imagine our reality...Jesus tells us to withdraw our allegiance from the world of bigness, clarity, immediacy, looking good and security (the old order) and to see life instead as smallness, patience, humility, inner wisdom and risk-taking (the new order). Once your symbolic world changes, once you're converted in the guts, you're trapped in the truth and you can never forget it. You can no longer take some things seriously." ~ Richard Rohr, "Jesus' Plan for a New World"

There are some very good books in the popular culture that are beginning to explore things like the power of intention, the law of attraction, the power of now. They recognize that there are untapped possibilities, personal and spiritual power at the level of our imagination. They rightly point out that what frequently holds us back from developing our potential as whole, human beings is - in part - the

7pm Taize Sve w
Stations of the Cross

Sat Apr 3:

**11am Easter Egg Hunt
& a Light Lunch @
Agape'**

Sun Apr 4:

7am Sunrise Service
10:30am Easter Sunday
Service

Sat Apr 10:

**8pm OpenDoor
Productions- Suzanne
Westenhoefer @ Youth
Orchestra Hall**

Sat Apr 24:

**7:30pm OpenDoor
Productions- Tret Fure
@ Heart & Soul Coffee
House- Agape'**

Sat May 1- Sun May 2:

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

March Stats:

03/07:

Attendance: 99
Offering: \$3,159

03/14:

Attendance:
Offering: \$

03/21:

Attendance:
Offering: \$

03/28:

Attendance:
Offering: \$

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way we represent reality to ourselves.

So I read these books and get pretty pumped up about the amazing universe in which I live. I feel like these powerful ideas bring us right to the brink of enlightenment and the unleashing of Spirit. But then it seems to me that at the last minute folks do a detour and try to apply these things to the "old order" instead of the "new order" that Jesus lived and breathed and taught. This new order would turn things upside down, offering a new symbolic universe and a new way of imagining our reality.

We are conditioned by the world in which we live to want more, bigger, faster; we want stuff (of any kind: physical, intellectual, emotional, spiritual) that will make us feel safe, smart and fulfilled, and we miss the point entirely. The "new order" Jesus models for us is just the opposite: smallness, patience, humility, wisdom, risk-taking. These don't usually rank high on the world's list of most desirable things.

We like the idea of Jesus and in churches we comfortably worship that idea every Sunday, but living like he lived...seeing the world like he saw it...reimagining how things might be...really being "converted in the guts"...well that's another story.

Prayer: God, give me the courage to risk seeing things differently and to risk being different. Enter into my awareness and help me imagine what You might like to do today, in me, in my family, in my work, in my world. Amen.

This Saturday, March 13

Men's Fellowship @ 7pm

at Wayne and Ray's Home

Pot Roast and Mashed Potatoes

Questions? Call 817-468-0076.



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

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quote: home, auto,
renters, life, etc.

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



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.

Also - you may **drop off early garage sale items (church garage sale is May 1-2)** on this date

which will be taken to the garage sale location. For more information, contact Stacy at: stacy_j9@yahoo.com .

from your Agape' Board of Directors



Easter Eggstravaganza

Please consider making a donation of plastic eggs, small healthy snacks, candy, and coins for our kiddos this year. Donations can be dropped off on the table in the foyer any Sunday or weekday **until April 1**. Please see our Holy Week schedule for time and place of the hunt this year!

Travel Holy Week with your Spiritual Community

Thursday, April 1

7:00 p.m. Spirit Road -Crucifixion and Jesus as Savior with a time of meditation

Friday, April 2

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in the Taize Tradition

Agape' MCC will receive
a \$25 check

for your inquiry.

Contact us at:

www.agapemcc.com

817-535-5002

Join Our Mailing List!

Saturday, April 3

11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt and light lunch at Agape'

Sunday, April 4

7:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service

10:30 a.m. - Easter Sunday Service



Join the Crowd!
Suzanne Westenhoefer's
Totally Inappropriate!
New Comedy Show

April 10 - 8 p.m.

Youth Orchestra Hall

4401 Trail Lake Drive, Fort Worth

Tickets: \$20 general seating (\$25 at door) / \$40 reserved

online at www.opendoorproductionstx.com

or at Agape' MCC 817-535-5002

For more information: 817-568-1432

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 Cure

Register or Donate Online at:

www.komentarrant.org

Grace Gray - Captain

April 24, 2010

Downtown Fort Worth at Sundance Square

Prayers:

- Continued healing and strength for Beverly M.
- For Tru and her tonsilectomy this Saturday.
- For Tru's parents and siblings!!
- For Marley and lil Bit.
- For a new home for Marley the puppy.
- Continued healing for Vida as she recovers from shoulder surgery.
- For all of those going through transitions with employment.
- For Aunt Rosemary.
- Travel mercies for Linda, Kris, and Loretta.
- Healing and strength for Jaci.
- Continued healing for Grace.
- For health for Shawn.

- For our roof repairs.

Praises!

- For a great first Sunday for our 2-4 year old Sunday School class.
- For our littlest drummer, Victor.
- For Mzzz Brown and the way she cares for our space and community.
- For all of those helping us conserve resources.
- For Candice and Evelyn who helped with our outdoor lighting.
- For Thomas and all of his help with setting up chairs and getting our space ready on Sunday mornings.
- For Janna and Pat who saw a need and met it.
- For Ms. Billie who staffs our name tag table on Sundays and greets everyone.
- For our new hot water heater!

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.