



Agape' MCC Weekly News

Mar 17 2010

Upcoming Events

Wed Mar 17:

7pm Choir Rehearsal

Thu Mar 18:

7pm Spirit Road-
Worship... What Is It?

Sat Mar 20:

9am-3pm Church Work
Day

Sun Mar 28:

"Easter Lunch" is held
on Palm Sunday this
year!

Thu Apr 1:

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

Fri Apr 2:

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
8am Pancake Breakfast**



Church Cleaning - Inside Job *and* Out

We are planning a Church work day this **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 will also be sprucing up the grounds (weather permitting). Please bring any supplies and tools you can to make this a successful project.

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



Repealing Don't Ask Don't Tell

reported by Evelyn Brown

On Friday March 19, 2010, representatives from our area of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) will be lobbying the U.S. House of Representatives including some of the U.S. Congress members from our area. They are calling for the repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell.

We have talked with Dave Guy-Gainer, CMSgt USAF(Ret), who is part of this lobby in Washington DC as a Board Member. He told us that SLDN representatives will personally be meeting with individual Congress members. SLDN will be insisting on promises that these representatives will vote to end the law known as Don't Ask Don't Tell or HR 1283.

This law currently requires any U.S. Military Servicemember who is GLBT to hide his or her sexual orientation. If they are identified as LGBT Servicemembers, they can immediately be subject to discharge from military service simply because of their sexual orientation.

10:30am Easter Sunday Service

Sat Apr 10:

8pm OpenDoor Productions- Suzanne Westenhofer @ 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: 119
Offering: \$3,159

03/14:

Attendance: 86
Offering: \$1,367

03/21:

Attendance:
Offering: \$

03/28:

Attendance:
Offering: \$

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As recently as 2009 over 400 servicemembers were discharged from the military only because their 'superiors' learned that they were LGBT.

What Dave is asking of you is to call the office of the person who represents you in the U S Congress on March 19th. Ask for the law known as Don't Ask Don't Tell to be repealed.

HR 1283 is the resolution that you want the congress person to pass to accomplish ending DADT. By doing this you can emphasize what the lobby is asking of the U S House on Friday, March 19th You will have the opportunity to tell congress to end this 'legislated discrimination" against LGBT servicemembers on the same day they are being visited by this lobby.

President Obama has voiced that the time is right to see this law repealed, and military leaders including the Secretary of Defense say it is expensive and costly and have said it can be repealed. They too will be studying how best to allow GLBT Servicemembers to serve openly regardless of sexual orientation.

You may call directly to the Chief of Staff of Joe Barton, 6th Congressional District, by calling Ron White (202) 225.2002. In Tarrant County Joe Barton represents part of the following cities: Arlington, Crowley, Fort Worth, and Mansfield.

You can call Michael Burgess's Chief of Staff (Barry Brown): (202) 225.7772. He represents parts of Tarrant and Cooke County including Forest Hill where Agape' is located.

If you are unsure of whom to call, you can call the U.S. House of Representatives and provide your zip code. They can connect you with your representative or give you chief of staff for your Congressman / Congresswoman. (202) 224-3121 | TTY: (202) 225-1904

(Next week' in the Agape News we can give you more information about writing or calling to end DADT at this important time)



Easter Season Church Lunch on Palm Sunday

We will have our **Easter Season Luncheon** on Palm **Sunday, March 28** after morning worship. Our Caterer in Residence, Mr. Rusty Cuniff, will be preparing his traditional ham, green beans, and potatoes. *Come join us!*

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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!



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:

- 3/18 - Worship...what is it?
- 3/25 - Christianity...the only way?
- 4/1 - Crucifixion, Jesus as Savior

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

Saturday, April 3

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

Sunday, April 4

- 7:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service
- 8:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
- 10:30 a.m. - Easter Sunday Service

Join Our Mailing List!



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



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:

- For Rev. Teri in Arizona with her step-mom and for her Dad during this difficult time.
- Prayers for June as she journeys with cancer.
- For progress in doing away with "Don't Ask Don't Tell".
- For Grace G.
- For Norma, Grace's mom having surgery on Friday.
- Healing for Carlos from migraines.
- For Jaqi and Jessica possible MS and EEG this Friday.
- For Gail and Christina as they grieve the death of their grandson.
- Continued healing for Evelyn B.
- Continued healing for Tru.
- For those experiencing transitions in their employment.
- For those seeking employment.
- For all of those undergoing medical procedures.
- Travel mercies for a sister relocating to Texas.
- For Jenn starting a new job.
- For guidance and peace during changes in the journey.
- For healing for Carol's parents who were in an automobile accident.

Praises!

- For Lisa D. and her service in this place.
- For Kathy M. who fed the leaders.
- For Gail G's granddaughter accepted into culinary school in D.C.
- For Robert M. and his service among us.
- For our choir and the way they lead worship.
- For the generosity of our community.
- For Stephanie and her leadership.
- For our Spiritual Home.
- For Victor and his passion for drumming.

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.