



Upcoming Events

Wed Apr 21:

Choir Rehearsal

Thu Apr 22:

7pm Spirit Road:
Orthodoxy- From Empire
to Empire

Fri Apr 23:

6pm Samaritan House
Supper Club

Sat Apr 24:

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

Sun Apr 25:

10:30am Worship
Service

**11:45am Meet, Greet &
Eat**

Wed Apr 28:

7pm Choir Rehearsal

Thu Apr 29:

7pm Spirit Road:
Reformation- The
Individual Before God

Sat May 1- Sun May 2:

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

Sun May 2:

10:30am Worship

**11:45am Communion
Holders/Servers Trng**

**12:00pm Membership
Class**



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 Saturday, April 24
 7:30 p.m.

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Weekly Meditation, April 21, 2010

By Rev. Teri Lubbers

Kneel and Kiss the Ground

Today, like every other day, we wake up empty and frightened. Don't open the door to the study and begin reading. Take down a musical instrument. Let the beauty we love be what we do. There are hundreds of ways to kneel and kiss the ground. ~ The Essential Rumi, translated by Coleman Barks.

I am beginning to think that many of the routines that give shape to my day are actually my antidotes to emptiness and fear. I know that I am

April Stats:

04/04:

Attendance: 162

Offering: \$7,428

04/11:

Attendance: 124

Offering: \$2,350

04/18:

Attendance: 121

Offering: \$2,507

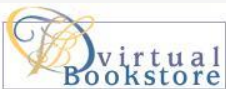
04/25:

Attendance:

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a creature of habit and routine. For example, I eat the same thing every morning for breakfast: oatmeal with oat bran, dried cranberries, cinnamon and soy milk. Every morning! It's good for me. I like it. Structure isn't a bad thing; too much chaos will tear our lives apart. But I sometimes have a nagging suspicion that perhaps I create rituals and routines to protect myself from the unknown, to ward off the unexpected, to seal off any access whereby the uninvited might find me and change me and interject a note of uncertainty into my tightly-sewn-up life. I am embarrassed to admit that the uninvited sometimes includes Spirit.

Rumi says resist the temptation to do what we always do, to pick up a book for answers (or turn on the television or iPod for distraction). Resist the inclination to fill up the emptiness with something, especially something that reinforces ideas you already have. Instead, take down a musical instrument (or a paintbrush or a lump of clay)...something which offers the potential for creativity, an opportunity that Spirit might use to birth some new melody in you.

I still start most mornings by reading something. But sometimes I play my flute. I once had a professor for a class on prayer who required that I find a way to pray that didn't involve words... I chose the flute (others chose things like cooking, or gardening or walking). It is a way that I have learned to "kneel and kiss the ground." Rumi says there are hundreds of ways... What are you choosing?

Prayer: God, let the beauty I love be what I do. Help me remember to kneel and kiss the ground, surrendering to gratitude and the moving of your Spirit. Instead of always trying to fill the emptiness that is in me, let it be the path into your garden. Amen.

The History of Christianity at Spirit Road

Please join us, as we continue our series on the History of Christianity. This is a DVD series presented by gay Christian Historian Diarmaid MacCulloch who is faculty at Oxford. There will be time for discussion. Remaining presentations are:

April 22 - Orthodoxy: From Empire to Empire

April 29 - Reformation: The Individual Before God

May 6 - Protestantism: The Evangelical Explosion

May 13 - God in the Dock

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May 2, 2010

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From Stacy, our Garage Sale Coordinator!

Jen and I have decided to do a garage sale pick up day on **April 24 from 10 AM to 1PM at the church.**

We will pick things up or meet people and they can follow us to the house to drop off especially if they have large furniture.

The house is in Arlington so it is not a long drive. Please put this date on your calendar. And remember:

Church Garage Sale

May 1-2

8am - 3pm

at Jennifer N.'s house in Arlington!



Servers Needed - Class May 2

Communion Servers Needed! There will be a communion server training class **following our worship experience Sunday May 2nd.**

Who can serve communion? Communion servers are those individuals who may have spiritual gifts relating to wisdom, discerning of spirits, prophecy or healing. Each individual, if open and willing, will be used by Spirit to pray a prayer of blessing to those who receive communion during our worship experience.

If you are interested in participating in this incredible ministry or just want to attend to gather information, please contact Leigh Wolfer after service or call Leigh at 469-426-8803.



New Member Class

New Membership Class - May 2

Rev. David will be teaching a **New Members Class on May 2** following the morning worship service from **noon to 2:00 p.m.**

There is no need to RSVP just plan to meet Rev. David in the sanctuary to check out what it means to enter membership here at Agape'.

Prayers:

- for Angelica D- death of her grandmother and transportation issues that are possibly keeping her from the funeral.
- For everyone experiencing transitions in their relationships.
- For all of those still waiting on jobs.
- For those who are struggling to find meaning.

- Healing for Shawn's grandmother after a stroke.
- Light to Shawn's family.
- For all of those facing major life decisions.

Praises!

- For Lisa O and her cleaning...the original women's BR floor hasn't been that clean in years.
- Welcome of Denise L as our newest Agape office volunteer.
- Agape's outdoor spiritual spaces- the labyrinth, the gardens, the greenspaces.
- For Evelyn B. and her gentle Spirit.
- For Zac and his leadership among our youth and in our community.
- For Kathy and her continued inspiration.
- For Claudia and her ministry among us.
- For those who teach, lead, and love our children.
- For Kim and her creativity

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.