



Agape' MCC Weekly News

April 28 2010

Upcoming Events

Wed Apr 28:

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 -
Brenner & Beckstead
Ministries

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

**12:00pm Membership
Class**

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: 120
Offering: \$1,298



Brenner and Beckstead Ministries

May 2, 2010

Agape' MCC

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30am

Price: Love Offering/Merchandise Table



Weekly Meditation, April 28, 2010

By Rev. Teri Lubbers

Standing In the Fire

It doesn't interest me who you know or how you came to be here. I want to know if you will stand in the center of the fire with me and not shrink back. ~ Oriah, "The Invitation"

If you pull out a Bible concordance and look up "fire" you will find some powerful stories: a pillar of fire leads slaves out of Egypt, three escaping unscathed from a fiery furnace, Moses' burning bush, Pentecostal tongues of flame, a risen Christ cooking breakfast on the beach. And these are just the ones that come to mind...I know there are more.

Fire burns, warms, leads, lights, cooks, consumes, destroys, cleanses. Sometimes it hurts, sometimes it helps, and sometimes it burns down the house.

Sit down and make a list of the people that are willing to stand in the fire with you and not shrink back. Now make a list of the people for whom you are willing to stand in the fire and not shrink back. We are barely able to stand in our own fires, much less volunteer to stand with someone else in theirs, but the folks on those lists are real community. Fiery moments are truth-tellers, oracles that remind us who we really are. When everything else burns away, all the props, all the personal fairy tales, all the hype we are taught to swallow as truth, when it is all reduced to ash, what is left? What does the phoenix look like? Come and see.

Prayer: Creator, You Spirit of Fire, burn away all that is unnecessary today. Warm all that is cold in me and light the way I should go. Help me stand still even when I want to run away. Make me fuel for your flame. Amen.

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The History of Christianity at Spirit Road

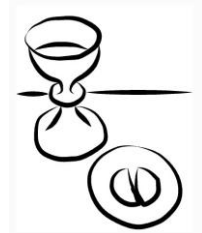
Please join us, as we continue our series on the History of Christianity. This is a DVD series presented by gay Christian Historian Diarmaid MacCulloch who is faculty at Oxford. There will be time for discussion. Remaining presentations are:

April 29 - Reformation: The Individual Before God
May 6 - Protestantism: The Evangelical Explosion
May 13 - God in the Dock



Church Garage Sale
May 1-2
8am - 3pm
at Jennifer N.'s house in Arlington!

[1914 Elmhurst Arlington, Tx 76012](#)



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 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.**

New Member Class 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'.

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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Prayers:

- For all those who are ill and needing healing.
- For ones seeking employment or change in employment.
- For our pastors and staff.
- For those who are grieving.

Praises!

- For all Agape' members and friends.
- For those who continue to recover from surgery or injury.
- For a great OpenDoor concert last weekend with Tret Fure!
- For all my friends who support me.
- Thanks Mark and Miguel- what a great meal last Sunday afternoon!

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.