



Agape' MCC Weekly News

May 5 2010

Upcoming Events

Wed May 5:

Choir Rehearsal

Thu May 6:

7pm Spirit Road:
Protestantism- The
Evangelical Explosion

Sun May 9:

10:30am Worship
Service

Mon May 10:

7pm Board of Directors

Wed May 12:

7pm Choir Rehearsal

Thu May 13:

7pm Spirit Road: God in
the Dock

Fri May 14:

6pm Samaritan House
Supper Club

Sat May 15:

6pm Men's Fellowship @
Zio's Italian Restaurant

May Stats:

05/05:

Attendance: 127
Offering: \$1,143

05/12:

Attendance:
Offering: \$

05/19:

Attendance:
Offering: \$

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:

May 6 - Protestantism: The Evangelical Explosion

May 13 - God in the Dock

More Upcoming Spirit Road Topics:

May 20 - So, you think you're NOT creative?

May 27 - Finding God in Pop Culture



Weekly Meditation, May 5, 2010

By Rev. Teri Lubbers

Open Spaces

What makes a fire burn is space between the logs, a breathing space. Too much of a good thing, too many logs packed in too tight can douse the flames almost as surely as a pail of water would...We only need to lay a log lightly from time to time. A fire grows simply because the space is there with openings in which the flame that knows just how it wants to burn can find its way. ~ Judy Brown, from the poem "Fire"

My life has been a constant battle...I keep trying to pack ten pounds into five-pound bags...there's always stuff left over...I always feel bad about what doesn't make it into the bag...Instead of stopping to assess things, instead of making peace with my own finitude, I have tended to pack harder, get busier, believing it will all somehow magically fit in if I only try harder. I am not always aware of what drives that need to fill every waking moment. Is it a need to be productive? Feel useful? To achieve? To feel worthy? To stay distracted so I don't listen to my deepest longings? I'm still working on that.

Turns out that packing too many logs on a fire smothers the fire (as the occasional camper can attest). Fire needs breathing space. People do too. We need open spaces, out-of-doors, in our schedules, in our lives. We need to be surrounded by natural things instead of fabricated things

I have returned to a practice - which I had gotten away from in recent years - of walking in the mornings. Early morning walks have been a

05/26:

Attendance:

Offering: \$

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practice woven in and out of my life since I was in my 20's. Yesterday I was out before dawn. There was mist rising from the river that made it feel magical. Reminded me of a postcard that Brenda Hunt sent me from UK many years ago, which I keep hanging in my study...it is a picture of standing stones, a huge tree, dawn light and mist surrounding everything. Her note says, "There is always a mist around holy places..."

Create some open space today. Be intentional about it. It might just be that nothing else is more important.

Prayer: Creator, you are the God of open spaces, of morning light, of gathering mist. You are the flame that knows just how it wants to burn in me. Help me build open spaces, in my own life and for those whose path intersects mine this day. Amen.



Everman Animal Shelter Needs YOU!

We have received word that the Everman Animal Shelter (just 2 miles from the church) needs help. They have immediate needs for bleach, Dawn dishwashing liquid, concentrated Lysol, and

bags of puppy food and adult dog food.

Just bring these items to the church (leave in Fellowship Hall) and volunteers will get these items to the shelter.

Prayers:

- Healing for Anna.
- Healing for Linda after surgery.
- For all who care for and show up for those who are healing.
- For all experiencing changes in relationships.
- For families in transitions.
- Travel mercies for Jessica.
- Healing for Denise.
- Wisdom, health, and wellness for Jaci.
- For our leaders and our community.
- Continued healing for Ms. Billie.

Praises!

- For Zac who inspires us.
- For Susie and Linda's ministry among us.
- For the life transitions that set us free.
- For friends and support as we grow.
- For everyone who helped with the garage sale.
- For Stacy J. and her amazing work in fundraising.
- For Billy and Mark who are always willing.
- For Mary and her mowing.
- For Lou who takes such good care of the altar.
- For Bob who gifted his time to Anna.
- For Jane and her care of Anna.
- For Jose and his gifts.
- For Juan's science lesson on Earth Day Sunday.
- For our church family.

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- For Lisa who shows up.
- For Jackie's help in the office.

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.