



Agape' MCC Newsletter

August 18 2010

Upcoming Events

Thu August 19:

7pm Spirit Road- Rhythm, Art, Poetry Night

Sat August 21:

7:30pm Battle of the Bands!

Sun August 22:

10:30am Worship Service
11:45am Meet, Greet & Eat!

Mon August 23:

6:30pm Deacons Meeting
(rescheduled)

Thu August 26:

7pm Spirit Road

Fri August 27:

6pm Samaritan House Supper Club

Sat August 28:

6:30-9pm Game Night- bring a snack & bring your favorite game.

Sun August 29:

12:15pm Town Hall Meeting

Wed September 1:

7-8:30pm The Journey: Spiritual Gifts led by Mary Cantrell- Part 1

Sun September 5:

Noon General Conference Update by Agape' Delegates

Wed September 15:

7-8:30pm The Journey: Spiritual Gifts led by Mary Cantrell- Part 2

Sun October 2:

2pm Pride Parade

Sun October 10:

Pride Picnic @ Trinity Park

August Statistics

Battle of the Bands

Sat, August 21



Heart and Soul Coffee House- Agape' MCC
Tickets: \$7.50 ea or 2 for \$15

Meditation Aug 18

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

Possibility of Success

In my experience, the universe falls in with worthy plans and most especially with festive and expansive ones. I have seldom conceived a delicious plan without being given the means to accomplish it. Understand that the what must come before the how. First choose what you would do. The how usually falls into place of itself...The universe is prodigal in its support. We are miserly in what we accept. All gift horses are looked in the mouth and usually returned to sender. We say we are scared by failure, but what frightens us more is the possibility of success. ~ Julia Cameron, "The Artist's Way"



Could it really be that simple? Really? You mean like "ask, and you shall receive?" Asking the universe, God, Jesus, Spirit, Divine (whatever name you use) for something in particular opens up a channel through which Divine creativity can flow. Think about how children play in water and sand. There might be a little "lake" of water but until you take your finger and carve a little canal in the sand the water can't flow anywhere. It just stays contained. Asking the universe for something is a little like a finger in the sand. It creates a path into which the

08/01:

Attendance: 118
Offering: \$1,369

08/08:

Attendance: 123
Offering: \$4,171

08/15:

Attendance: 103
Offering: \$1,464

08/22:

Attendance:
Offering: \$

08/29:

Attendance:
Offering: \$

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request can flow. Intention is everything and - conscious or not - we are setting our intentions and sending them out every moment of every day. I imagine God as this giant lake being held back by a dam, just waiting, waiting for someone to open the floodgates. God is not stingy.

There are lots of ways to look a gift horse in the mouth. There's the "I don't deserve to have..." or "I couldn't possibly do..." or "I'm just not good at..." or "what would people think?" We have lots of excuses and reasons why we won't even imagine the possibilities. I think we frequently hide behind a mask of superficial modesty or humility which is really just a smokescreen for fear. At first it looks like we're being polite and letting everyone go first, but turns out we just aren't going anywhere ourselves. So dream big and come up with a delicious plan. Rumi has a great way of saying it: Build the boat...there will be water to float it.

Prayer: Lover of my soul, help me dream big without letting any of those "don't-be-silly" thoughts taking over. Help me to imagine the possibilities and then trust you to accomplish them through me. I can hardly wait to see what you will do next. Amen.

Spirit Road

Summer Fun 2010

This Thursday, 7 p.m. Aug 19 - R.A.P. Night = Rhythm. Art. Poetry. Share your fave song, play your guitar, work on your art project, read a poem.



Thursday, Aug 26 - R.A.K. Night Out - Random Acts of Kindness ~ meets ~ Sundance Square, Museum exhibit, Starbucks game night ...details to come!

Coming Up at Agape' in Worship

by Rev. David Wynn

Plan to be part of our communal worship as a way to stay connected in your larger spiritual journeys.



We have spent the month immersed in "The Prayer of Jesus". We will linger over how Jesus taught us to pray and how embodying this prayer and way of being in the world builds relationship to God, to each other and to ourselves.

**August 22 - "As We Forgive"
August 29 - "Deliver Us"**

Beginning in September: "The Leading Causes of Life...it is possible to live a life that is ABOUT LIFE!"

Agape' Game Night - Sat, August 28

& raise funds for Agape'!

Call the Kudlac Insurance Agency at 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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Come Join the Fun!

Come to Game Night at Agape' MCC.

Please bring your favorite game to play and a snack to share!

See you from 6:30-9 p.m. on Saturday, August 28!



Next Town Meeting!

Join Us on Sunday August 29

Please join us Sunday the 29th for an hour of sharing. We will discuss the upcoming events and projects going on here at Agape' and then we will spend 20-30 minutes hearing your cares, concerns and questions about these topics: Picnic & Parade - Concerts & Shows - New Education schedule - Music Dept - Gift Shop....JOIN US!



Until then, Your Board Of Directors wishes you peace.

Town Hall Meeting

Sun, Aug 29

12:15-1:15 p.m.

Notes from our Board and Pastor

Open Positions for Election this November

Board of Directors - 2 three year terms

Personnel Committee - 2 two year terms

Lay Delegates - 2 three year terms

Alternate Lay Delegates - 2 three year terms

We need active members willing to serve our church in the positions listed above. Please consider prayerfully and contact Rev. David with any questions. Applications will be available soon.

[Click here](#) to read a special invitation from outgoing Board Treasurer Billy Stewart.

Stewardship Pledge Time is Coming

Please also be in prayer about our annual stewardship pledge drive and what you may contribute for budget year 2011 by way of tithing. More information coming soon.

Sunday School Teachers are Needed!

We really need some new volunteers immediately for our children's Sunday School program. Won't you prayerfully consider participating in this valuable ministry? Contact Rev. David or Stephanie L. for more information.

Happy 40th Birthday, Agape'

Next year, we celebrate our 40th birthday as a church! We want to start making plans now. If you would like to help, please contact Agape' Board member, Lisa D. on

Sundays or email her at ladave1961@aol.com.

General Conference Update - Sun, Sept 5

Updates From Our Delegates

Join us Sunday, September 5, after service to learn of the changes to our denomination, workshop updates and worship experiences from our conference delegates. We will also have a slide show of events, people and places we saw at conference in Acapulco Mexico! See you there!



The Journey at Agape'

September

Spiritual Gifts

We begin our spiritual growth series this fall with 2 sessions in September on Spiritual Gifts. These sessions will be led by Mary Cantrell, M.Div, (who is completing her year of clergy internship at Agape').



Please sign up in August and complete the inventory survey before the first class. You can find a copy of the inventory on our website by clicking [here](#).

Wednesday, September 1, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Social Hall

Wednesday, September 15, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Social Hall

Any Questions? contact Mary at mcantrell@urhcs.org or 940-781-0736

Coming Soon!

Spiritual Types led by Jenny Cureton, LPC

Wednesday, October 6, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Social Hall

Wednesday, October 20, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Social Hall

(pre-assessment to be completed online in September)

Benedictine Spirituality led by Rev. Teri Lubbers

Wednesday, November 3, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Social Hall

Wednesday, November 17, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Social Hall

Bubb Fundraising for Agape'- Recycle!

Recycle for Agape'

Our pick-up date has been extended until September! More information next week.

We just heard from Bubb that they now take toys and clothing! All donations need to be in boxes (no bags).



Click [here](#) to see some of the items you may donate for the church fundraiser. Stacy will be glad to come pick up things, meet you at the church, or at the storage unit.

For answers to your questions or to schedule donation pick up - Contact Stacy Jones at: simonntig@gmail.com or call her at: 817-680-4083.

From the Turtle Creek Chorale

Fall 2010 Auditions

The Turtle Creek Chorale would like to announce their Fall 2010 Auditions! Click [here for a copy of their flyer.](#)

Potential New Members are invited to attend an open rehearsal on **Tuesday, August 24 beginning at 7 PM** at Sammons Center for the Arts. Then, Auditions will be held on **Sunday, August 29 from 3-6 PM** at Grace United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas. To pre-register and to find out more information concerning auditions, and the chorale, visit our website www.turtlecreek.org.

Pride Week 2010

Set for Oct 3 - Oct 10, 2010

We will be building a float for the Parade this year, as well as getting ready for the Picnic and Parade activities. We are also taking the gift shop to the Pride Festival in Dallas in September this year and will be announcing a gift shop committee meeting soon.



The Parade is on Sunday, Oct 3, and **the Picnic has been changed to Sunday, Oct 10.**

To find out more info about Tarrant Pride Week, go to <http://www.tcgpwa.org/> . If you are interested in working on one of our teams, contact Stacy Jones at simonntig@gmail.com.

Prayers

- Grace's cousin, Barry- having a hard time with life right now.
- Linda G.'s dad, Sam - admitted to the hospital with pneumonia and the entire family- dealing with many concerns.
- Mark H.'s brother Arvy who is having heart surgery.
- Donna H.'s mom Minnie Ford diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Louise M.- health concerns.
- Tommie Lee's cat - Jobi, who may have cancer.
- Rev. Margaret Walker who is in the hospital.
- Evelyn B. - for restoration and stamina during this hot weather.
- Jamie and Lee recovering from being mugged in Dallas.

God, hear our prayers.

Praises

- For the biopsy that came back benign for Wren W.!
- Rev. Teri - who gave a moving invocation last week

- at the Fort Worth City Council meeting.
- Kris Mc., David D., Rusty C., and Kathy M. - opening up our space to the community.
 - Mickey H., Stephanie L., Kathy M. and Zac E. - our Internship Committee for clergy in training.
 - Mary C. and Paul F. - clergy types who will be part of our community for the next year.
 - Our Board and all they do among us.
 - Our prayer warriors who hold us all in their hearts every day.
 - Our office volunteers.
 - Sheri C. and her many, many gifts.
 - For the visionaries who guide us.
 - Praises to all who faithfully give their time to serve at Agape' - you are greatly appreciated.

*Blessed are those who put their trust in God -
Psalms 40:4*

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.