



Agape' MCC Newsletter

August 25 2010

Upcoming Events

Thu August 26:

7pm Spirit Road- @ Starbuck
3300 SE Loop 820 in Forest Hill

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

Fri September 10:

5:30pm Samaritan House
Supper Club

Wed September 15:

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

Spirit Road

Summer Fun 2010

**Thursday, Aug 26 - R.A.K. Night Out -
Random Acts of Kindness** ~ we're
meeting at the Starbucks in Forest Hill
located at: 3300 SE Loop 820, Forest Hill
76140 (I-20 and Forest Hill- next to
Blockbuster).



Meditation Aug 25

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

Universe of Creation-Word

*This visible universe has many
weathers and variations...the universe
of the creation-word, the divine
command to Be, that universe of
qualities is beyond any pointing to.*



*More intelligent than intellect, and more spiritual
than spirit. No being is unconnected to that reality,
and that connection cannot be said. There, there's
no separation and no return. There are guides who
can show you the way. Use them. But they will not
satisfy your longing...Observe the wonders as they
occur around you. Don't claim them. Feel the
artistry moving through, and be silent. ~ Rumi*

It's not easy living in two worlds, the visible and the
invisible, the seen and the unseen. What we usually opt
for is what seems to be the easier path. We choose the
visible, the things we can see and touch. We let the visible
world - the world that seems so solid to us - consume our
time, our energy, our attention. We choose the activity of
daily life and let it expand to fill every nook and cranny of
us. The unseen world is just so slippery and elusive and
how do you look for something you already know can't be
seen?

In the visible universe, we are continually subjected to
weathers and change, ebbs and flows, ups and downs,
successes and failures. But there is this other universe to
which we are also connected. There is no way to NOT be
connected. But because we can't wrap words around it,

Sun October 2:

2pm Pride Parade

Sun October 10:

Pride Picnic @ Trinity Park

August Statistics

08/01:

Attendance: 118

Offering: \$1,369

08/08:

Attendance: 123

Offering: \$4,171

08/15:

Attendance: 103

Offering: \$1,464

08/22:

Attendance: 117

Offering: \$1,180

08/29:

Attendance:

Offering: \$

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because we can't quantify and measure it, because we can't put a price tag of value on it, we sometimes dismiss it or neglect it or develop amnesia and forget it even exists. This other universe is the one of the *creation-word*, the *divine command to Be*. Paradox of paradox. There's no separation and no return. We keep trying to get somewhere when there is nowhere to go, when in truth we are already there.

Observe the wonders around you today without trying to possess them or keep them from moving on their way. The invisible world is feeding the one you see, like a hidden spring feeding the stream you can see.

Prayer: Creator, give me ears to hear your creation-word today. Let me respond by opening - the way the rose opens to the sun. Amen.

Agape' Game Night - Sat, August 28

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!**



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 29 - "Deliver Us"

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



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



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**Sun, Aug 29
12:15-1:15 p.m.**

Music Survey

Coming Soon!

A Music Survey will be emailed in the very near future. Keep checking here!



Can You Help?

Clothing Donations Needed

Someone new to our community is in need of some professional looking clothing to assist in interviewing and getting a job.

Men's size medium shirt, pants: 30-32 inch waist, 32 length. Please contact Rev. David at the church office if you can help: 817-535-5002 or email him at: revwynn@yahoo.com.



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.

Gayby Boom Videos Needed

Seeking Video Entries by Sept 1

Parents who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender are invited to submit videos to be included in a feature documentary, Gayby Boom, exploring the ever-evolving definition of family values. LGBT parents and their children of all ages are encouraged to participate. Filmmaker toolkits are available online.



"We need parents from around the globe to submit home videos to represent the many faces and lives involved in LGBT families. In a time where it is still illegal for LGBT individuals to marry and/or adopt in many countries, it is also the time to share our lives in the spirit of education and awareness for all communities," said filmmaker Lisa Marie Evans. "This will be an education tool for LGBT individuals seeking to bring children into their lives as they learn from the stories and experiences of others."

For more information, visit: <http://www.gaybyboomfilm.com>. **The submission deadline is 1 September.** [Click here](#) to view the video trailer.

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.

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Volunteer Opportunity

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For more information, click here: www.contactcrisisline.org

Prayers

- Jeremie L.- for his life journey; also grieving the loss of his grandmother; additionally the loss of a beloved pet.
- Mark H. - Pray for family- his 17 yr old nephew passed away on Aug 23. Funeral is in Dennison Texas on Aug 26.
- Phillip - who needs work and also pray for his family.
- Continued healing for those who are recovering from recent surgery or illness.

God, hear our prayers.

Praises

- OpenDoor Productions and a great Battle of the Bands!
- Kris & Linda- who made a way for VENT to play their first official gig.
- For the stewardship of OpenDoor Productions
- OWLS hospitality- preparing, serving and cleaning up after last Sunday's Meet, Greet and Eat.
- Candy D. - thanks for providing the sound/media support last weekend.
- Our new bulletin volunteers.
- Larissa and Nora - who stepped up to help with

Sunday School.

- Our new Ministers of Community Care.
- Rev. Teresa - who helped so much with training over the past 6 months.
- For the rain!
- For a happy church.

*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.