



# Agape' MCC Newsletter

September 8 2010

## Upcoming Events

### Thu September 9:

7pm Spirit Road - on the road @ **1851 Club**, 1851 Division St in Arlington

### Fri September 10:

5:30pm Samaritan House Supper Club

### Sat September 11:

7pm Men's Fellowship @ Tom's Hamburgers (1530 N Cooper St, Arlington)

### Sun September 12:

**5pm OpenDoor Production- Lisa Ferraro & Erika Lockett** (Heart & Soul Coffee House - Agape')

### Wed September 15:

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

### Sun September 19:

10:30am Worship - Commissioning of Ministers of Community Care

### Sun September 26:

Meet, Eat and Greet (after service) - Our guests eat free!

### Sun October 2:

**2pm Pride Parade**

## Spirit Road This Week

Thu Sept 9

### Meet Us @ 1851 Club 7 p.m.

This week, we are out into our community. Out into the world where folks need to know that there are spiritual communities that are serious about Jesus' teachings that our goal in this journey is to love God, love each other, and love ourselves without the destructive and devious doctrine that has for too long left folks "outside" and ostracized from true spiritual community.



We will begin gathering at **7 p.m. to discuss "What does it mean to be truly alive?" at the 1851 Club in Arlington...1851 W. Division St. 76012.** So come on out and join us and some folks from The Eucharastrophe, [www.theeuc.net](http://www.theeuc.net), to hang out and explore our journeys.

## OpenDoor Productions This Sunday!

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PRODUCTIONS

Heart & Soul Coffeehouse  
presents

Erika Lockett &  
Lisa Ferraro



**Erika Lockett and Lisa Ferraro  
on Sunday, Sept. 12, 5PM  
at the Heart and Soul Coffeehouse**

4615 E California Parkway, Fort Worth TX 76119

**Yes, Sunday, 5PM, Sept. 12, 2010**

**Wed October 6:**

**7pm Spiritual Types** led by Jenny Cureton, LPC- Part 1

**Sun October 10:**

**Pride Picnic @ Trinity Park**

**Wed October 20:**

**7pm Spiritual Types** led by Jenny Cureton, LPC- Part 2

**Wed November 3:**

**7pm Benedictine Spirituality** led by Rev. Teri Lubbers- Part 1

**Sat November 6:**

**8pm OpenDoor Production-Suede! with Julie Bonk**  
(Youth Orchestra Hall)

**Wed November 17:**

**7pm Benedictine Spirituality** led by Rev. Teri Lubbers- Part 1

## September Statistics

**09/05:**

Attendance: 131

Offering: \$956

**09/12:**

Attendance:

Offering: \$

**09/19:**

Attendance:

Offering: \$

**09/26:**

Attendance:

Offering: \$

## Need a Book? A Bible? A Music CD?

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Erika & Lisa possess remarkable skills, and together a synergy emerges which, goes beyond the sum of two voices and one guitar. Their music defies traditional classification (jazz, funk, blues, folk, sacred, world, pop, Latin) and cooks up an authentic and powerful new musical offering. Check out their National Women's Music Festival performance at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T9tzTEXYG0g&feature=related>

To buy your ticket and get directions, go to:

<http://www.opendoorproductionstx.com>

## Meditation Sept 8

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

### There Is A Tree

*There is a tree beyond this world. In its ancient roots a song is curled. I am the fool whose life's been spent, between what's said and what is meant. ~Carrie Newcomer, lyrics from album "Geography of Light"*



The quote above comes from a song I heard last night for the first time ...I love the image of a song being curled up in the ancient roots of a tree beyond this world. And the next line also resonated with me, that my life's been spent between what's said and what is meant. Don't know about you, but I often find it difficult to say what I mean in real time. With reflection time I can sometimes verbalize what I really mean. But I am struck with how often I do the automatic thing in real time. I will say the thing that another expects, or that seems acceptable, or that is designed not to hurt, offend, leave me open to criticism, or reveal more of myself than I want another to know. I like being liked. I know the internal censor we each carry colludes in our being less than honest and authentic with ourselves and one another. But maybe we could practice getting what we what we mean and what we say a little closer to each other.

I usually walk Lola twice a day along the Trinity River. Every day we pass this huge beautiful tree whose branches make a canopy probably 100 feet wide, casting shade and that kind of quiet that only trees send out. Sometimes I stop - on the pretense of letting Lola sniff just in case anyone is watching (why it matters to me what a total stranger thinks of me is anyone's guess!) - and place my hand on the trunk of this tree and share its energy for a moment. I imagine its roots pushing through the earth, going deeper than I can know to draw strength and nourishment from the darkness so its branches can reach high to draw in the life-giving light. It is my grounding tree.

Find whatever touchstone helps you ground yourself today and commit to yourself that at least once today you will not do the "automatic thing" as you interact with others, but that you will

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think about what you mean, and then let that be what you say.

**Prayer: Creator, you are the One who desires truth in the inward parts of us. Help me embrace my own best self today, being honest with You, with others, and especially with myself. Amen.**

## September Men's Fellowship

Sat, Sept 11

**This Saturday at 7 p.m.**

Your Host, Jimmy M., invites you to this month's Men's Fellowship event at:

**Tom's Hamburgers**

**1530 N Cooper St**

**Arlington Texas 76011**

Come Join the Fun and Bring a Friend!

[Need Directions? Click Here!](#)



## The Leading Causes of Life!

by Rev. David

**Starting This Sunday**

Join us this Sunday as we begin exploring what it means to have life and have it to the full. Jesus said that is what his life and ministry was about...so are we living? Join us!!

## Ministers of Community Care

**Commissioning on Sun September 19**

Over the past several months, the Ministers of Community Care have completed several training sessions. This training included meditation and prayer, pastoral care, spiritual gifts and care for those experiencing grief and loss. They have all made a commitment to this ministry, and will provide pastoral care to the Agape' MCC community. They will offer hospital visits, pastoral visits, and a listening ear with the assurance of confidentiality.

Over the next couple of weeks, the members of our community will be contacted by their assigned Minister. The Ministers of Community Care hope to mentor members of these groups and create a community of care. Our new Ministers of Community Care are: Janna Brown, Pat Parker, Stephanie Lotz, Zac Edwards, Tinker Bennett, Lisa Davenport, Linda Gray and Grace Gray.

**Commissioning of New Ministers of Community Care**

**Sunday, Sept 19**

## Open Positions for Election in November!

**We need Active Members Willing to Serve as:**

**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

Please consider prayerfully the positions listed above and contact Rev. David with any questions. Applications are available at the church.

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

## 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](mailto:simonntig@gmail.com) or call her at: 817-680-4083.

## 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](mailto:simonntig@gmail.com).

## Prayers

- For a kindergarten student diagnosed with terminal cancer-strength for everyone as we try to build a wonderful school experience for her.
- A job for Gina (has a great lead).
- Tommie Lee - health & strength.
- Jade R. - health issues & pain - getting signed up with JPS.
- Pat P. - foot surgery on Friday.
- Tinker B. - running a fever and decision on what to do about her knee.
- All those needing employment.

*God, hear our prayers.*

## Praises

- Zac and his wonderful message on Sunday.
- Kathy, Robert and Teri for their conference updates Sunday afternoon.
- Thanks, Kathy, for the great hospitality snacks and Danny for being a great helper!
- The rain and cooler temps.

*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.