



# Agape' MCC Newsletter

December 22 2010

## Upcoming Events

**Wed December 22:**

**7am Advent Morning Prayers**

**Fri December 24:**

**7pm Christmas Eve Service**

NO Samaritan House Supper Club this week

**Sun December 26:**

10:30am Worship Service

**Wed January 05:**

**7pm Studying the Bible in our Emerging Culture**

**Mon January 10:**

7pm Board of Directors

**Fri January 14:**

5:30pm Samaritan House Supper Club

**Sat January 15:**

**11am Share a Square Stitching Party**

**Wed January 19:**

**7pm Studying the Bible in our Emerging Culture**

**Sun January 23:**

11:45am Meet, Greet & Eat

**Wed January 26:**

6:30-8pm New Members Class

## Toy Drive Update

### Toy Drive a Success!

A big thank you to all who reached out in prayer and in giving to help CPS provide toys for their children this holiday season. Agape' and friends raised \$ 632.30 and Patti Stephens with the Mattel Toys Charity program was able to deliver 158 toys on Monday. Thanks again for helping make this a happier holiday season for children in Tarrant County!

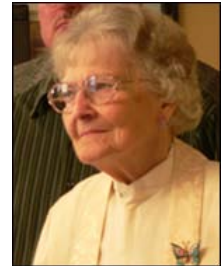


## MCC Remembers Rev. June Norris

### by Agape' Lay Delegate Kathy Munn

MCC pioneer Rev. June Norris, 88, passed away on December 14, 2010. She was a beloved leader, teacher, and friend to many MCC members and clergy.

She joined MCC Los Angeles in November 1971. In 1973 she was licensed as Clergy; and in 1974 she was ordained, becoming the first heterosexual person and the second woman (after Rev. Elder Freda Smith) to be ordained in MCC.

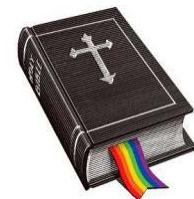


A Memorial Service is tentatively planned for Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at MCC San Diego. To read the email sent about Rev. June Norris' life by MCC Moderator, Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson, please [click here](#).

## Want to Study the Bible?

### The Journey Continues...

Join Rev. David on **Wednesday, January 5 and Wednesday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Social Hall as The Journey returns for 2011. We will explore what it means to study the Bible in our emerging culture. How does study of the sacred texts inform our spiritual formation? How do we do that...in solitude, in community, what resources are available to us, where does academia intersect our direct experience and intuitions and what is it calling forth in us? Join us!



## November Statistics

**12/05:**

Attendance: 105  
Offering: \$2,002

**12/12:**

Attendance: 107  
Offering: \$2,293

**12/19:**

Attendance: 111  
Offering: \$1,011

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

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## New Membership Class

**Coming January 26**

Rev. David will be leading a Membership Class here at Agape' **on Wednesday, January 26** in the Social Hall from **6:30 to 8:00**. We will get to know each other better and explore the history of MCC and Agape' MCC. You will learn about our structure and learn about our philosophy of membership. No need to sign up, just come as Spirit leads!



New Member Class

## From the Share a Square Project

**Share a Square 2010**

We are looking for crafty folks with BIG hearts! Share A Square will be putting together 150 crocheted afghans to give to children with cancer. These kids will be attending three different summer camps in 2011 (Camp Quality in Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas). WE are going to blanket them with love from around the world. To meet this goal, we need help with tagging the individual crocheted "granny squares" with tags provided by people who made them, and then stitching the squares together to make afghans.



**NEW INFO - there will be a Stitching Party in the Agape' Fellowship Hall on Sat. January 15 starting at 11:00 a.m. A pot of soup and bread will be provided by the organizer. Please join if you can!**

For more information go to:

<http://thiseclecticlife.com/share-a-square-2010-faq/>

## Interviews Needed for New Book

**Same Sex Couples Needed**

Professor Dan Pinello of John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the City University of New York will be interviewing lesbian and gay couples in the Dallas/Fort Worth area for his new book. He's investigating the grassroots effects of the 2005 Texas Marriage Amendment and wants to meet with a wide variety of same-sex pairs in committed relationships. Professor Pinello will be in North Texas **January 8-16**.



Interviews will take no more than 60 minutes. For further information, please contact him at [dpinello@jjay.cuny.edu](mailto:dpinello@jjay.cuny.edu)

## Cleaning For A Reason

[www.agapemcc.com](http://www.agapemcc.com)

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## For Women Undergoing Chemo

If you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, please pass the word to her that there is a **cleaning service that provides FREE**

**housecleaning - once per month for 4 months** while she is in treatment. All she

has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along.

<http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>



## Prayers

- Tony P. favorable results concerning benefits.
- Rhonda & Renny - for their finances and move and for safety for Aubrey & Aiden.
- Kent Parker - his nephew's surgery & his aunt Jewel.
- Lisa D - my temp job would become permanent.
- Candy D - job search and positive thinking.
- Continued healing for Stephanie L.
- For Joshua, that the Dr's will get his medications balanced out.
- For Denise and Evelyn as they support and help Joshua.
- Healing and good outcomes for Jamie H.
- Continued prayers for Melanie as she supports in Steph's healing.
- Healing for a person suffering from migraines.
- Healing for a skin condition.
- For a transformative Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

*God, hear our prayers.*

## Praises

- Wayne and Daddy for sharing a chair for Steph!
- Paul F.'s help with a vehicle and muscle to deliver said chair!
- This week's rare lunar eclipse.
- For the official beginning of winter, the dormant season.
- Our worship leaders and their amazing gifts.
- For Rev. Robert who brings wisdom and laughter.
- For the birth of love.
- A successful Toy Drive.
- All my friends and family at Agape' MCC.

*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.