



Agape' MCC Newsletter

January 12 2010

Upcoming Events

Fri January 14:

5:30pm Samaritan House Supper Club

Sat January 15:

11am Share a Square Stitching Party

6:30pm Men's Fellowship @ El Gabacho Tex Mex Grill in Arlington

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

Sat February 19:

7:30pm OpenDoor Production: The Sirens in the Woods

Sun February 27:

Annual Chili & Brownie Cook-off (after morning service)

January Statistics

01/02:

Attendance: 99
Offering: \$2,634

01/09:

Attendance: 97

Men's Fellowship This Saturday

Saturday, Jan 15

The first Men's Fellowship of 2011 will be **this Saturday, January 15**. Meet us at:



El Gabacho Tex Mex Grill

2408 W Abram St
Arlington TX 76013
(817) 276-8160

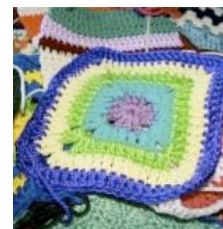
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Questions? Contact Rusty C. at 817-229-1282.

Share a Square Stitching Party - Saturday

At Agape' This Saturday

**Where: Agape MCC Fellowship Hall
4615 E California Parkway
Fort Worth TX 76119**



**When: Saturday, January 15th 2011,
beginning 11:00 AM and continuing
through the afternoon**

This is an opportunity for volunteers to help make "Blankets of Love" for children undergoing treatment for cancer and their siblings who will be attending one of three sessions of Camp Quality this coming summer. We will be stitching together crocheted "granny squares" to make afghans for these brave kids. This will be very simple "whip stitching" that even a beginner can learn quickly.

The organizer will be bringing pots of soup, some fancy bread and soft drinks to serve to participants, and will also provide sewing needles and other necessities. If you think you will be attending, please contact Shelly Tucker so she can estimate how many needles and how much food to bring. And, if you have "needle phobia" don't worry! Just let Shelly know and she will be glad to offer another way for you to contribute your effort!

If you plan to participate, contact Shelly via e-mail at

Offering: \$1,534

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New Worship Series Has Begun

Discipleship by the Sea

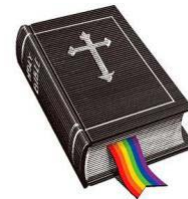
After the celebration of the birth of Jesus, we move away from the child Jesus and encounter the man, the prophet, the teacher, the healer, the trouble-maker Jesus! We will discover, through a focus on the book of Mark, the ways in which Jesus models discipleship and calls for us to follow. In Mark, Jesus is almost constantly at the shoreline, in baptism, in the call to the disciples, calling to those who fish, or sailing himself to get some perspective, get to a quiet place, or calming the storms at sea. So come and experience "Discipleship by the Sea".



Want to Study the Bible? - Starts Tonight

The Journey Continues...

Join Rev. David **next Wednesday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Social Hall as The Journey returns for 2011. We continue exploring 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!



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

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

Next OpenDoor Show- Feb 19

Click here for ticket info: [The Sirens in the Woods](#)

A poster for a performance by 'The Sirens in the Woods'. The background is a photograph of two women embracing. The text on the poster includes: 'The Sirens in the Woods', '2 Kentucky girls - full of spirit and love', 'will make you cry laugh or just plain cry with their unique mix of spoken word and music', 'February 19th', 'Saturday - 7:30 pm', 'Heart & Soul Coffeehouse', 'Tickets \$15./\$18.', '2 Voices + 1 Guitar = Inspiration', 'Musicians', and 'sirensinthewoods.com'. There is also a vertical text '2024-2025-2026-2027-2028-2029-2030-2031-2032-2033-2034-2035-2036-2037-2038-2039-2040-2041-2042-2043-2044-2045-2046-2047-2048-2049-2050-2051-2052-2053-2054-2055-2056-2057-2058-2059-2060-2061-2062-2063-2064-2065-2066-2067-2068-2069-2070-2071-2072-2073-2074-2075-2076-2077-2078-2079-2080-2081-2082-2083-2084-2085-2086-2087-2088-2089-2090-2091-2092-2093-2094-2095-2096-2097-2098-2099-2100' on the left side.

Annual Chili & Brownie Cook-Off!

Coming Soon - Feb 27

Yee-haw! It's that time of year... the annual Agape' MCC Chili Cook-Off: great competition, great food and great fun!



We have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in the categories of Best Chili and Best Brownies. Winners are chosen by the number of "votes" (in the form of dollars) raised by those tasting the entries. The winners will be the entries in each category raising the highest amount of money by the end of the contest.

The Chili & Brownie Cook-Off is an annual Fun and Fundraising activity at Agape'. It takes place on **Sunday, Feb 27 after service**. If you wish to compete, registration

forms will be available in the church lobby soon. Until then, **talk to Rusty Cuniff for more details.**

Prayers

- Kathi W., former Agape' Deacon, now in hospice care and for her partner, Debbi L.
- The parents of a son who is struggling to find his way.
- for our student interns, Paul & Mary, and their training for ministry.
- Stephanie L.'s new MRI & blood tests.
- For all of our prodigal sons and their worried parents.
- Courage for those taking risks to be in community with others.
- Strength for those called to Release & Relinquish in 2011.
- Prayers for family and friends of Marie (mom of Cassy and Lisa's friend) who passed away peacefully this past weekend.
- Prayers for friend, Mary W. (friend of Lisa O.) who is battling cancer.

God, hear our prayers.

Praises

- For Patti S.'s new I-phone!
- Nick B.'s generous sharing of tickets.
- The sale of David & Rusty's house - before they even put it on the market!
- For Annette, Tori, & Riley's fantastic family holiday in Corpus.
- Lou & Bailey's 40 years!
- Kris & Linda's 32 years!
- Rev. David's Spiritual Retreat.
- Rev. Teresa's " God with skin ".
- Tinker's prayer to action with our children.
- Praises for lovable next door neighbors.
- Thanks for the beautiful gift of "The Last Supper" picture from a "Secret Santa".
- Praises for another Trevino at church this week!

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.