



Agape' MCC Newsletter

January 19 2010

Upcoming Events

Wed January 19:

7pm Studying the Bible in our Emerging Culture

Sat January 22:

9a-3pm Board Retreat

5-7:30pm Silvia Hernandez-Jana White Baby Shower

Sun January 23:

11:45am Meet, Greet & Eat

Wed January 26:

6:30-8pm New Members Class

Sun January 30:

12:30pm-3pm Taylor Lee Cuniff Baby Shower

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
Offering: \$1,534

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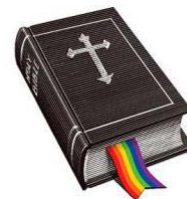
Attendance: 124

Want to Study the Bible? - Tonight

The Journey Continues...

Join Rev. David tonight, **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!



Hernandez-White Baby Shower - Saturday

Baby Jesse Almost Here!

Parents: Silvia Hernandez & Jana White

When: This Saturday, January 22, 2011

What time: 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Where: Agape' MCC Fellowship Hall

Registered at Babies-R-Us, listed under: Silvia Hernandez

Will be using Huggies diapers, newborn sizes 1 and 2. The nursery is also a jungle theme for those interested.

If you are able to attend, please send call or text Samantha at 682-558-6862.



Weekly Meditation by Rev. Teri Lubbers

Re-Membering

When it all breaks down and there's nothing to lose, when there's no more to say and there's nothing to prove...oh yes, freedom, all things living in you. You're not just what happened you can be something new... ~ Carrie Newcomer lyrics, "Throw Me a Line"



Offering: \$1,652

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I too often live my life as if I must prove something to someone, as if everything in the world depends on what I do next. Not because I think I am that important, but because apparently I am convinced that the responsibility for just about everything rests on my shoulders.

I remember saying once to my spiritual director how much I loved working in hospice and how it seemed to come naturally, almost easily. He said something I have never forgotten. He said, "Teri, did it ever occur to you that maybe you don't always have to look for the hardest thing to do, that when you are where you should be, and doing what you are called to do it might not feel like work?"

So today I will try to remember that God didn't abandon ship and put me in charge. I will try to remember that no critical judge is watching my every move, scorecard in hand, checking off boxes. I will try to remember that I don't have to find the hardest task (like some dragon-slaying knight) in order to prove my worthiness to be on the planet.

Instead I will re-member, reconnect to the reality that, if I choose, I can shed that stuff the way I might shed a heavy coat on a warm day. Maybe even strip down and go skinny dipping... freedom, all things living in you, nothing to lose, connecting again to the possibilities of life. That being here and being present will be enough. That the heart of God beats in my chest.

Prayer: Eternal One, free me from ways of thinking and being that close doors on what is possible. Open me to your freedom, your playfulness, your creating Spirit and do something new me today. Amen.

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

Baby Shower - Sunday January 30

**It won't be long now!
Rusty and David will soon welcome
their first Grandson!
Mitzi and Stephanie, and Grand-Dads
have planned a shower for Angel and
Jerry to help prepare for Taylor Lee
Cuniff on Sunday Afternoon:**



Taylor Lee
Cuniff

January 30, 2011

- Carol S. - continued prayers for both of her sisters and for her medical procedure.
- Tony P. - continued prayers for things to work out with SS.
- Tina H. as she and her family grieve the passing of her sister-in-law.
- Kim M. - healing and peace.
- Angel B., Jessica, and Kim prayers for unexpected life circumstances.
- Rayne - continued prayers for the healing journey.
- Gail R. - prayers for mom and big changes.
- Prayers for all who are seeking employment.
- Prayers for those with financial challenges.
- Lee - prayers for the journey home and new beginnings.
- Alisa R. - prayers for ease of pain and healing.
- Prayers for a mom and son.
- Prayers for a cousin to find a way.
- For rest for all who need to refuel.

God, hear our prayers.

Praises

- Rev. Brenda H. and her ministry among us.
- Kathy M., first in and last out on an important occasion.
- Letty and her gift of hospitality.
- Melanie, bringer of music.
- Shell and her presence.
- Linda and Grace...14 wonderful years together!
- Grace celebrating 3 year Survivor anniversary.
- Shelly and her flexibility in scheduling.
- Paul and the instruments.
- The amazing hospitality in this place.
- For the hugs from a mom.
- For healing rain.

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.