



# Agape' MCC Newsletter

April 27 2010

## Upcoming Events

### Thu April 28:

9am Weekly Gardening (to spruce up our gardens & grounds)

### Sat April 30:

9am-1pm CLM Training Group

### Mon May 2:

5:30 Worship Team Meeting

### Sat May 7:

9am-1pm CLM Training Group

### Mon May 9:

7pm Board of Directors Mtg

### Fri May 13:

5:30pm Samaritan House Supper Club

### Sat May 14:

9am-1pm CLM Training Group (Fellowship Hall)  
11am-3pm Healing Touch Ministry (lobby area)

### Sat May 21:

9am-1pm CLM Training Group

## April Statistics

### 04/03:

Attendance: 88  
Offering: \$1,236

### 04/10:

Attendance: 119  
Offering: \$2,669

### 04/17:

Attendance: 125

## Photos Needed for Mother's Day

### Pictures Needed by May 1

Stace Jones will be putting together a presentation for Mother's Day this year. Please send your photos with the names and descriptions of everyone in the photo to [simonntig@gmail.com](mailto:simonntig@gmail.com) no later than May 1st.



Please put in the subject line **Mother's Day Photo**.

## Weekly Meditation

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

### Love Like Water

*Most things break instead of transform because they resist. The quiet miracle of love is that without our interference, it, like water, accepts whatever is tossed or dropped or placed into it, embracing it completely... In truth, the more we let love flow through, the more we have to love. This is the inner glow that sages and saints of all ages seem to share: the wash of their love over everything before them; not just people, but birds and rocks and flowers and air. Beneath the many choices we have to make, love, like water, flows back into the world through us. It is the one great secret available to all. ~ Mark Nepo, "The Book of Awakening"*



Water is a great teacher. I have learned in difficult times to ask myself "what would water do?" Kind of a take-off of "what would Jesus do?" Here's the deal. Water is not a respecter of persons, has no favorites, does not judge or criticize. Water just flows. It follows gravity to the lowest places; it fills all the small spaces, deep places, crevices nothing else can get to. For water it is simple: just flow. Water embodies humility, powerful but with no self-serving agenda.

Yesterday I hugged a total stranger in an elevator. I heard her sniffing and blowing her nose and I asked if she had allergies. She said, No, that she had just come from the lawyer because she is going through a divorce after 35

Offering: \$1,180

**04/24:**

Attendance: 162

Offering: \$3,663

## Online Bible Resources

**The Text This Week - Revised Common Lectionary, Scripture Study and Worship:**

<http://www.textweek.com/>

**Out In Scripture Archive:**

<http://www.hrc.org/scripture/>

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

Shop Online at Your Agape' MCC Bookstore. Save 20% on most items & get 5% back for our church.

Link on our

[Virtual Store Link](#)

## Business Directory:

**Shari Beers**  
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**Resolve Conflict, LLC**  
All types of mediation for the GLBT Community- classes too.  
[www.resolveconflictionline.com](http://www.resolveconflictionline.com)

or call 877-9-2agree

## Contact Us At:

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

817-535-5002

years of marriage, and that it was not her choice. I told her I was a chaplain (I had my badge on) and asked if she would like a hug. And she let me hug her! We spoke briefly as we got to the parking lot and I hugged her again. A little moment of love, unexpected and unlooked for.

We decide multiple times a day whether we will let love - and indeed our lives - be like water. Whether we will let love flow freely to us and through us into the surrounding world. It is a paradox that the more love we give away the greater the supply. How does Love - God's very nature - flow into the world? Through you, through me. Through our hands and feet, eyes and ears, through every thought, every gentle word, each gesture of affection, every simple act of kindness or radical act of justice. Love will always find a way, and that way can be through us if we will let it.

**Prayer: Beloved, may your love flow easily to me and through me. Help me to transform, and not resist what love might be and do in me today. Amen.**

## Ushers Needed

### Can You Help?

We need of at least 6 ushers to serve 1 Sunday a month.

If you are interested, please contact Billy at: [bstewa1@hotmail.com](mailto:bstewa1@hotmail.com) or call him at 817-319-0342.



## Sanctuary Lights For You!

### This Little Light

If you would like to reclaim a lighting fixture from the church, please see Nick. We are requesting a suggested donation of \$100.00 for each sanctuary light.

Each light still works and we also have the current shades and the original milk glass filters. Any questions do not hesitate to contact Nick at [operacub1978@gmail.com](mailto:operacub1978@gmail.com).



## Driving Ms. Billie

### Volunteers Needed

We will need someone to drive Ms. Billie to church once a month on the third Sunday of each month starting in May.

Interested persons should contact Ray at 817-751-6140 (cell) or [wayray69@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wayray69@sbcglobal.net)



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## Suicide Survivors Presentation

### The Healing Journey After Loss

All are welcome to for a continental breakfast and brief presentation on this program. RSVP required.



**Suicide Survivors  
The Healing Journey After Loss  
Continental Breakfast  
Wednesday, May 4  
7:30am - 8:30am**

Learn how we are working to change the legacy of suicide in our community by offering support and hope to those who have lost a loved one to suicide.

**First United Methodist Church , Wesley Hall  
700 West Fifth Street  
Fort Worth**

**Please RSVP to Marti Lawrence**  
817-925-7608 or [SuicideSurvivors@myfumc.org](mailto:SuicideSurvivors@myfumc.org)

## Healing Touch Date Change

### Next Healing Touch May 14

Our **next Healing Touch 'clinic' will be on Saturday, May 14th, from 11 am until 3 pm.**



We had such a wonderful turnout last time that we recommend you come early for your spot on the table! I send a personal note of gratitude to all who were here and trusted us to share in this very spirit-filled journey.

This outreach offers an opportunity - at no charge - to experience energy work (Healing Touch, Reiki) and / or massage. Your body, mind and spirit will thank you for it. All are welcome. Bienvenidos a todo. Willkommen. Baruch ha-ba.

**Questions? Need more info? Call me at 817-823-0038.**

**Also see [www.healingtouchinternational.com](http://www.healingtouchinternational.com)**

Peace be with you all.  
Linda Crear, HTP, LMT, RM

***Please note:*** our tables are all set up in a common area, however we do respect your privacy and maintain confidentiality. For massage therapy as well as energy work you remain fully clothed while the therapist/practitioner works both on and off the body as is comfortable for you. Also know that our Ministers of Community Care will be on hand for prayer support.

## Community Bulletin Board

### Your Ads or Items for Sale Here:

Dear Members, I have been unemployed for the past 7-8 months. If anyone knows of an employment opportunity, please, please, let me know. I live in Weatherford, on west side of Ft. Worth. I have been in property management for the past several years and have also recently been attempting to start a Farmers Agency, however I am not limited to these... please let me know if you hear of anything or have any suggestions. I can be reached at 214.952.8859 ... this is my cell or my email [frank.marino96@gmail.com](mailto:frank.marino96@gmail.com) Thank You, Thank You, Thank You ~ Frank Marino



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Volunteers needed with good organizational skills, and a strong back. Linda, and I are down sizing in 3 months. I have to have several garage sales over that time period. I am going to need a lot of help sorting and moving things. Lucky for Linda she will be out of town for most of it. If you are interested in helping please call me at 972-366-8034 or 817-487-7283 and we can work out dates and times. Thank you in advance, Janet.

For sale this month antiques! I have 2 wash stands, 2 very small desks, a bar mirror, a small leaded glass bookcase, an ice cream stool, a metal industrial stool that is so cool. Tons of what knots, most of them are Pegasus in nature, and a few pictures of that animal too. oh and glass bowls. Last but not least a wedding band quilt made in 1890 that is in excellent condition. If you want pictures or are interested in anything please call me at 972-366-8034 or 817-487-7283. Thanks, Janet.

## Prayers

- Jackie L. - new employment.
- Lowell M. - friend of Sandra's who was hit by a truck while directing traffic and is in critical condition at Parkland.
- For rest and relaxation to all who played a part in all the services/activities over these past four days.
- Teri's son, Paul - to find a new job.
- Bill M. - A friend having major facial surgery this week and the 5 month recovery in front of him.
- Kelly family - who lost their 21yr old son in an auto accident.
- Linda G.'s parents, Patsy and Sam G. - health issues.
- Bill P. and all the firefighters.
- Healing and peace for Kenny and Courtney in the midst of a health crisis. A dear friend - going thru a difficult break up.

- Rev. David - for a relaxing vacation.
- Rayne as she anticipates thyroid treatment.
- Good employment for those seeking jobs.
- A special new family home.
- Healing and comfort for Gil and blessings for his family.
- Carlos and Bobby as they depart.
- Healing, relief of pain for Lou.
- Safe travels for Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson & Rev. Elder Lillie Brock.

*God, hear our prayers.*

## Praises

- For the Choir and their beautiful voices.
- For everyone who prepared the feast.
- For the awesome Easter egg hunt.
- For all sold raffle tickets and won prizes.
- For those who took the left over food to feed others.
- Wonderful Easter and Anniversary celebration.
- Linda G recovery.
- Holly and Sophia - found a new home.
- Jessica D. who has dedicated herself to scheduling and serving as Coordinator of Hospitality.
- Rev. David and Denise L. who helped the Easter Bunny to fill Easter Eggs.
- Shirley, Paul, and Nick who reclaimed a part of an Agape' garden space for new growth.
- Denise P. who shows up faithfully to help when needed.
- Shel, Nick, and Denise P who provided Agape' lawn service.
- Celebration of Easter with the Davenport and Davidson Family.
- Stace and the sales assistant volunteers of the Fundraising Team.
- Jimmy M. and the clean, gleaming tile floors in the church and social hall.
- Tammy S. for her work as Agape's Coordinator of Volunteer Teams and her leadership with the Volunteer Fair.
- Resurrection lilies in the sanctuary and in the Agape' gardens.

*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.