



Agape' MCC Newsletter

May 4 2011

Upcoming Events

Wed May 4:

7pm Space In Your Week

Thu May 5:

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

Sat May 7:

9am-1pm CLM Training Group

Mon May 9:

7pm Board of Directors Mtg

Thu May 12:

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

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)

Wed May 18:

7pm Space In Your Week

Thu May 19:

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

Sat May 21:

9am-1pm CLM Training Group
8pm Joy-Fest -Julie Bonk & Gary Floyd Concert

May Statistics

Space In Your Week - Begins Tonight

First and Third Wednesday

If we are to take seriously the voice of the church in conversation with our world...then we must begin to be a people who speak to the need we all have to slow down, unplug, and take intentional time away for prayer, meditation, listening, and centering. Beginning in May, Rev. David will be hosting **a time of respite in our sanctuary on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of the month at 7:00 p.m.** If you would like to attend and have a need for childcare please contact Rev. David at revwynn@yahoo.com.



Weekly Meditation

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

So What?

It is enough to be what God wants us to be, rather than some perfect creature that God never had in mind. Suppose you were the most perfect being you could possibly imagine. So what? If you were not the person God had in mind at the moment of your creation, what good would it do you? It is also enough to do whatever it is that you can do, being who you are and where you are. Just do wholeheartedly what God is asking of you. ~ St. Francis de Sales, "Set Your Heart Free"



The true value of any perspective or idea we would entertain about ourselves or God is whether it can pass the "so what?" test. People have come up with some pretty complicated and often convoluted theology to explain God, the nature of human beings, and the world around us. But when all is said and done...if the ideas don't connect with the reality, so what? Are you being who you were made to be in the world? Do you honor your deepest self? Do you listen when Spirit whispers? Are you living your story or someone else's?

We are coming up on Mother's Day. Some of us grew up with mothers or grandmothers who wanted us to be perfect, who never wanted us to embarrass them, who wanted us to "look good" and behave in public. And

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Attendance: 88
Offering: \$1,511

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

Link on our
[Virtual Store Link](#)

Web 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/>

Business Directory:

Shari Beers
Obrien Real Estate Group
817-996-1631
beershomes@gmail.com
www.Beers-Homes.com

Janna Brown, Master Photographer
J3 Photographics
817-657-9882

janna.brown@sbcglobal.net

Resolve Conflict, LLC
All types of mediation for the GLBT Community- classes too.

www.resolveconflictionline.com

or call 877-9-2agree

although we probably tried, we never quite got the perfect thing nailed down; the truth is that perfection isn't an option available to us. On the other hand, some of us grew up with mothers or grandmothers (or maybe we found surrogates) who just thought we hung the moon. And when we were with them we felt whole and complete. They reminded us that we were enough; we felt fearless when we were well-loved.

We are not called to do what we cannot do. Only what we can do. We are called to be who we are, not someone else. We are called to live into what was in the mind of Creator God at the moment of our creation, and not pretend like we don't know what that is...

Prayer: Beloved, help me to trust the promptings of your Spirit. I am enough in you. Help me believe it, and believing, help me live into it. 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 or call him at 817-319-0342.



Easter Has Just Begun!

By Rev. David Wynn

The Great 50 Days of the Easter Season in the early church was an extended period of catechesis (teaching) for those who had been baptized at the Easter Vigil. In that tradition, we will address some "big deals" of Christian faith-theological concepts that we hear all the time but don't always "unpack." The lectionary this year offers us some deep topics in this post-resurrection season. The rising up of Jesus invites us to test our "wingspan" and our understanding and experience of the Holy Living One.



Come to worship, wrestle with, and learn some things that will increase your wingspan and enrich your spiritual quest!

May 08 - "Salvation"

May 15 - "Suffering"

May 22 - "Sacrifice"

May 29 - "Judgment"

June 05 - "Kingdom"

June 12 - Pentecost Sunday, "Prophecy"

Sanctuary Lights For You!

Contact Us At:

www.agapemcc.com

817-535-5002

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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.

Men's Fellowship May 21

Agape' Men's Fellowship

May 21 - 6:30 p.m.

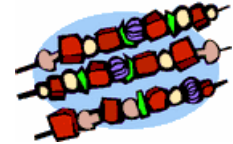
522 Cross Cut Drive

Arlington TX 76018

Your Hosts: Wayne and Ray

Main Dish: Shish Kabobs!

Questions? Contact Wayne: 817-304-3772



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 817-832-0038.

Also see 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.

Next OpenDoor Concert - May 21

joy-fest! julie bonk - gary floyd - cornell kindernecht

An evening filled with pop - jazz - inspirational and original music. This trio of Julie on piano, Gary on vocals & Cornell on flute will mesmerize your senses. You'll leave feeling relaxed yet energized!

FYI - Julie taught Grammy winner Nora Jones,
Gary is up for 3 OUTMusic Awards
& Cornell's Nightfall was a finalist for the Texas Music Award.
Sample their music on iTunes.

May 21 - 8PM
Heart & Soul Coffeehouse
4615 E. California Parkway,
Ft. Worth 76119

Tickets: \$15 / \$18 at door
opendoorproductionstx.com

[Order Tickets on-line here!](http://opendoorproductionstx.com)

2nd Chance Prom - May 14

Over the Rainbow
2nd Chance Prom
For GLBT Community, Family & Friends

May 14th 2011
7:30-11:00 pm
The Downtowner
725 N. Elm St.
Denton, TX 76201

- ✦ Dress to Impress
- ✦ Silent Auction
- ✦ Prize Drawings
- ✦ Hors d'oeuvres

Tickets \$25 per person
(\$20 with student ID)

For Tickets:
E-mail Harvest@harvestmcc.org
Phone 214-554-0090

Proceeds benefit Harvest
Christian Ministries of Denton

All Are
Welcome
Here

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 Thank You, Thank You, Thank You ~ Frank Marino



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

- A dear friend who is fighting for his life, may he find peace in whatever God's plan is for him.
- Financial strain to be lifted.
- A young person who is struggling with medical dilemmas.
- Healing of bodies.
- All who are facing the enormous task of cleanup and new beginnings following the deadly tornadoes across the southern U.S.
- Healing for Ruby, Pennie's mom.
- A brother in search of a new job and a new start.
- Peace and comfort for the Gray and Cotten families as they grieve the death of Kenny Cotten; added prayers for comfort and support for Kenny's wife, Courtney and their son, Collin - may God's peace abound.
- Forgiveness of Osama bin Laden so his soul may rest in peace and for loving thoughts for his family.
- For our world - that we may all seek avenues of

justice beyond violence.

God, hear our prayers.

Praises

- For Rev Teri's sermon reminding us to "be who we are", to take the facade off and let people see the true us.
- For open pathways for healing - physical, emotional and spiritual.
- Wren, Seth, and Rev. David's safe return from a restful time away.
- All the ways Spirit reaches out to remind us of our possibilities.

*Blessed are those who put their trust in God.
Psalms 40:4*

MCC News from Around the World

[MCC Headline News - May 3 2011](#)

[MCC Call to Prayer Around Tornados](#)

[MCC Impact: News from Churches Around the World](#)

[P.A.D. Conference \(People of African Descent\)](#)

[P.A.D. Emergence Newsletter](#)

Community News and Events

[AIDS Outreach Center \(AOC\)](#)

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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.