



Agape' MCC Newsletter

May 11 2011

Upcoming Events

Thu May 12:

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

Fri May 13:

5:30pm Samaritan House Supper Club

Sat May 14:

8am-12pm 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

05/01:

Attendance: 88
Offering: \$1,511

05/08:

Attendance: 106
Offering: \$1487

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Healing Touch This Saturday

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!

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.

Questions? Need more info? Call Linda 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.*



Weekly Meditation

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

Abundant Life

When you walk through a forest that has not been tamed and interfered with by humans, you will see not only abundant life all around you but you will also encounter fallen trees and decaying trunks rotting leaves and decomposing matter at every step. Where ever you look you will find death as well as life. Upon close scrutiny however you will discover that the decomposing tree trunk and rotting leaves not only give birth to new life but are full of life themselves. Microorganisms are at work. Molecules are rearranging themselves.



[Metropolitan Community Churches](#)

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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

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Web Bible Resources

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

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

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So death isn't to be found anywhere. There is only the metamorphosis of life forms. Death is not the opposite of life. Life has no opposite. The opposite of death is birth. Life is eternal. ~ Eckhart Tolle, "Stillness Speaks"

Yesterday, when I was driving home, I passed a beautiful tree that had apparently succumbed to natural forces - what kind I do not know. A huge branch had broken off - almost half of the tree - and it hung there barely attached, its leafy branches lying on the ground. I felt this sadness as I looked at it. And it made me reflect about how often things break and how sometimes I can get overwhelmed and kind of stuck in the brokenness of things, not always able to see the potential possibilities of a situation in real time. So this morning as I walked out among the trees, this quote came to mind which a friend recently sent me. It reminded me that, even in the brokenness of that tree, something of life was at work.

Prayer: Beloved, you are always recreating me. You are always transforming me, rearranging the stuck places in my life, so that something new might emerge. Let the dead branches fall away from me and let new life show up. Surprise me today. Amen.

Space In Your Week - Next on May 18

Next Wednesday May 18

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.



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 15 - "Suffering"

May 22 - "Sacrifice"

May 29 - "Judgment"

June 05 - "Kingdom"

June 12 - Pentecost Sunday, "Prophecy"

Next OpenDoor Concert - May 21



joy-fest! julie bank - 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)

Men's Fellowship May 21

Agape' Men's Fellowship

May 21 - 6:30 p.m.

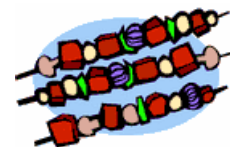
522 Cross Cut Drive

Arlington TX 76018

Your Hosts: Wayne and Ray

Main Dish: Shish Kabobs!

Questions? Contact Wayne: 817-304-3772



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



Dear Friends,
I am moving on the weekend of May 28th and need the help of someone with a truck that can pull a trailer. I also am moving from furnished to unfurnished and if there is anyone who knows of someone with unwanted furniture, please send them my way. My phone number is (479) 285-9899 and my email is fancifu1@yahoo.com. Any assistance would be appreciated.

My sincere thanks, Denise LaRae

Prayers

- For healing, comfort and strength for Renny and Rhonda.
- For individuals and families who are walking through major life transitions that there might be peace and clarity amidst the unknown.
- For harmony where there is misunderstanding.
- Prayers for Donna H facing upcoming medical test.

God, hear our prayers.

Praises

- For our Healing Touch ministry and for those who care for our community through this ministry.
- For those who are experiencing Creating a Life That Matters, what a beautiful journey!

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

MCC News from Around the World

[MCC Action Alert: Uganda](#)

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

Community News and Events

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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.