



Agape' MCC Newsletter

July 13 2011

Upcoming Events

Thu July 14:

6am Weekly Gardening Group

Sun July 17:

10:30am Worship Service

Mon July 18:

5:30pm Worship Team

Wed July 20:

7pm Space In Your Week

Thu July 21:

6am Weekly Gardening Group

Fri July 22:

5:30pm Samaritan House Supper Club

Sat July 23:

11am-2pm Healing Touch Ministry

Sun July 24:

10:30am Worship Service
Noon Meet, Greet & Eat!

Wed Aug 3:

7pm LGBT Grief Support Group

Wed Aug 10:

7pm LGBT Grief Support Group

Wed Aug 17:

7pm LGBT Grief Support Group

Sun Aug 21:

12-1:30pm Town Hall Mtg
1:30-4pm Leadership Mtg

Wed Aug 24:

7pm LGBT Grief Support Group

Weekly Meditation

by Rev. Brenda Hunt

Being A Prayer

(Our guest writer today, Rev. Brenda Hunt, was senior pastor for Agape' MCC from 1988-2001)

"We see the map as the territory..." - Gregory Bateson



Stephen Levine speaks of his work in an animal sanctuary in southern Arizona. The sanctuary was the migratory home of hundreds of birds, the southern most home for Arctic fowl and the northern most home for birds of the southern hemisphere. In guiding ornithologists around the dangerous places, rattlesnake habitats and such, he learned to see a "vermillion flycatcher" rather than the brilliant reds of "the living reality."

It would be an impressive thing indeed to comment on the official name of any bird or plant we might meet, especially if we have an audience... but then how much more wonder-filled it might be to simply see and savor the truth of what we see. As a child, and for a few years into adulthood, I could quote just about any passage of scripture for just about any theme, chapter, verse, etc...but what a different thing entirely to hear, feel, and see words come alive in actions and every-day-ness.

The "bead-work" going on at Agape' just now is fascinating... and I wonder: Can the beads help me get past prayer as a thing to do, and perhaps become something to be...only as I am open to being a prayer. And we all know it so much easier to say a prayer than to be one...but just maybe.

Prayer: Divine who sees, who hears, who is. For today, and maybe just for tomorrow, help me to be a prayer instead of just saying a prayer, remind me and watch me "...as I start this day with seeing..." - Amen.

Volunteers Needed Next Thursday

Wed Aug 31:

7pm LGBT Grief Support Group

Sun Oct 30:

12pm Congregational Forum

Sun Nov 6:

12pm Annual Congregation Meeting

Sunday Statistics

06/19:

Attendance: 102

Offering: \$928

06/26:

Attendance: 76

Offering: \$1,334

07/03:

Attendance: 103

Offering: \$1,609

07/10:

Attendance: 94

Offering: \$3,358

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Web Bible Resources

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

Memorial/Reception For a Family

From Rev. David



I have ceased to be surprised by the people who are drawn to Agape' in times of crisis and celebration. They find connection through each one of you and that is a tremendous gift. **Next Thursday, July 21st at 4:00 p.m.**, I will be officiating a memorial service for the child of a family in our community, and I am searching for volunteers who can come and prepare a meal for the family following that service.

If you are available for this sacred occasion would you please let me know either via email revwynn@yahoo.com, or by phone, **817-535-5002**, or catch me at service on Sunday.

Also...if you feel so led and you would like to bring a casserole or some kind of food offering for this family...something that can be frozen and heated up and drop it off here at Agape' during the week or on Sunday we will make sure it gets to this family in Crowley.

Thank you Saints for being a place for all people and such a genuine reflection of God's love for all of creation...it is inspiring!

Children & Youth Spiritual Formation

What Daniel Tells Us *by Paul Fucile*

This week in the Children and Youth Spiritual Formation Classes conducted during our Sunday Worship Service after our in service "Time with our Children" the children will be looking at the enchanting second chapter of the Hebrew Bible prophet Daniel.



According to this scripture text, we will be discussing "change" and how in times of change we often experience first hand how we have little control of our situation and circumstances. This is especially true for children and youth as this is what Jesus meant in Mark 10:15 that we must become like children to enter the Realm of God. In the midst of exploring the second chapter of Daniel and the theme of "change" we will explore the ways Daniel meets the challenge of "change" and how we too can move within and throughout the seasons of "change" as the Spirit guides us.

Life Pantry - New Ministry Opportunity

<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

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Contact Us At:

www.agapemcc.com

817-535-5002

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Beginning at Agape' MCC

The Life Pantry will be gathering food and various items for those in need in our community **beginning this Sunday, July 17**. The Life Pantry will be preparing for August when we will begin a bi-monthly pantry where people from the community who have fallen on hard times or simply cannot afford basic necessities can come to Agape' MCC and receive help in the way of food and other household items. A copy of the suggested donations list are on our website - [click here to see the list](#).



For more information, contact Wren Wynn at wrenqwco@yahoo.com.

Healing Touch - Saturday March 23

We're Baaaaack! And You're Invited

What: Healing Touch [energy work and massage]

When: Saturday, July 23 from 11 am until 2 pm
[no appointment necessary]

Where: Agape' MCC (Social Hall)
4615 E California Pkwy
Fort Worth Texas 76119

Why: To relax, let go, re-balance, heal

And remember it is free of charge, open to all and confidential. Our Ministers of Community Care will also be on hand for you. Mark the date on your calendar as a time for self-care. *Be good to YOU.*

We look forward to seeing you. Contact us if you have questions: 817-832-0038 or yogilindi02@yahoo.com

Peace/Namaste', Linda and Denise

Update from Our Treasurer *by Billy Stewart*

How Are We Doing?

As we reach the midpoint of 2011 I wanted to take a moment to let you know how our church is doing. As of the end of June our net is \$962.18 over budget which is very good and I pray Spirit will bless us even more.

As I announced during the Congregational Meeting, we set the budget at a minimum level "to maintain" and that we would leave it to the spirit of our congregation to add growth. As we go through the remainder of the year, I encourage each of us to vision where we are and where you would like our church to be and allow Spirit to lead your giving. The economy is still challenging for many of us, but by the Grace of God who hears our prayers and knows what is in our hearts, we can still grow and achieve

new goals.

I invite you to a time of intentional prayer around Agape's growth and opportunities. May God bless you and your family which in turn blesses our church home.

New Church Directory

Time to Sign Up!

Kathy Munn will be updating the printed voluntary Church Family Directory by the end of July. See her after service starting this Sunday to check or update (or add) your information for this directory. Or you can email the information you would like to share with other friends and family at Agape'.

To email your contact information to Kathy, send to: katmunn@yahoo.com . Directory information can be as little as names and phone numbers (or email address) or as much as phone numbers, addresses (mail/email) and names of children, spouse.

Updated directories will be available at the church by the end of July or a pdf copy may be emailed to you.

New LGBT Grief Support Group

You Are Not Alone

VITAS Innovative Hospice Care® offers bereavement support groups to anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. These groups offer understanding, useful information and sharing with others who are grieving.



The next group will be a grief support group specifically intended to meet the needs of the LGBT community, **beginning Wednesday, August 3 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** and continuing for the 5 Wednesdays in August, at Agape' Metropolitan Community Church, 4615 East California Parkway, Fort Worth, 76119. This group will be **led by Chaplain Teri Lubbers.**

To register or for more information, **call the VITAS Bereavement Department, 817-870-7070.**

Community Bulletin Board

Your Ads or Items for Sale Here

Need a handyman, babysitter, dog sitter, mover, etc? Contact me: drmline2007@aol.com or 417-225-8288 - Skye Newkirk



Prayers

- A course of treatment and healing for Linda C's back.
- For Teri and Brenda's big adventure.
- Continued healing for Dawn.
- Continued healing for Nora and her brother.
- Healing for the feet of one who brings good news.
- Travel mercies for those on journeys and vacations.
- For a family mourning the loss of a child.
- For those who are in transition.
- For Vida and Jenny's new journey.
- Jess D. - life challenges.
- Jim C. - stroke rehab.
- Patsy and Sam G- health.
- Grace G.- good PET scan results.
- For Jordan and his fight with brain cancer.
- For Dan, may God's healing & strength be with him.
- For Gary, may he allow God to lead his journey.
- David H. and his health concerns.
- God's direction for Kyle's life.

God, hear our prayers.

Praises

- For our Vida and Jenny.
- Rev. Robert's beautiful sermon on Sunday.
- Our worship leaders.
- Billy S. - and his servant's heart.
- Kathy M. - and her spirit of generosity.
- Paul F. - and his attention to the "little things".
- Trish P - who followed Spirit and held space for a family.
- For a friend who showed up right on time.
- For Life Pantry.
- Safe return from a wonderful vacation - Grace and Linda.
- Grace and Linda G. - celebrating birthdays next week!
- For Candy and the joy she brings to my heart -Lisa.

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

This Sunday July 17

Order of Worship - July 17, 2011

**The Gathering Song	"Step By Step"	Community
Words of Welcome		Rev. David Wynn
Song of Welcome	"Gather Us In"	TGFM and Community
Time With Our Children		Rev. Teri Lubbers
A Response	"This Little Light of Mine"	Community
Preparing to Hear the Word	"Word of God Speak"	Community
**Teaching in Scripture	"Daniel 2: 19-23"	Lee Novy

A Response	"Word of God Speak"	Community
A Time of Teaching	"Naming Our Struggles"	Rev. David Wynn
Centering Song	"Hear Our Prayer"	TGFM and Community
Community Prayer		Rev. Robert Myers
Prayer Response	"Hear Our Prayer"	TGFM and Community
A Time of Offering		Rev. David Wynn
Celebration of Holy Communion		Rev. Teresa Mallott
**Sending Forth	"We Are Called"	Community
**The Sending Forth		Rev. David Wynn

MCC News from Around the World

from Lay Delegate Kathy Munn

[MCC New Organizational Structure](#)

[MCC Disaster Relief](#)

Community News and Events

from Lay Delegate Kathy Munn

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

[The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation \(GLAAD\)](#)

[National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Update](#)

[Samaritan House](#)

[Trans-cendance / Trans Support Center of Fort Worth](#)

[Transgender Education Network of Texas](#)

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.