



Agape' MCC Newsletter

October 12 2011

Upcoming Events

Fri Oct 14: 5:30pm
Samaritan House Supper
Club

Wed Oct 19:
7pm Holy Conversations

Fri Oct 21:
8pm OpenDoor Coffee
House: Wishing Chair

Sat Oct 22:
9am-3pm MCC Training
Group (Fellowship Hall)
**11am-2pm Healing Touch
Ministry (Church Lobby)**
**6pm Movie - Zombie
Campout (Adults only,
please)**

Sun Oct 23:
10:30am Pink Sunday!
Noon Meet, Greet & Eat!

Fri Oct 28: 5:30pm
Samaritan House Supper
Club

Sun Oct 30:
12pm Congregational Forum

Sun Nov 6:
12pm Annual Congregation
Meeting

Sat Dec 10:
**6-8:30pm Annual
Christmas Talent Show**

Sunday Statistics

09/18:
Attendance: 90

Life Pledge beginning Sunday Oct 16!

Please Fill Out a Life Pledge

At Agape' MCC, we believe deeply in each other and understand that God has drawn us all together for deep purpose. One of the primary reasons we all gather weekly is to hold a time of intentional discernment around who we are called to be in the world as individuals and as a community. We sit solidly in the truth that the question is never "what will we do", the question is "who will we be?" From that "knowing" our doing flows spontaneously, and joyfully.



Beginning October 16, we will be asking all of you to fill out a Life Pledge. We will have "hard copies" available at church and there is an electronic copy available that you can print out and complete by [clicking this link](#). Let us know what your "being" is calling forth in you!

Weekly Meditation

by Kathy Munn

Hot Water

I believe in getting into hot water. I think it keeps you clean. - G. K. Chesterton, English writer

Well, as some of you know, I do love a good bubble bath. But when it comes to "getting into hot water," I believe that, like some of you, I generally walk, if not run, away from negative attention.



I've had my share of uncomfortable conversations in the last week. Some turned out well - both parties stepping out of comfort zones to share their passionate opinions - keeping clean as Chesterton said in our quote. But I have also had moments of hot water caused by anger or fear, that I splashed around in - in some cases, surprising even me. I don't like that kind of surprise.

Yet even those emotional, negative hot water moments can be teachers for me. Sometimes it's the first time I realize when something is bothering me. I splash and sputter around and then later think "Wow, where did that come

Offering: \$1,501

09/25:

Attendance: 84

Offering: \$417

10/02:

Attendance: 73

Offering: \$1,436

10/09:

Attendance: 103

Offering: \$1,840

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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:

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from?" And when I am willing to listen, I usually get the answer. It keeps me clean.

Prayer: It's been a bumpy week, God. Thanks for not allowing me to turn away. In this moment, I appreciate my connection to you and to others in my life. As the Psalmist prayed, so do I: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." Amen.

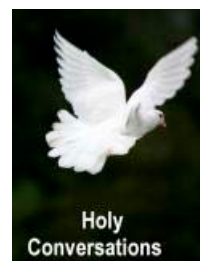
Holy Conversations - Wed, Oct 19

Join Us Please!

Join us for Holy Conversations on Wed, October 19 at 7pm.


The series continues on the 1st Wed. in November, 09/02.

Mark Your Calendars Now! We hope to see you there.



OpenDoor - Wishing Chair, Fri Oct 21

Heart & Soul Coffeehouse presents the folk duo
Wishing Chair
Mariam Davidson - Kiya Heartwood
with accordion, guitar, keyboard, banjo
and great vocal harmonies



Friday - Oct. 21, 2011 - 8:00 P.M.
4615 E. California Parkway, Ft. Worth 76119

"Wishing Chair serves up a lively batch of original songs that follow on two of the oldest traditions of folk music: storytelling and political broadside."
Dirty Linen

Tickets:
\$15.00 in advance
\$18.00 at the door

Order Tickets on-line at by [clicking here!](#)

Next Healing Touch - Sat. Oct 22

Agape' Healing Touch Ministry

No appointment needed...

Come One, Come All!

4615 E California Parkway
Fort Worth, Texas 76119

In the Church Lobby

Sat. October 22, from 11 am - 2 pm.

We offer massage and energy work at no cost. Recharge your batteries and rebalance your life.



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Peace.

Zombie Night at Agape' - Oct 22

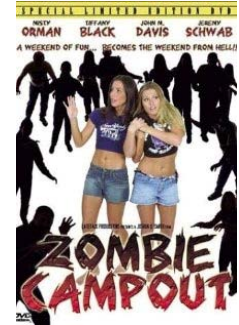
Don't Miss "ZOMBIE CAMPOUT"

Oct 22nd at 6 pm - A Showing of the uncut full-length version of the totally far from famous B-Movie non-classic:

"ZOMBIE CAMPOUT"

Featuring the acting talents of our own Mark Edward Howell (and Lisa O'Grady in her 3 second acting debut) -

Mike Vasquez and Mark Vega play as zombies as well. Guaranteed to be one of the *worst* movies you'll EVER see!



A friendly camping trip turns deadly as a freak accident raises the dead... and the dead are HUNGRY!!!!

POPCORN and DRINKS provided! We ask for a donation at the door

ZOMBIES WELCOME! (Please feel free to come in Zombie attire for this momentous occasion!)

NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN

Pink Sunday - October 23!

For Breast Cancer Awareness

Come wearing Pink on **Sunday October 23** to help support Breast Cancer Awareness. Grace Gray will show the Lucie Blue Tremblay video on breast self exam after service and informational packets will also be available.



LGBTQ Youth Dance

Volunteers Needed!

Agape' MCC and other local churches are joining LGBTQ S.A.V.E.S. (Students, Administrators, Volunteers, Educators Support) in sponsoring an LGBTQ Youth Dance for high school students, to be held on **December 10, 2011! @7pm-10pm at Celebration Church.** Agape's own Larissa Baxter will be DJ-ing!



Volunteers are needed to supervise! We are also looking for more sponsors to help with contributions for both of these

events, as well as future projects. This is a very exciting opportunity for our LGBTQ students; however, we need YOUR monetary support, big or small! Your tax-deductible contributions will allow our young people to keep marching forward, regardless of their daily strides, and believe in who they are, without prejudice and indignation.

Please give your contribution to Deanie Sewell at Agape' MCC church on Sunday's. We will make sure your money gets to LGBTQ S.A.V.E.S! *Cash is accepted! - Please include your name!**

LGBTQ S.A.V.E.S. (Students, Administrators, Volunteers, Educators Support) fosters the well-being of LGBTQ K-12 students, administrators, volunteers, and educators in Tarrant County by eliminating discrimination, bullying and retaliation, on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. S.A.V.E.S. is an autonomous all-volunteer group and not affiliated with any local school districts.

Spokesperson/Educator Liaison: Marvin Vann
Student Liaison: Bernardo Vallarino
Parent Liaison: Cindy Loesch
President: Sharon Herrera

Community Bulletin Board

Free Baby Stuff

I have some free baby stuff. There is a blue Graco stroller, an Evenflo car seat base (in case you need an extra), a pink changing table and mat, and some various bumper pads and burp clothes. [Click here to see picture.](#) Contact Linda at: lmcreglow@gmail.com.



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Agape' Christmas Show Dec 10!

Come Join Us!

The 3rd Annual **Agape' Christmas Talent Show** will be held on **Saturday, December 10th from 6pm until 8:30pm.**



The evening will consist of a talent show in the sanctuary with treats and fun to follow in the Fellowship Hall. PLEASE BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE! There may even be a visit from Santa!

ALL are welcome to attend this free event, and if you have a talent you'd like to share in the show that evening, sign up sheets will soon be in the church lobby (or talk to Lisa O').

Bring your friends and family and join your Agape' MCC family for some holiday FUN!

Iraq or Afghanistan Vets

Free therapy sessions for veterans of Iraq or Afghanistan, as well as their immediate family members (e.g., spouse, children)-individual or couples sessions.

Contact:

Rev. Cody J. Sanders, M.S., M.Div., NCC, LPC Intern
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Fort Worth Satellite Location:
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To schedule an appointment, call: 214.526.4525 or 800.340.7557

Thank You!

A Heart-Felt **THANK YOU** from



for the blessings you've given the homeless citizens of Arlington through your dedication and generosity. We couldn't do what we do without the support and care of people like you!

Arlington Life Shelter | 325 W. Division Street, Arlington, TX 76011
817-548-9885 | www.ArlingtonLifeShelter.org

Prayers

- Stace & Susan's daughter Sara - awesome outcome on her surgery.
- Tony & Joe as they wait on biopsy results and the journey ahead.
- Dena's brother Rudy - health challenges.
- For all those running for open positions at Agape'.
- For our youth & young adult programs.
- For a friend who is journeying through addiction.
- Someone applying for a new job.

God, hear our prayers.

Praises

- Jimmy's good test results.
- For all the work Lisa O. did on the new sign for Rev. Teri's Labyrinth.
- Rusty's culinary artistry.
- New beginnings.
- All the ways our people help shape a beautiful world.
- For Pat P. and her meatloaf.
- Nick B. and his care of our foundation.
- Gail G. and her research for a new storage option.
- Ray B's sister - who started a job on Tuesday.
- For those who bring food for our pantry.
- For a wonderful send for Teri & Brenda.
- Rev. Teresa's new job.
- For Agape's journey.

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

Worship Service This Sunday - Oct 16

Order of Worship - October 16

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| The Gathering Song | "Be Now My Vision" | Community |
| Words of Welcome | | Rev. David Wynn |
| Call to Worship | | Community |
| Song of Welcome | "Welcome" | TGFM |

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| Time with our Children | | Trish Penland |
| A Response | "This Little Light of Mine" | Community |
| Preparing to Hear the Word | "There is Only Love" | Community |
| Sacred Text | "Matthew 13: 1-3" | Mark Howell |
| A Response | "You Are Mine" | Community |
| Time of Teaching | "Have I Got a Story For You!" | Rev. David Wynn |
| Centering Song | "Fill Me Now" | Community |
| Community Prayer | | Rev. Teresa Mallott |
| Prayer Response | "Fill Me Now" | Community |
| A Time of Offering | | Cassy Batts |
| The Celebration of Holy Communion | | Rev. Robert Myers |
| Sending Forth | "Lifesong" | Community |
| The Sending Forth | | Rev. David Wynn |

MCC News from Around the World

[MCC Headline News](#)

[New Network Leader for North and West Texas](#)

Community News and Events

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

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

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

[Samaritan House](#)

[Tarrant County Gay Pride Week Association](#)

[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.