



Agape' MCC Newsletter

October 19 2011

Upcoming Events

Wed Oct 19:

4-7pm Life Pantry
7pm Holy Conversations

Thu Oct 20:

Spirit Day- Go Purple!

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

Sat Oct 29:

5pm Trunk R Treat!

Sun Oct 30:

12pm Congregational Forum

Sun Nov 6:

12pm Annual Congregation
Meeting

Wed Nov 16:

4-7pm Life Pantry

Sat Dec 10:

**6-8:30pm Annual
Christmas Talent Show**

Don't Forget - Life Pantry Open Today!

Open Third Wednesday of Month

Hours Wed, Oct 13: 4-7pm

For food or other basic life items

Life Pantry provides food, hygiene items, baby items, and cleaning supplies based on our donations received. If you have any questions, please contact us at lifepantry@yahoo.com. For a donations list, please [click here](#).

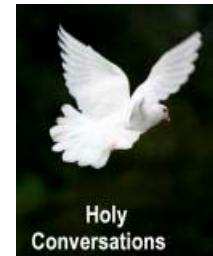


Holy Conversations - Tonight, Wed Oct 19

Join Us Please!

Join us for Holy Conversations tonight, Wed, October 19 at 7pm. The topic: Sexuality and Spirituality.

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



Holy
Conversations

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

Spirit Day October 20- Go Purple!

Wear Purple for Spirit Day!

Millions of Americans wear purple on **Spirit Day** as a sign of support for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth and to speak out against bullying. Spirit Day was started in 2010 by teenager Brittany McMillan as a response to the young people who had taken their own lives. Observed annually on October 20, individuals, schools, organizations, corporations, media professionals and celebrities wear purple, which symbolizes spirit on the rainbow flag. Getting involved is easy -- participants are asked to simply **"go purple" on October 20** as we work to create a world in which LGBT teens are celebrated and accepted for who they are. Learn more & go purple at www.glaad.org/spiritday.

I support
#SpiritDay
10/20/11

OpenDoor - Wishing Chair, Fri Oct 21

Wed Dec 21:
4-7pm Life Pantry

Sunday Statistics

09/25:

Attendance: 84

Offering: \$417

10/02:

Attendance: 73

Offering: \$1,436

10/09:

Attendance: 103

Offering: \$1,840

10/16:

Attendance: 100

Offering: \$1,693

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Heart & Soul Coffeehouse presents the folk duo

Wishing Chair

Mariam Davidson - Kiya Heartwood

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

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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.

Linda L. Crear, HTP/RP/LMT, @817-832-0038
Denise LaRae, LMT

Peace.



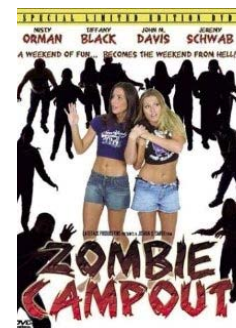
Zombie Night at Agape' - Oct 22

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!!!!

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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 - This Sunday October 23!

For Breast Cancer Awareness

Come wearing Pink this **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.



Weekly Meditation

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

A Great Need

Out of a great need we all holding hands and climbing. Not loving is a letting go. Listen, the terrain around here is far too dangerous for that. ~ Hafiz



When we are children we are usually willing to hold the hands of the grown-ups in our lives, sometimes even the hands of friends. Sometimes it is our idea to hold hands, like when we are feeling uncertain or scared. Other times we feel we have to, like when it feels like danger is near. Holding hands keeps us safe. Holding hands reassures us and gives us confidence. Funny how when we grow up we can be so reluctant to ask for help or look needy. We get embarrassed to take someone's hand or let them hold ours.

Hafiz says that we hold hands out of a great need inside us. We need to love. We need to be loved. Think about taking hold of someone's hand this week and think about who is already holding yours. We are meant to keep climbing, but we aren't meant to go it alone.

Thank you again, Agape', for the wonderful send off. For the well wishes, cake, hugs, gifts and love offering. Thanks for all the times you have held my hand.

Prayer: Thank you God for never letting go of us. Help us to never stop loving and to never let go of you. Amen.

Pride Redux

What a Great Time!

See our Pride Parade Float in action by clicking here: [Agape' on Youtube!](#)



See some photos on our website by [clicking here](#). If you have pictures from the 2011 Parade or Picnic you can send to us, email Agape' Pride Pictures to katmunn@yahoo.com. Thanks!

Life Pledge Is Here!

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.



Won't you fill out a Life Pledge today? 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!

Trunk R Treat -

Sat, Oct 29

Come Play With Us

Its that time again!!!

TRUNK R TREAT, Saturday Oct 29! We begin at 5 pm.



Fee for decorated Trunk submissions is \$5 (suggested donation if possible) and PRIZES for best decorations will be awarded.

We will have candy, cake walk and games with prizes!

We will also have a Pumpkin Carving Contest with a \$2 suggested donation for entry submissions and also PRIZES to be awarded to the "GHOULIEST" pumpkins!

We would appreciate your assistance with donations of individual sized baked goods, sodas, game prizes, side dish items for our cookout!

If you would like to help as well - donate your time to help set up and run activities- games, serve food, keep track of contests and the winnings; we would greatly appreciate it!

Please contact Big Paul Fucile to sign up on Sunday!

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!

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

Does anyone need these?

- NEW Graco Pack 'n Play for a baby
- Large Crystal Punch Bowl
- 30-cup Sunbeam Electric Coffee Maker



Contact Sara if you are interested at:
sidarwin2@aol.com .

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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Prayers

- Tony and the journey he is facing with his health.
- Joe and the journey he will travel with Tony.
- Denise P. and a speedy recovery from gallbladder removal.
- Sunshine and peace in her journey.
- For Tonya and good health.
- For the Wynn family and the baby growing healthy.
- Janna and continued healing.
- Candy - peace & healing in her journey.
- Linda and her mom, Patsy.
- Health for Mitzi.
- For the new Ministers of Community Care group - that Spirit will guide them.
- For the coming Congregational Forum and Meeting.
- For those who are caring for elderly parents.
- For those who do not feel okay with themselves, may they find their way to self love.
- For those who are struggling to undo old patterns.

- For those seeking employment.
- For those who struggle with depression or mental illness of any kind and those who love them.

God, hear our prayers.

Praises

- Survivorship.
- God's presence in us and our Church always.
- For pumpkin weather.
- For Agape MCC - a spiritual community that cares for one another.
- Clean test results for a dear friend.
- The turning of the seasons.
- All those who give of themselves to others.

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

Worship Service This Sunday - Oct 23

Order of Worship - October 23

Our Call to Gather	Pink Glove Dance: The Sequel	Media
The Gathering Song	"Thank You God"	Community
Words of Welcome		Rev. David Wynn
Call to Worship		Community
Song of Welcome	"Welcome"	TGFM
Time with our Children		Rev. David Wynn
A Response	"This Little Light of Mine"	Community
Preparing to Hear the Word	"There is Only Love"	Community
Sacred Text	"Matthew 9:22"	Mickey Howell
A Response	"You Are Mine"	Community
Time of Teaching	"The Art and Inspiration of Survival"	Rev. David Wynn & Grace Gray
Centering Song	"Fill Me Now"	Community
Community Prayer		Rev. Robert Myers
Prayer Response	"Fill Me Now"	Community
A Time of Offering		Cassy Batts
The Celebration of Holy Communion		Rev. Teresa Mallott
Sending Forth	"Lifesong"	Community

MCC News from Around the World

[MCC Headline News - Oct 13](#)

[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.