



Agape' MCC Newsletter

October 26 2011

Upcoming Events

Fri Oct 28:

5:30pm Samaritan House
Supper Club

Sat Oct 29:

5-8pm Trunk R Treat!

Sun Oct 30:

12pm Congregational Forum

Sun Nov 6:

12pm Annual Congregation
Meeting

Wed Nov 16:

4-7pm Life Pantry

Sat Nov 19:

**6pm Transgender Day of
Remembrance Gathering**
**7pm Unfinished Lives
presentation- Rev. Steve
Sprinkle**

Sun Dec 4:

**Noon Holiday Potluck
Dinner!**

Sat Dec 10:

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

Wed Dec 21:

4-7pm Life Pantry

Sunday Statistics

10/02:

Trunk R Treat - This Saturday Oct 29!

Come Play With Us

Its that time again!!!

**TRUNK R TREAT, Saturday Oct 29! We
begin at 5 pm and end by 8pm.**

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

We will have hotdogs, hamburgers, 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! Don't
forget to wear your favorite costumes. Come play with
us. See you there! **Any questions, contact Paul at
727-481-3355.**



Weekly Meditation

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

Desire for Who We Are

*The desire for satisfaction is
perhaps motivated by an innate
momentum toward the truth which
some call "a homesickness for
God." A desire to participate in the
One. The difficulty with our desires is just that
they are too small. They are the desires of me and
mine. They do not include the universe. They are a
desire for what we want, not for who we are. ~
Stephen Levine, "Who Dies: An Investigation of
Conscious Living and Conscious Dying"*



I know that Jesus was Jewish but every once in a while I
can't help but wonder if he wasn't just a little bit
Buddhist... because like the Buddha, he too knew
something about the desires of hearts and how easily we
get distracted and caught up with things that aren't really
the real deal.

Attendance: 73
Offering: \$1,436

10/09:

Attendance: 103
Offering: \$1,840

10/16:

Attendance: 100
Offering: \$1,693

10/23:

Attendance: 103
Offering: \$1,194

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Have you ever felt a homesickness for God? Have you ever felt that sense of Oneness, of soul-longing, of unity - even for a few seconds - that reassures you that you are not alone, and that there is more to this life, to your life, than perhaps you had ever imagined? And if you are anything like me, as soon as you experience one of those moments you may also hear the committee in your head telling you all the reasons that it is just nonsense, not rational, not practical. But you get to choose who to listen to...

All the small, thirsty desires can keep you so busy that if you're not careful you will never get home to your own heart. The well of your heart is deep and never runs dry.

Prayer: God, Move me a little closer to you and to myself. I yield all the little desires for a taste of what it means to be One with you. Amen.

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!

Transgender Day of Remembrance Nov 19

Mark Your Calendars!

Please join Agape' MCC, Brite Divinity School, Trinity MCC and members of the Tarrant County TBLGQ community on **Saturday, Nov 19 at 6 p.m. for the 13th Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance and Empowerment gathering.** Plan to stay for a **presentation on the Unfinished Lives Project at 7 p.m. by Rev. Dr. Steven Sprinkle.** To obtain a copy of Rev. Sprinkle's book, [click on this link](#). Rev. Sprinkle will be available to sign copies of his book after the presentation.



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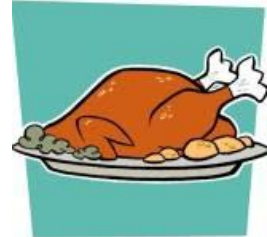
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The Transgender Day of Remembrance memorializes those killed due to their actual or perceived gender identity and expression. This year we have added the component of "empowerment"... as well as remembering, we will encourage and support all people in living their truth in our world. Stay tuned for more information in the weeks to come!

Holiday Potluck - Dec 4

Special Holiday Lunch after Church

The turkey and ham will be provided by the Board. Rusty will also prepare a vegetable, scalloped potatoes and rolls. You are invited to bring a favorite side dish. Can it get much better than this?



Agape' Holiday Potluck

Sun, Dec 4

Noon

Please Join Us!

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! Dance organizers would like 2 or 3 chaperones from Agape' for the dance. Can you help? A background check through Agape' will be required! :-)...Contact Rev. David at revwynn@yahoo.com if you can serve. Thank you!

Financial Contributions are also needed - please give your tax-deductible contributions 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!**

Community Bulletin Board

Jobs Available

Two Quality Control positions and one Administrative position are open at my company. Quality Control positions need at least 3 years experience in quality control and be familiar with measuring devices and have a basic knowledge of computers. Administrative position needs basic knowledge of computers and be able to follow directions. Contact me,



Stace Jones at 214-499-0378 or send your resume to simonntig@gmail.com

Does anyone need these?

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

Contact Sara if you are interested at:
sjdarwin2@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

- For my dear friend Joe & family- who lost his wife, Susan, suddenly this week after a reoccurrence of cancer.
- Connie's mom.
- Carrie's brother.
- Colette healing from a broken wrist.
- Continued healing for Kevin H.
- Healing for Tonya V.
- For Wren's pregnancy and our family.
- For peace and centering for a friend.
- For the Military Chaplain's Forum and their work for justice.
- Healing for Lisa D., and relief from pain.
- Linda's mom, Patsy, took a bad fall Sunday morning. She has quite the shiner and some steri strips. No broken bones, no stitches.
- Safe travel for Lynna and Bev returning to California.
- Tony and Joe.
- Kent and Andy.
- Annetra.
- For all those helping and supporting aging parents.

God, hear our prayers.

Praises

- For those who danced to begin worship last Sunday!
- My awesome friend Charlie and my church family.
- For Larry and how he "signs" during worship.
- Rusty and David their helpers and a wonderful meal last Sunday.
- For Paul and his heart for our children.
- For all of our Pink warriors.
- Alice and her sweet giving spirit.

Blessed are those who put their trust in God.

Worship Service This Sunday - Oct 30

Order of Worship - October 30

The Gathering Song	"Thank You God"	TGFM & 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"	Tony Parente
A Response	"You Are Mine"	Community
Time of Teaching	"Angelman"	Rev. David Wynn & Stephanie Lotz
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	"We Are Called"	Community
The Sending Forth		Rev. David Wynn

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.