



Agape' MCC Newsletter

January 4 2012

Upcoming Events

Thu Jan 12:

7pm Living a Transpersonal Life

Fri Jan 13:

5:30pm Samaritan House Supper Club

Wed Jan 18:

7pm Holy Conversations

Sat Jan 21:

10am Public Mass of Our Lady the Holy Sophia Mission

11am-2pm Healing Touch Ministry in Fellowship Hall

Thu Jan 26:

7pm Living a Transpersonal Life

Fri Jan 27:

5:30pm Samaritan House Supper Club

Birthdays

Gay B. - 1/01
Angela L. - 1/07
Pat P. - 1/12
Dena K. - 1/12
Juan S. Jr - 1/12
Jennifer N. - 1/23
Johnathan S. - 1/26



Weekly Meditation

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

Moments of Love

The claim that love pervades this world may not sound real to you but not because it isn't true. Rather, many of us haven't learned to pay much attention to countless moments of love, kindness, and care that surround us each day: a child at the store reaching for her mother's hand, an elderly stranger at the park who smiles upon a young family, a grocery clerk or waitress who beams at you with kindness as she hands you the change. The "blessings that are always pouring forth" include the pervasive power of love that has permeated our lives, peeking at us through the eyes of many persons all along. ~ John Makransky, "Awakening Through Love: Unveiling Your Deepest Goodness"



The world's largest rivers did not start that way. They started as trickles, streams and creeks and kept moving along, gathering depth and momentum as they went. When I put my feet in a fast moving river I am really stepping into something that started somewhere else, way upstream, long before I entered it. But still...these are my feet standing here, getting wet, feeling the current, the coolness of the water the squishy silt or slippery rocks of the bottom as I wade in.

Sometimes life feels very complicated and busy and it is easy to forget that we are the recipients (downstream) of love and kindness from others before us, and the myriad people who surround us now. I was thinking about the book (and movie), "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" and remembering how confusing it was for the main character. It was hard for him to realize and accept that people he never knew had helped make his life possible, and that the impact of his own life reached far beyond anything he could ever imagine. After all he was just a maintenance man, taking care of the rides at an amusement park...

No matter where you find yourself today, if life seems good or bad, exciting or mundane, whether you feel grounded or completely lost, stop and be attentive to the

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countless moments in which you are - and have been - the witness, participant, or recipient of love, kindness and care. Do not let the ordinariness of such moments fool you. The more you look and attend, the more you will see. Love peeks out through the eyes that meet yours. And love peeks out through yours. It is a new year...

Prayer: Spirit, thank you for love that holds us and carries us even when we are unaware. Make us aware of the goodness of our lives, right here right now. Amen.

Begin Your New Year with Agape'!



We use this cultural word-play in our series title to remember that the most basic transforming experiences of our faith-communion and baptism-are the starting points for life "beyond" our limitations. Let's make 2012 a year of amazing transformations - for our lives, for our community, for our world! Coming up in our series:

"Bath" - Jan 8

"Beyond Belief" - Jan 15

"Beyond the Horizon" - Jan 22

"Beyond the Boundaries" - Jan 29

"Beyond the Chaos" - Feb 5

"Beyond the Hype" - Feb 12

"Beyond the Fear" - Feb 19

Miss Last Week's Activities?

Catch Up Here!

Rev. Robert Myers was our guest preacher on Sunday, January 1. [Click here to enjoy the service!](#)

Happy New Year from Healing Touch

**Friends, Family and All
Healing Touch
will be returning to Agape'
on Saturday, January 21**

www.agapemcc.com

817-535-5002

Join Our List

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from 11 am - 2:00 pm.

**Come on in to the Social Hall
for some good cheer
and a healthy start
to a grand new year.**

Denise and Linda

Spiritual Guidance & Growth Workshop

Living A Transpersonal Life

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by Trace Whitley, B.A., Certificate in Transpersonal Studies



What is the Transpersonal? It's about Transcending the Ego and discovering our Authentic Self behind the masks we wear. This is an introductory course on how to develop spiritual tools to promote individual Enlightenment and Self-Actualization. Techniques like Meditation and Dreamwork will be highlighted, but many other tools will be explored. Join us for a loving spiritual journey toward wholeness.

Where: Agape' MCC

Dates: Thursday Jan. 12th & 26th

Thursday Feb. 9th & 23rd

Thursday Mar. 8th & 22nd

Please RSVP if you can...

Trace Whitley 214-232-7680 or vbattlecrowv@gmail.com

Meet, Greet & Eat Volunteers!

We Need Your Help

We still have openings for volunteers to prepare our meals for our monthly Meet, Greet and Eat.



Our schedule so far:

January - Mike and Mark V.

February - Chili Cook-off

March - Skye and Whitney

April - Easter Potluck - ham, rolls provided - veggies & desserts brought by congregation volunteers.

May - This Month is Still Open!!!

June - Jaci and Denise

July - Tonya

August - This Month is Still Open!!!

September- This Month is Still Open!!!

October- This Month is Still Open!!!

Holiday Dinner - more details closer to date of event.

If you want to volunteer for an open date, **please contact Michael Vasquez at 817-692-5120 or by E-mail at mmvblue@hotmail.com.**

Prayers

- Angie L.'s wife Katheryn who has MS and is needing strength.
- Cain and his continued battle with brain cancer.
- The peace of Spirit to surround us all.
- For Earl & his wife may they find peace & happiness together.
- Bryan C. as he goes to start school at UNT.
- Erik and his new semester at A&M.
- Zac and his new semester at Tarleton.
- Sheri C. & Patrick and their new life together.
- Rachel & Liz as they travel to & from Orlando to help their son move.
- For Sister that she get more hours at work & a better job soon.
- The Gray family as they continue to mourn.
- Lisa D. healing for her back.
- For the financial stability of our Church.
- For all those who do not know of God's unconditional love...may they find it soon.
- For the coming Board Retreat

God, hear our prayers.

Praises

- Marcia M. for the ministry of the worship team.
- For a blessed new year and all the dreams it brings.
- For Stace and his service for the past three years on the Board.

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

Worship Service This Sunday - January 8

Order of Worship - January 8 - "Bath"

The Gathering - "Healing Rain" - *Community*

Words of Welcome - *Rev. David Wynn*

Song of Greeting - "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" - *TGFM*

Time with our Children - *Trish Penland*

Preparing to Hear the Word - "Fill Me Now" - *Community*

Teaching in Scripture - Acts 19: 1-7 - *Leigh Wolfer*

A Response - "Fill Me Now" - *Community*

Time of Teaching - "When You Believe In Something, Believe In it All The Way" - *Rev. David Wynn*

Commissioning of Ministers of Community Care - *Rev. Teresa Mallott*

Community Prayer - *Rev. Teresa Mallott*

Our Giving - *Cassy Batts*

The Celebration of Holy Communion - *Rev. Robert Myers*

Sending Forth - "The River is Here" - *Community*

MCC News from Around the World

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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.