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WFMCC Weekly Take Back the Word - Leviticus and Romans



*"All shall be well,
and all shall be well,
and all manner of things shall be well."*

-Julian of Norwich



Dear Friends,

I love the words above, written by the 15th century Christian mystic Julian of Norwich; I find I am saying them to myself a great deal these days. Julian lived in western Europe during a time of great turmoil and uncertainty, and yet, her writings speak of her theology of optimism and trust in God's compassion and grace to take care of all things.

As I prepared to share the announcement last Sunday about my calling to MCC San Francisco, and as I have been talking with Wichita Falls MCC congregants this week, my prayer of reassurance for all of us has been "all shall be well." I think that even during our 20th Anniversary Revival earlier this year we were somehow being prepared by God for this time, because of a certain hymn that kept finding its way into every one of the three revival services - "It Is Well With My Soul."

I have no doubt that whatever happens in the weeks ahead, it will continue to be well with the soul of WFMCC. I also continue to have every certainty that even as God is calling me to a new place, God is also even now preparing the next pastor of this amazing church. As it has been for 20 years, all shall be well with us, and I know that for the next 20 years "It Is Well With My Soul" will still be filling the hearts and sanctuary of Wichita Falls MCC.

There are so many people in our city who need this kind of reassurance and affirmation that we can provide. Last Sunday, as we began our "Take Back the Word" series about the Bible and homosexuality, we remembered once again how many same-gender loving people there are who are

still living in fear of God's Word, and in fear of stories like the one about Sodom and Gomorrah. This Sunday we will continue this series, this time looking at passages from Leviticus and Romans that many believe supposedly condemn homosexuality. I hope you will join us as we discover the truth, and remind each other by our presence together that all really shall be well.

Many blessings,

Lea

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1. Follow-Up Meeting From the Men's Retreat

Because of the forum we held immediately following our service this past Sunday, we unfortunately had to postpone this meeting once again.

However, this Sunday we will announce the date and time for a potluck dinner meeting for all of the men of our church with our pastor Rev. Lea Brown. Please watch this space next week for all the details, and many thanks for your patience.

2. Next Membership Class

Are you interested in becoming a member of WFMCC, or would you like to know more about what membership means? If so, please plan on attending our next membership class, which will be held on Sunday, October 21st at 1 p.m. Please let Lea know as soon as possible if you would like to register for the class.

3. Transition News

As we move into this new time of transition for our congregation, information will become available about our next steps. You will always be able to find this information in the WFMCC Weekly.

In the immediate future Rev. Lea Brown and our Board of Trustees will be talking with Rev. Elder Lillie Brock about our plans to choose an interim pastor. Lea will be going to MCC San Francisco October 29th through November 4th to candidate for the position of senior pastor there. We will know after the vote by the San Francisco congregation on November 4th about whether or not we will need to continue with the interim plans.

Please feel free to talk with Lea or anyone on our Board of Trustees at any time if you have questions during this time of transition.

4. WFMCC Change Drive Continues

Now that we are in the final three months of 2007, we haven't got much longer to fill up the two five-gallon containers in our sanctuary with loose change. Our goal is to collect "Ten Gallons of Change for 20 More Years," and together we can do it!



There are cups labeled "10 for 20" in the back of the sanctuary next to the change containers. Take as many as you like for your home, vehicle, workplace, etc., to help you collect your change. You can bring the cups back with you to church any Sunday and pour your coins into the containers.

Both containers are a little over half full at this time. Please help us fill them all the way to the top by December 31st. Every penny, nickel, dime and quarter will help us continue our ministries into our 21st year and beyond.

5. 2008 WFMCC Pet Calendar

WE NEED YOUR PICTURES!

This deadline is fast approaching to submit pictures for the 2008 WFMCC Pet Calendar. This is your chance to introduce your furry family members to everyone at WFMCC!



Here is how it works: you can submit up to three digital pictures between now and **October 21st** to lbrown@wichitafallsmcc.org. All pictures must be received electronically. If you don't have a digital camera, you can arrange to bring your pet(s) by the church and we will take pictures for you. Call Lea at (940) 322-4100 if you need to do this.

Once we have received all the pictures, we will vote for our favorites over three Sundays in November. All votes cost \$1 each. Altogether forty-one of our favorites pets will be featured in the calendar, with the top three receiving special recognition. The calendars will cost \$15 each and may be ordered in November.

The WFMCC Pet Calendar is a wonderful fundraiser for our church and a fun way to show our love for all of God's creatures. Send in your pictures today!

6. Break the Barrier Update

Many thanks to everyone who has been contributing to our Break the Barrier Fund. Our current total is now \$2,996! These funds are set aside each month to fund our dream of hiring a full-time director of music and worship. With the continued faithfulness and generosity of the WFMCC community, we can be assured that we will be able to make this dream come true.

The next Break the Barrier offering will be received on Sunday, October 21st.

7. No Day But Today!

The next meeting of our HIV/AIDS ministry, No Day But Today!, will be held this Sunday, October 14th at 1 p.m. This meeting is open to anyone who wants to raise awareness about AIDS and fight the disease in Wichita Falls and beyond. Everyone is welcome. Please feel free to bring a brown-bag lunch and join us as we plan our projects for the Fall.



8. Thanksgivings and Prayer Requests

Prayer requests for guidance for Heather so she can find the way...for healing from depression...for Robbie and Cassie...for Michael...for Don and his mother Margaret...for the best possible interim and permanent pastors for WFMCC.

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