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## WFMCC Weekly Transgender Heroes & Heroines of the Bible



*There is neither Jew nor Greek,  
slave nor free, male nor female,  
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

*Galatians 3:28*

Dear Friends,

What wonderful times of worship we have planned for the next two Sundays!



This Sunday, October 28th, we will return to our Sermons By Request series with "Transgender Heroes and Heroines of the Bible." The word "transgender" might be confusing to many of us, and the concept that there are actually transgender individuals to be found in the pages of the Bible may be outright astonishing.

But as is often the case at Wichita Falls MCC, we will learn together what many of us were never taught in Sunday School. Over the past three Sundays we learned that all love is of God, and that there is no condemnation of homosexuality in the Scriptures. This week we will discover the many meanings of the word "transgender," and that all genders are of God and are a wonderful part of God's beautiful creation and Word as well.

We will also be blessed by our Worship and Praise Band, and by special music provided by Kara (who brought the house down the last time she sang for us). Don't forget to come to church early at 10:30 a.m. to sing with the band.

And then, on **Sunday, November 4th**, our very special guest preacher will be **Rev. Dr. Cindi Love**, the Executive Director of our denomination. Once again, our **Worship and Praise Band** will perform, along with our very own and much beloved **Namesake**.

As we venture forth more deeply into our time of transition with our pastoral leadership, I invite you to

come to church the next two weeks. Come to worship and be reminded that God's love is steadfast, and that the faith of the spiritual home we have at WFMCC continues to grow. This Sunday we will be welcoming new members into our congregation, as we support one another in this present moment even as we are planning for our future. I hope to see you there.

Many blessings,

*Lea*

*P.S. Don't forget about our Halloween Raffle this Sunday too! Our pumpkin carver extraordinaire Kathy Carr will be preparing a pumpkin and a special Halloween dessert to be given away. Raffle tickets cost \$1 each and will be on sale before the service. All proceeds will go into our Building Fund.*

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**1. Transition News**

Rev. Lea Brown will be in San Francisco from October 29th through November 4th to candidate for the position of senior pastor at MCC San Francisco. The congregation there will be voting on her candidacy Nov. 4th.

Lea and the Board of Trustees will be meeting with Rev. Elder Lillie Brock on Monday, November 5th to plan our next steps; there will be more information available after that meeting.

**2. 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.

### **3. 2008 WFMCC Pet Calendar**

Many thanks to everyone who submitted pictures of their furry (or feathery) family members for our 2008 pet calendar.



Now that we have received all the pictures, we will vote for our favorites over three Sundays in November - Nov. 4, 11, and 18. All votes cost \$1 each. The calendars will cost \$15 each and may be ordered in November as well.

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. Plan now to order your copies soon - they make wonderful Christmas presents for friends and family alike.

### **4. Break the Barrier Update**

Many thanks to everyone who has been contributing to our Break the Barrier Fund. Our current total is now \$3,230! 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 this Sunday, November 18th.

### **5. Save the Date for "Don We Now Our Gay Apparel"**

Join us on Sunday, December 2nd at 6 p.m. for "Don We Now Our Gay Apparel!" We will be gathering in our sanctuary for Christmas decorating, a dessert potluck, hot chocolate, and wonderful entertainment provided by our musicians (including the long-suffering Barbie Butches).



Be sure to save the date - you won't want to miss this event!

### **6. Upcoming Board of Trustees Meeting**

The next regular monthly meeting of our Board of Trustees will be this

Sunday, October 28th, at 3 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## 7. Thanksgivings and Prayer Requests

**Thanksgivings for** the little boys in our congregation...for families and lovers...**Prayer requests for** rest and re-dedication...for Heather following her mediation...for Rita, Sr. and her continued efforts to stop smoking...for Tish and her husband...for Pam after her friend Mark's death, and for his wife Lois...for strength and courage for Laretta...for health, courage, and peace for Michael...for Kristy and her family following the death of her grandfather...for Greg, Ron and Samantha...for WFMCC.

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