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WFMCC Weekly

Daring to Dream



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"So even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow. I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream." -- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we celebrate the the birthday of the American saint and prophet, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We often tend to think of Dr. King as larger than life, endowed with supernatural gifts that enabled him to reach an entire nation, if not the world. But the truth is, Dr. King was no different than you or me. He was simply a person who dared to dream. In fact, he had to be encouraged to take his place in history, to leave the comfortable, if limited, confines of his parish ministry and become the social and spiritual voice of our nation at a particular time in history. This week we will hear from three members of WFMCC on the impact of Dr. King's dream in their lives and the ways in which this dream still needs to be lived out. As we think about Dr. King's dream of racial equality, I encourage each of you to look within your own heart, to see what dream resides there, waiting to be spoken aloud, waiting to be lived out in your life, in the life of WFMCC and our world. It is only when we dare to dream aloud that change is made. And I believe that we at WFMCC are being called to be saints and prophets in Wichita Falls, TX and beyond. There is a seed of greatness in each of us, if we but



water it with hope and vision, and nurture it with action and faith.
Blessings and Peace,

Nori

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January Birthdays

*If your birthday is this month
and isn't listed, email
nrost@wichitafallsmcc.org to
be included*

Solyta Trainer 1/17
Annette Bever 1/18
Kelly Poer 1/20
Cathy Rudy 1/22
Addison Hale 1/26
Glenn Hendrix 1/28

1. Pastoral Search Team Moves Forward

At this month's Board of Trustees meeting, a new Pastoral Search Team was formed to begin the search for your new permanent pastor. The Team members are Board of Trustees members: Barbara Mann (chair), Ronda Hall, Valerie Vela along with Karen Booth, Martha Catano, Dwight Marcus, Ron Preston, and Beth Romm. This team has already met with Rev. Elder Lillie Brock and on their own and are moving forward in the search for a new permanent pastor. Be on the lookout for a congregational survey in which you will be able to express your desires for what gifts and skills that pastor will bring to WFMCC.

2. Break the Barrier Update

Many thanks to everyone who has been contributing to our Break the Barrier Fund. Our current total is now \$4,597! 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.

We will be taking a special Break the Barrier offering this Sunday. Please give as you feel God directing.

3. Special Dr. Martin Luther King worship service.

On Sunday, January 20th, Karen Booth, Cookie Cicello, and Dwight Marcus will present a panel discussion on Dr. King's famous "I Have a Dream Speech" and share their reflections on how much closer (if at all) we are to fulfilling Dr. King's dream and how we as Christians are called to racial justice.

4. WFMCC 21st Anniversary Banquet

Brent Braswell 1/29
Katie Farmer 1/29

Tickets are on sale now for WFMCC's 21st Anniversary Banquet, which will be held on Saturday, January 26th. Join us for dinner, a silent auction, entertainment, our annual presentation of the "Spirit of the Community" Award, and a rousing bunco tournament, all to be held at the Women's Forum at 6 p.m.

Tickets cost \$21 each for adults and can be purchased from anyone on the Anniversary Committee. We also need your nominations for the "Spirit of the Community" Award, which you can place in the suggestion box located in the church foyer.

On Sunday, January 27, continue the celebration and join us at our 11 a.m. worship service as Rev. Elder Dr. Nori Rost preaches a special Anniversary sermon.

5. No Day But Today Meeting

No Day But Today ministry will meet on Sunday, January 27th, following the Anniversary worship service. If you are concerned about HIV/AIDS in Wichita Falls and beyond, plan on attending this important meeting. See John Forsythe for more details.

6. WFMCC Change Drive

Stay tuned for the amount of change collected in 2007. While we didn't fill up the containers, a little change can go a long way. And why not get a jump start on this worthy goal for 2008 as we try to fill up the five-gallon container 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.

Every penny, nickel, dime and quarter will help us continue our ministries into our 21st year and beyond.

7. Thanksgivings and Prayer Requests

Add your Thanksgivings and Prayers Requests to the Prayer Book in the foyer at church or email them to nrost@wichitafallsmcc.org

Thanksgivings for God's never ending love, for the entire church family, and for Tracie's mother who is going home.

...**Prayer requests for** Martha and her family as they support her mother, who was diagnosed with cancer last week, prayers for Heather and her boys, for Stephanie and her family, For Kathy, Lauretta Dowd, whose mother passed away last week, for John and all who have all been battling upper respiratory bugs, for wisdom and discernment for the Pastoral Search Team.

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