

January 6, 2008

## WFMCC Weekly

### Searching for the Great A-ha!



"They set out, and there ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising." Matthew 12

Dear Friends,

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, when the magi finally, feet aching, shoes worn through, clothes travel-stained and faded, limped into Bethlehem after a 2 year journey to pay homage to the Christ Child.

The word epiphany literally means: *a sudden, intuitive perception of or insight into the reality or essential meaning of something, usually initiated by some simple, homely, or commonplace occurrence or experience.* These moments are powerful and can be life-changing for most of us. However, the magi remind us that, although these moments seem to spring *sui generis* from the universe, it actually takes a lot of work, and the willingness to set out on a journey of unknown distance and terrain in order to experience this type of A-ha! moment. This Sunday, I will be speaking about the magi, the journey, the epiphany, and the return trip. I hope you will join me and the rest of the wonderful congregation of WFMCC as we explore the meaning of revelation, of seeing Christ in our journeys and our lives.



Wishing you moments of transcendence and clarity on your journey!

Blessings and Peace,

Nori

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**1. Regional Elder to speak next Sunday.**

Rev. Elder Lillie Brock, our Regional Elder will be preaching on Sunday, January 13th at the 11 a.m. worship service. Please plan on attending and invite a friend!

**2. Special Dr. Martin Luther King worship service.**

On Sunday, January 20th, members of WFMCC 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.

**3. 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.

The next Break the Barrier offering will be received Sunday, January 20th.

**4. 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.

**5. WFMCC 21st Anniversary Banquet**

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.

## 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 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.

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

## 7. Thanksgivings and Prayer Requests

**Thanksgivings for** love and peace, for insight and growth...**Prayer requests for** Steve Cash's brother, Ron who recently suffered a heart attack, for a quick recovery--and praises that stints seem to preclude need for by-pass surgery, for Heather and her boys, for strength and courage, for someone's cousin, Kathy, who is battling lung and breast cancer.

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