

# Wichita Falls Metropolitan Community Church

## Breaking News

Dear Friends

The following message came from Rev Elder Lillie Brock's office this morning.

*"Yesterday, 27 July 2008, an armed man entered a youth performance held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church (TVUUC) in Knoxville, TN. He opened fire and shot 8 people, killing two before he was tackled and wrestled to the ground by members of the congregation. The news of these events, a tragic occurrence in the lives of Tennessee Valley UUC, has been difficult to bear for those connected to MCC sister church, Metropolitan Community Church in Knoxville (MCCK). During the first eight years in the history of the local congregation, MCC Knoxville worshipped and met in spaces hosted by the congregation of the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. On July 27th, the two congregations shared a common bond. On July 28th they are one community sharing a common loss. MCC celebrates and remembers the life of Greg McKendry, 60, one of two people killed in this incomprehensible shooting. Mr. McKendry, 60, was an usher and long-time member of TVUUC. Reports say that Mr. McKendry stood in front of the gunman to protect other church members. MCC Pastor, Bob Galloway shared that Mr. McKendry had been working on an upcoming financial presentation for the members of MCCK. Chris Buice, the pastor at Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church has asked that MCC pray for the Church, those killed and injured, and for the family and friends of all involved. If you would like to send letters of support and condolences, they should be sent to: Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church  
2931 Kingston Pike  
Knoxville, TN 37919 As the sun sets on 28 July 2008, the people of the Knoxville community will gather in a candlelight service. We join with them in this difficult time to remember the lives lost and to pray for all involved."*

I know that you will join with me as we pray for both of these congregations.

Blessings and Peace  
Barbara

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