

June 27, 2008

WFMCC Weekly

Thanks for the Memories!

The Journey by David Whyte
Above the mountains
the geese turn into
the light again
painting their
black silhouettes
on an open sky.
Sometimes everything
has to be
inscribed across
the heavens
so you can find
the one line
already written
inside you.
Sometimes it takes
a great sky
to find that
small, bright
and indescribable
wedge of freedom
in your own heart.
Sometimes with
the bones of the black

sticks left when the fire
has gone out
someone has written
something new
in the ashes
of your life.
You are not leaving.
You are arriving.

Dear Friends,

The above poem takes up a lot of space but I felt it was appropriate to share in this, my last weekly email. It is by the same author of the poem "True Love" read in last week's service. As I reflect upon my time as your transitional pastor, I realize how much you have helped me to find the one line written inside, how you have helped me find my own wedge of freedom. I have tried to do the same for you. Sharing lives, stories, laughter and tears inscribed across the heavens, with the great sky of our histories a back drop for the bright wedge of possibilities that exist in each of us, as transformed my life in pivotal ways that words can't yet begin to describe. My final service with you last week was moving and profound and poignant.



Thank you for the gift of hospitality you all showed me over the past six months, thank you for your commitment to being the presence of Christ to the LGBT communities and beyond in Ta Fa, TX and thank you for being authentically who you are, warm and loving and accepting. As you take the next step on this phase of your journey, I leave content, knowing that you will do great things and change people's lives for the better, that stories of transformation, healing, and growth, yet untold, are being written in your hearts and the hearts of those whom you will touch. And I leave with gratitude, for all that you have written in my heart as well. I am not leaving, I am arriving and you will always be a part of my heart.

I love you, Ta Fa MCC!
Blessings and Peace,

Nori

P.S. A big shout out to your Vice-Moderator, Barbara Mann, who will be taking over the weekly emails! Thanks, BaBa

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If your birthday is in June and isn't listed here, please give me info at

nrost@wichitafallsmcc.org

- 6/8 Diana Hazelton
- 6/10 Lois Gallenberger
- 6/12 Brittany Fletcher
- 6/13 Sherri Long
- 6/14 Jackie Oehler
- 6/15 Barry Grant
- 6/16 Cheryl Geiger-Barnes
- 6/16 Nori Rost
- 6/17 Emmy Cotter
- 6/20 Peggy Standifer
- 6/25 Christopher Nix
- 6/25 Kandy Lovan
- 6/26 Deb St. John

1. Rev. Elder Lille Brock to preach Sunday!

Join us on Sunday, June 29th, as our Regional Elder, Rev. Lillie Brock, joins us to bring a message of hope and sanity in the midst of change. You won't want to miss this special treat. In the unlikely event that Rev. Brock can't be here, Barbara Mann will do an Interpretive Dance entitled "Oh, to be a Butterfly!"

2. Update from Pastoral Search Team.

The Pastoral Search Team has been in initial contact with several people interested in the position of permanent pastor of WFMCC. These prospective candidates are being sent the packet this week! Please continue to pray that God would guide the Pastoral Search Team to the right person for this wonderful opportunity!

3. Special Guest Speaker for Summer!

I'm excited to let you know that Rev. Margaret Scales, from Ecumenical Ministries and ACT..Affordable Care Today..has offered to be our "visiting preacher from July 5th through September 28th. This will provide excellent continuity and great preaching through the summer months as we continue to seek a permanent pastor for our church. Plan on being here each week this summer for an inspiring message from Margaret

4. No Day But Today meets Sunday!

NDBT our HIV/AIDS Ministry will have their monthly meeting on Sunday, June 29th, following the worship service. Please feel free to join this wonderful team as they discuss possibilities for future HIV/AIDS programs

6/28 Christopher
Boren
6/30 Martha Cantano

and share their stories. Contact John Forsythe for more information.

5. Break the Barrier Update

Many thanks to everyone who has been contributing to our Break the Barrier Fund. Our current total is now \$6008! 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 taking up the next Break the Barrier offering Sunday, July 20, 2008. Please give as you feel God directing.

6. Thanksgivings and Prayer Requests

Add your Thanksgivings and Prayers Requests to the Prayer Book in the foyer at church or email them to Barbara Mann at racketwarrior@sbc.net

Thanksgivings for... this Church and it's journies! for good friends and chosen family, for new opportunities; for Margaret Scales

Prayers for... healing and safety for Patsy; healing for Trish; for self awareness and the courage to work on ourselves in our troubles; the sale of Lea's home here in Wichita Falls, home sales for others.

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