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WFMCC Weekly

Ready, Set, Go!

The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" --Matthew 21:9

Dear Friends,

Holy Week is almost upon us! This Sunday is Palm Sunday which we will mark with learning about the fifth purpose for our lives. As you may have guessed by the title of this email, our fifth purpose is about being more than a cheerleader for Jesus, waving palm branches and singing "Hosanna!" Of course, those times of community celebration are very important and energizing to us but they serve their own purpose: to strengthen us to go out and do the work to which Jesus calls us. We were made for a mission, according to Rick Warren, and that's our fifth purpose. In fact, our love for, and faith in, Jesus is to be a catalyst that propels us out the doors of our church and into our communities to be change agents for good. I invite you to learn more about this final purpose by joining us at WFMCC this Sunday. In fact, I hope you will join me for **all** of these **Holy Week activities listed below** so that you can be strengthened, blessed, and ready to go forth and not only proclaim, but show Christ's love.



Until then-
Blessings and Peace,

Nori

P.S. see below for a special invitation from our sister church, Exodus MCC in Abilene.

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March Birthdays

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

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- 3/10 Brenda Kennedy**
- 3/15 Necie Trent**
- 3/13 Ginger Buck**
- 3/19 Michael Starnes**
- 3/19 Alex Heltzel**
- 3/23 Karen Booth**
- 3/25 Barbara Mann**

1. Holy Week Events

Join us next week as we anticipate the Resurrection of Christ.

Mar 16. 11 a.m.-Palm Sunday service with Rev. Dr. Nori Rost preaching on final purpose.

Mar 20, 6:30 p.m.-Maundy Thursday Potluck Seder Service. We will share a potluck meal and follow the Seder much as Jesus did. This is an excellent way to understand the meaning of Passover and its connection to our Communion Service each Sunday.

Mar. 21, 6:30 p.m. Join us for a powerful Good Friday service, Taize style

Mar 23-11 a.m. Easter Celebration Cantata with the fabulous Karen Booth and WFMCC Choir

2. Special Invitation from Exodus MCC in Abilene!

This Sunday at the Paramount Theater in Abilene join Exodus MCC in viewing two special movies with a panel discussion in between.

3:00 PM *For the Bible Tells Me So* Through the experiences of five very normal, very Christian, very American families -- including those of former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt and Episcopalian Bishop Gene Robinson -- we discover how insightful people of faith handle the realization of having a gay child. Informed by such respected voices as Bishop Desmond Tutu, Harvard's Peter Gomes, Orthodox Rabbi Steve Greenberg and Reverend Jimmy Creech, *For the Bible Tells Me So* offers healing, clarity and understanding to anyone caught in the crosshairs of scripture and sexual identity.

4:30 PM Panel Discussion

7:30 PM *Call Me Troy* This tribute profiles the life and times of one of the gay community's most visible and tenacious advocates for change, Rev. Troy Perry. *Call Me Troy* is a truly inspirational story about a remarkable and dynamic individual whose activism was decades ahead of its time. Book Signing with Rev. Elder Troy Perry.

3. Applications Available for open Board of Trustees positions

It's not too late to apply! Applications are available for the two Board of Trustees positions up for election at our annual Congregational Meeting on April 6th. If you think this would be a good fit for you, please feel free to seek out a current BOT member for more information on the duties involved and pick up an application. Deadline for the application to be turned in to a BOT member is Wednesday, March 19.

4. Update from Pastoral Search Team.

The Pastoral Search Team has tallied all congregational surveys and is currently in the process of putting together the brochure/packet for possible candidates. The brochure/packet will entail information regarding the type of pastor that WFMCC is looking for which was arrived at from the surveys, programs offered by our church, history, vision, community opportunities and much more! The Pastoral Search Team is an active committee meeting weekly to seek the pastor God is calling to Wichita Falls MCC.

5. Your Change Makes a Difference!

Thanks to your compassionate generosity and small change, WFMCC raised \$1493.69 in the 10 Gallons of Change campaign that lasted throughout the year. Let's see if we can beat that in 2008 as we start anew. Bring in your loose change and let's continue to change our world!

6. Break the Barrier Update

Many thanks to everyone who has been contributing to our Break the Barrier Fund. Our current total is now \$4,871! 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 this Sunday, March 16, 2008. Please give as you feel God directing.

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...for improved health and and being able to return to work, for the wonderful work the Pastoral Search Team is doing, and their dedication and commitment to the task, for the wonderful sermon Barbara preached this past Sunday

Prayers for...for Julie at Building Blocks Daycare; to find good competent people to care for Andrew and the other children, For Lea, For Cookie and Karen and the closure of Certain-Teeds. For Brian, For Camilla that she improve, and for Martha's brother, Cecil, who was in a horrible car accident and may have to have his foot amputated, for the Cantano family as they try to cope with all these issues, For Haydon
For Tricia, Prayers for Penny, Mark, and Sandra. Prayers for Joan's mom and family, Prayers for Sean, for Rita Chavez who is struggling with throat problems and she would also like prayers for spiritual uplifting!

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