

March 20, 2008

WFMCC Weekly Christ is Risen!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: WFMCC PRAISE BAND TO PLAY BEGINNING AT 10:30 a.m. EASTER SUNDAY! COME EARLY AND GET A JUMP ON THE CELEBRATION!

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they all may be one. As you, Abba, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me." John 17:20-21

Dear Friends,

As I write this, we are still in the midst of Holy Week. We still have before us the gathering as beloved community tonight when we celebrate the Seder, experiencing the humanity of Christ in a way that is only possible, I think, through sharing a meal; the somber Taize service tomorrow when we reflect on the meaning of the Cross, of the death of Christ; and then the entire day of stillness on Saturday, that sublime moment between life and death, that Schroedinger's Box where all possibilities exist until we choose.

And yet, I don't think I'm spoiling the story for anyone when I say that Sunday will bring good news, resurrection news, possibilities spun from impossibilities much like gold spun from straw.

We are still in Holy Week, yes, and perhaps this is as good a time as any to reflect



upon the sealed tombs in our own hearts where death--or at least unknowing is buried. In a paraphrased Schroedinger's equation (a quantum physics theory) until we risk rolling away the stone we will never know what our future can be. What the Resurrection teaches us is that tombs are meant to be sealed, life can be released, death doesn't get the last word. In preparation for the celebration of Christ's Resurrection, I encourage you to roll away the stone from the tombs in your own heart and dare to trust that Life, not Death, will greet you. I look forward to celebration Christ's Resurrection--and all of our own resurrections-- this Sunday at 11 a.m. with the powerful Cantata the VIP Choir, NameSake and Rhythm in Praise will present for us. (And don't forget! Easter Egg hunt to follow--my thanks to those who pulled through for Mr. E. Bunny)!

Until then-
Blessings and Peace,

Nori

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1. Holy Week Events

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

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. **NOTE: Please use Side Entrance!**

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 VIP Choir and Rhythm in Praise Dance Troupe.

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2. Congregational Meeting in 2 Weeks

Mark April 6, 2008 on your calendar so you won't miss the annual Congregational Meeting at which members of WFMCC will vote on the budget for the next year, elect new Board of Trustees members and just

March Birthdays

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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

generally have a comedic year in review via annual reports and an interpretive dance by vice-Moderator Barbara Mann. (Okay, that last part *might* be a false memory..you'll just have to attend meeting to see). There will be a Potluck immediately following worship on that day and the Congregational Meeting will begin promptly at 2 p.m. (Give or take a few minutes).

3. Registration Forms Available for MCC PAD Conference.

Stepping Out on Faith is the theme for this year's People of African Descent conference sponsored by UFMCC. The conference will be held April 17-19 in St. Louis, MO. All people are welcome to attend. Check out www.mcchurch.org for more details or pick up a pamphlet at church.

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 \$5270! 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, April 20, 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...God bringing the right people into our lives. Praises for friends and family. Praises for God bringing us all to WFMCC

Prayers for...Rita Galvez to overcome her temporary loss of her voice. And for Reta Singer. For the starving kids in Cuba. For remodeling. For Dad's procedure and his healing. For Cookie and Karen. For Linda and jobs. For Martha and her mom and brother and for Kathy. For Penny and her mom. Continued prayers for Joan's mom and family. For Julie at Daycare. For a new Teacher at Andrew's Daycare. For Glenn's mom who fell and broke the vertebrae in her neck this week and for Glenn as he makes decisions and deals with the pain of this, for Julie who cut her fingers accidentally in a saw accident and for her partner Pam, for Spanky and Arien--beloved canine family members of Cookie and Karen and Deon and Pam, respectively, who are experiencing serious health issues, for Brenda R.s brother who is experiencing serious heart problems and needs a room to open up at Baylor, for the musicians, dancers and everyone involved in the cantata that God would use them mightily.

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