

March 28, 2008

WFMCC Weekly

Christ is Risen! Now What?

"But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'" ---John 20:25

Dear Friends,

Last week we celebrated the Resurrection of Christ with a resounding "Alleluia!" punctuated by a wonderful presentation of the Easter cantata by our fabulous music and arts department. (Okay, I admit, I just invented that department. It seemed easier than naming all the wonderful singers, dancers, players, sound technicians as well as the director who participated, although, come to think of it, this admission is even longer than that). Ahem.

At any rate, this week, we will be exploring the question, "Christ is Risen! Now what?" What did it mean for the disciples who spent that first Easter, not hunting eggs, but hiding in a safe house? What does it mean for us? How will the Resurrection and all that it implies change us? Inspire us? What does it mean that we know what our purposes are? How will we allow new life, resurrection to change WFMCC? Are we willing to come out of the locked rooms of security and business as usual and experience our own resurrection?

I hope you will gather with the disciples, the doubting and the certain, at WFMCC this Sunday as we explore what happens now.



Until then-
Blessings and Peace,

Nori

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*If your birthday is in March
and isn't listed here, please
give me info at
nrost@wichitafallsmcc.org*

4/2 CiCi LeFleur
4/12 Kathy McCabe
4/12 Keith Myers
4/16 David Rogers
4/16 Cindy Haney
4/19 Tyler Morrow
4/20 Rebecca Hall
4/21 Jerry Myers
4/29 Curtis Bilyeu

1. Congregational Meeting April 6

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 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).

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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!

5. 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.

6. 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...friends and those God sends to us to help in our journeys! For the wonderful Cantata and all the people who worked so hard on it. For new opportunities.

Prayers for... our families-- may they find peace and comfort when it is needed! Prayers for Brian. Prayers for Cookie and Karen. For continued healing of Martha's Mother. For Steve Cash, For Glenn Hendrix and his mom, for clarity in decision-making, for continued healing for Julie W.

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