

March 7, 2008

## **WFMCC Weekly At Your Service!**

**DON'T FORGET! DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS THIS WEEKEND!  
SPRING FORWARD--LOSE AN HOUR OF SLEEP BUT GAIN AN HOUR OF  
BLESSING BY ARRIVING AT CHURCH ON TIME!**

"I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than the master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent them. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." John 13:17

Dear Friends,

Can you believe Easter is almost upon us? It seems as if we just began our Lenten Journey, 40 Days of Purpose, last week. And yet, here we are, just two weeks away from Easter when we will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. Still, we have time to discover two more purposes for our lives, according to Rick Warren, and this week our very own Barbara Mann will preach on the fourth purpose which is serving God and others. I think it is fitting that Barbara bring this message. Everytime I have thanked her for going beyond the call of duty in her service to WFMCC, she always answers, "I live to serve." And it is clear that she means that. She had already figured out this fourth purpose long before I asked her to preach this Sunday. I know, too, that she is blessed, as Jesus



promised she would be in the above scripture. I hope you'll join Barbara and the rest of WFMCC this Sunday to learn how you can be blessed as well, in serving others. Until then-- Blessings and Peace,

Nori

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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**

**3/19 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. 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.

#### 3. What would you get if you put Rick Warren in Drag?

A special sermon series based on Warren's popular book, "The Purpose Driven Church" all queered up by transitional pastor, Rev. Dr. Nori Rost. We are continuing to look at the different chapters of this book, written by evangelical Christian Rick Warren. She will lead us through questions such as "What is my purpose?" "Why did God create me?" and others as together we explore the purpose God is calling WFMCC to, as well each of us as individuals. By looking at these important questions through the lens of

progressive, queer Christianity, Rev. Rostis taking us through a Lenten journey of eternal significance. And because it's a theme, we're trying something new using our multi-media technology. On the weeks Rev. Rost isn't physically with us, she'll be providing the sermon via DVD. If nothing else, it should be fun just to see how it turns out. So plan on joining us every Sunday during Lent as we explore God's purpose for our lives and our 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 \$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 on 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](mailto:nrost@wichitafallsmcc.org)*

**Thanksgivings for...**Lisa Oliver's fast healing from surgery, continued healing for Steve Cash, Michael Starnes and Brian Vestal, Praises for Life Love and family and for long weekends!

**Prayers for...**Camilla Catano and family as she began chemo again this week, continued healing for Trish, Cookie Cicello, Diana Estrada and all those impacted by Certain-Teed's closing, continued prayers for the Pastoral Search Team, prayers for Health and Happiness; Answers and Bold Blessings; Travel mercies for Kent; Mark losing his mom; For John, Brian, and Steve; For all those suffering from grief; For the passing of Roberta Davis her family and friends. For Laretta's health and well-being; Prayers for Martha and Kathy; for Heather and Knowledge of the right time for surgery. For Trish and health; For Kim, Tiff, and Chris and a New Home; For Jimmy Joe Stevens to have strength to overcome bad feelings and thoughts, for Margaret Scales continued recovery from stroke.

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