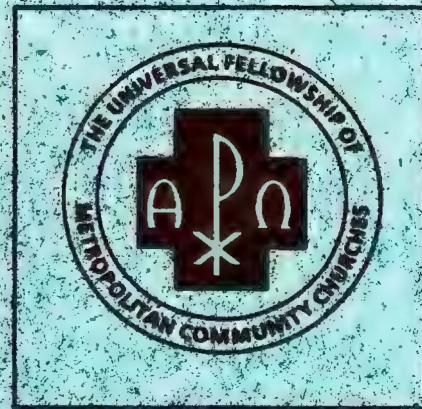


FAMILY OF FAITH

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AN OUTREACH TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF FAMILY OF FAITH MCC

September 1996

PASTOR'S PEN

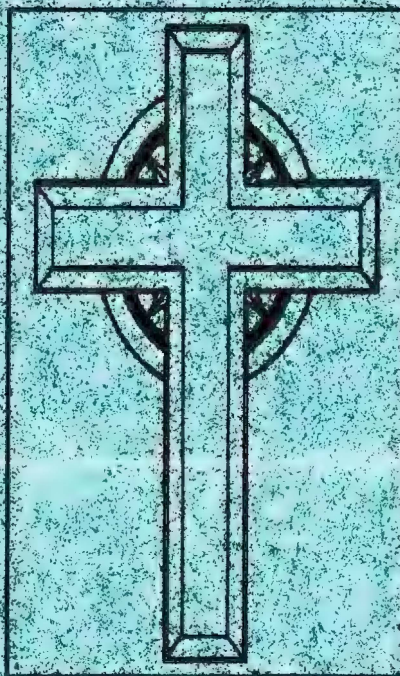
By Rev. Nancy Horvath M. Div.

Dear Family of Faith Metropolitan Community Church,

It is difficult, at times, to understand the Will and the Call of God in our lives. I have come, with much difficulty, to accept the fact that God is calling me to leave Family of Faith. I do not know what the future holds for me. I do not know what the future holds for this faith community. What I do know is that it is God who holds and upholds each of us. It is God who will direct our futures, though they must now go in separate directions.

As I shared with you when I arrived in Tulsa, I do not leave a church or take on a church without the explicit Call of God to do so. It is with this Call that I tender my resignation as the Pastor of Family of Faith MCC on this 18th day of August, 1996. My last day with you will be the 30th of September, 1996. In the meantime our ministry will continue much as planned.

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WISH LIST

Greeting Cards to send out

Stamps to send the cards with

An Electric Pop Box

Christian oriented coloring books, etc. for the children's ministry

WEEKLY

Sundays

9:15 am Adult Ed.

11:00 am Worship Service

Wednesdays

6:30 pm Praise & Worship

7:30 pm Choir

Thursdays

7:30 pm Co-Dependency Group

MONTHLY

1st Sunday of Month
Potluck1st Friday of each Month
SAFE HAVEN (ages 18-30)2nd Sunday of each Month
Board Meeting (open to all)10th of each Month
Newsletter Articles Due3rd Wednesday of each Month
Newsletter Mailing 5:30 PM

(Pastor's Pen continued)

As of October 1, 1996 the church will have the responsibility to form a pastoral search committee and to keep alive the worship, pastoral care, education and programming which we have developed together. This will be an awesome task, but I have complete confidence that you will be able to do so, with God's help.

I want you to know that I am not rushing off to another pulpit. I have decided not to leave the Tulsa area before March of 1997. During this time my family and I will not attend worship here. We would like to attend the Christmas concert and/or any special events we are specifically invited to attend. I will not be in the position to preach, perform pastoral care duties, teach or do workshops after September 30th. If someone falls seriously ill and/or is taken to the hospital I am willing to visit with them at their request. Likewise if someone requires a Holy Union or a Funeral I am willing to help out at their request.

Barb and Zach and I may continue to socialize with folks from the church we have socialized with in the past. We will not be available, however, for discussion regarding the church, the leadership or the pastoral search process. Our boundaries regarding these issues will be strictly enforced.

My prayers will be with you. I am saddened by this time of "good-bye", but heartened by what I believe God holds in the future for all of us. Until my last day with you I remain here, in Christ's Service.

Sincerely,

Rev. Nancy J. Horvath

Coming in October Stewardship Month

Share your time, talents
and treasures with us as

we "build" for the
future. Become an
eaglet and flap your
wings!

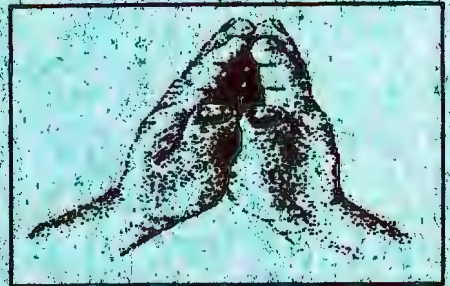


POT LUCK DINNER

1st SUNDAY EACH MONTH

**CHOIR PRACTICE
7:30 WEDNESDAYS**

WE NEED YOU!



PRAYER LIST

- Diana Hall
- Barb Baumgartner
- Joan, as she seeks God's guidance
- Carol, who has AIDS - that she can get to the AIDS quilt in Washington DC
- MCC of Greater Tulsa's pastoral search
- William, who has AIDS
- Datha
- David, for healing for his spirit
- Diana as she leaves us to move to New Jersey
- Kathleen and Marvita, as they begin their new life together following their Holy Unions
- Kharma, as she leaves us to move to Oregon
- Chris, who's having emotional problems
- Cheryl, who has a cyst and requests prayer
- Pastor Nancy's mom, who has been diagnosed with emphysema

PRAISE THE LORD!

- Stephanie & Arnie are going to have a baby!
- Christie Hancock's cousin is improving
- Dr. Jeffrey Nytech's work was performed (he's a composer) by the National Repert Orchestra in Breckinridge, Colorado on August 7th, and some of his other work will be performed at the Soho Arts Festival in New York in September!

AROUND THE FELLOWSHIP

Rev. Elder Troy Perry, UFMCC founder and Moderator, informed of the escrow closure on the Fellowship's 3.8 million dollar purchase of a modern complex of buildings on Santa Monica Blvd. issued the following statement:

"This is a great day for UFMCC, and for lesbians and gays everywhere. As conservative religious groups of the far-right continue their relentless assault on our dignity and freedoms, our Fellowship is preparing to consolidate our gains and strengthen our network of churches to position ourselves in the forefront of the struggle. This West Hollywood property is ideal for us. Once established there, our new Global Headquarters and the new MCC Los Angeles will be a highly visible symbol of the maturity, stability, decency, and permanence of the Gay/Lesbian Community.

This purchase marks the successful completion of phase one of the MCC Fellowship's first major Capital Fund campaign. The goal of phase two is to finance planned improvements and to pay off the property completely in 3 years. I have already traveled to 56 MCC churches with a multimedia campaign presentation entitled: "Vision. For the Next Generation". Our people are deeply committed. With each local Campaign visit, more and more of MCC's people, and our

friends and supporters in the communities we serve, are becoming excited about this project, and are making generous commitments to it. I intend to make Campaign visits to every MCC in the world over the next 3 years. Our prospects for making necessary improvements and paying off the property are excellent."

Diana Hall & Barb Baumgardner would like to thank Family of Faith and especially the Care Team and Pastor Nancy for the concern while Barb was hospitalized.

Don't forget
Wednesday night
praise and prayer
at 6:30 pm.

**"God has
done great
things for us,
and we are
filled with
joy!"
- Psalm 126:3**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY FAMILY OF FAITH MCC!

Join us on September 8th for our church's Anniversary celebration! Other activities are in the discussion phase, so call the church at 622-1441 for more information!



Moving?

Please advise the church of your new address so you can continue to receive the newsletter. You can reach us at 622-1441.

Friendship Sunday!

August 25th will be our second annual Friendship Sunday. Bring a friend to church on his or her special day and we're sure you'll both be blessed! An ice cream social will follow the worship.

September 1996

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 9:00 am Adult Class 11:00 am Worship Potluck after Worship	2 7:00 pm Church Team Mtg	3	4 6:30 pm Prayer & Praise Service 7:30 Choir Practice	5 7:30 pm Co- Dependency Mtg	6 HAY HAVEN	7
8 9:00 am Adult Class 11:00 am Worship Board Meeting Church 70 Anniversary!	9 7:00 pm Food Raising Team Mtg	10	11 6:30 pm Prayer & Praise Service 7:30 Choir Practice	12 7:30 pm Co- Dependency Mtg	13	14
15 9:00 am Adult Class 11:00 am Worship	16 7:00 Antislavery Team Mtg	17	18 6:30 pm Prayer & Praise Service 7:30 Choir Practice	19 7:30 pm Co- Dependency Mtg	20	21 10:00 pm Men & Crew
22 9:00 am Adult Class 11:00 am Worship	23 7:00 pm Council of Ministry Mtg	24	25 5:30 Newsletter Meeting 6:30 pm Prayer & Praise Service 7:30 Choir Practice	26 7:30 pm Co- Dependency Mtg	27	28
29 9:00 am Adult Class 11:00 am Worship 6:30 Evening Healing Service	30 7:00 pm District Derry Council					

DELORES BERRY CONCERT!!

SEPTEMBER 30th 7:00 pm

The name speaks for itself! Delores will be with us on September 29th for a Healing Service at 6:30 pm and a concert the next evening. You won't want to miss either!



“God has given each one of us approximately 25,000 to 26,000 days on this earth. I truly believe He (or She) has something very specific in mind: 8,300 days to sleep, 8,300 to work, and 8,300 to give, live, play, pray and love one another.”

— Quincy Jones

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