

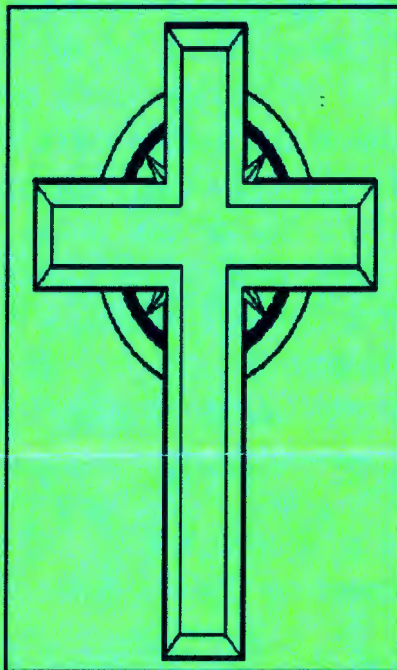


AN OUTREACH TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF FAMILY OF FAITH MCC

May 1997

### **PRAYER LIST**

- Carol and Family, who are dealing with AIDS
- MCC of Greater Tulsa's pastoral search
- Family of Faith's pastoral search



### **WEEKLY**

**Sundays**  
 9:15 am Adult Ed.  
 11:00 am Worship Service

**Wednesdays**  
 6:30 P.M. Bible Study  
 7:30 P.M. Choir

**Thursdays**  
 7:30 P.M. Co-Dependency Group

### **MONTHLY**

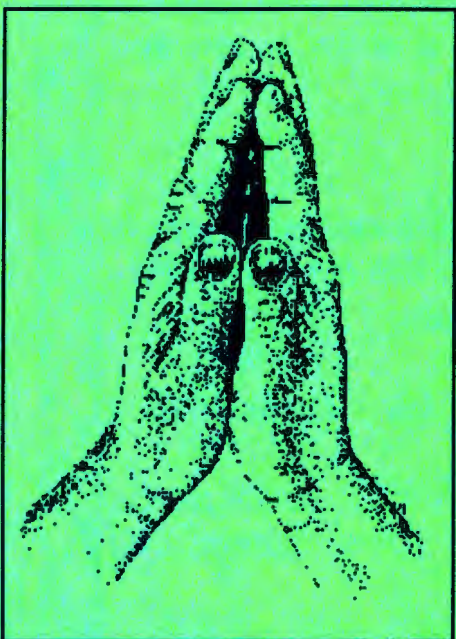
1st Sunday of Month  
 Potluck

1st 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 Due

2nd Tuesday, 7:00  
 Fund Raising Team Meeting



### **WISH LIST**

A Pop Machine

Piano

Sound System Floor Monitor

CD Player

Cards & Stamps

## *RAIN TRAINING*

*by Suki*

I am once again making a plea for more volunteers to take the time to take the RAIN Training classes to be held May 2nd and May 3rd at the Saint Stephens United Methodist Church, 400 West New Orleans, Broken Arrow. From Tulsa, go east on Highway 51 to 161st exit, go south on 161st to 101st, turn left. Training will be from 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM on Friday May 2nd and 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM on Saturday May 3rd. Training fee is \$25.00, but some scholarships are available. Everyone must pre-register by April 25, 1997. For more information call the Regional AIDS Interfaith Network at 749-4195.

Our Rain Team has been an active part of this church since its' beginning and because of members moving out of state or suffering from burn-out, we are down to seven team members, just barely enough to take on a new client. A healthy team should have about fourteen members to avoid burn-out or being overactive with a client. Please be reassured that no one is asked to do anything that they feel uncomfortable doing. I cannot begin to express how strongly you are needed in this area. There is about a six month waiting list for clients wanting or needing a RAIN Team. The short time requested of you weekly or bi-weekly makes a REALLY BIG DIFFERENCE in a client's day, just knowing that someone cares. AND HUGS DON'T SPREAD AIDS...

Please pray about this ministry and let God help you decide. What better act of kindness can you give then join a RAIN Team and share your love!

### *OTHER COMING EVENTS*

The second Tulsa AIDS Mastery event for PLWA's, Caregivers, Family and Friends of PLWA's will be May 16th - 18th. Call the RAIN office to receive an AIDS Mastery brochure or call at 584-2325.

HIV/AIDS Conference in Norman, Oklahoma, June 1st - June 3rd.

Another volunteer opportunity is helping out in the office. RAIN needs daily half-day office volunteers. If you would like to volunteer call Stephen or Kathy at the office, 749-4195.

**NEW!!!!**  
**MOMS' SUPPORT GROUP**  
**AT**  
**THE PRIDE CENTER**

**7:00 - 9:00**

***Alternate Tuesdays Evenings***



**Housemate Wanted**  
**31st & Memorial Area**  
**Call Mary at 663-3153**

**UNITY LAMBA**  
**AL-ANON MEETING**  
**AT**  
**THE PRIDE CENTER**

**7:30 - 8:30**

***Monday Evenings***

## *SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE 1997 UPDATE*

*by Suki*

The Gospel of Luke tells us when we hear the words of Christ and act on them we are like those who build a house by digging deeply to lay the foundation on solid rock. Then when the rains and floods come, the house cannot be moved. Throughout our annual District Conference we will celebrate our strong foundation in Christ and look for ways to continue being wise builders in our congregations. Thus, "Blessed Be The Rock" is our slogan for the 1997 conference.

Plans are moving right along for our upcoming annual District Conference in Dallas, Texas, May 1st through May 4th. If you haven't made up your mind yet (or even if you have), here are some of the highlights.

They have a dynamic line-up of preachers that include our District Coordinator preaching the opening service and our UFMCC liaison elder, the Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson, preaching the closing service. In between, they will be challenged by Mr. Bernie Barbour, Rev. Renae Phillips, and Rev. Ken Martin.

Individuals celebrating communion and/or leading the healing service include: Ms. Vickey Gibbs, Rev. Sandy O'Steen, Rev. Barbara Freeman, Rev. Angela Peace, and Mr. Courtney Craighead. The closing service will include a co-celebration by our Global Outreach guests: Rev. Judy Dahl, Mr. Pablo Navarro Hernandez, and Ms. Margarita Sanchez.

At least 12 different workshops have been scheduled that will challenge and empower us as a district. The Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson will be leading a workshop focusing on the "How To's" of ecumenical work as well as how this can enhance the growth and ministry of the local church.

We will be privileged to have both of the co-pastors of ICM Cristo Sanador, San Juan, Puerto Rico joining us for the weekend. Pablo Navarro Hernandez, a professor of anthropology and church dynamics consultant, will be leading a workshop that focuses on strategies for enhancing communication in the local church. Margarita Sanchez, president of the Interfaith Association in Puerto Rico will be facilitating a workshop on moving beyond the basics in building inclusive and multi-cultural congregations.

In terms of other Global Outreach emphasis, Rev. Judy Dahl will be leading an open forum entitled, UFMCC Around the World: What's Happening. And Ms. Gail Drinkwater will be debuting GO FISH on the Country Store area, a new program designed to raise funds for global outreach churches by marketing products from their geographic areas in the United States.

For the very first time Children's Programming will be provided during the evening and closing worship services, as well as during workshop sessions. Ms. Bechy Torres-West, Harvest MCC, and Ms. Mary Coile-Freeman, DCOL Chair from MCC of the Rock, have agreed to coordinate this program.

Business sessions include passage of District SOP's, standards for Teaching Churches and Supervising Clergy, and elections for both the District Committee and the Nominating Committee.

Don't miss this exciting weekend of sharing and celebration. We will be conducting District Conference 1997:

The Dallas Grand Hotel. (1-800-421-0011)

Cost :\$75.00 (plus applicable taxes of 13%).

Registration after April 15 - \$35.00.

Banquet (if registered for the conference) \$23.00.

Banquet (if not registered for the conference) - \$29.00.

Once a Lay delegate receives all available information for District office about items that will come to the business floor (By-laws, elections & positions, budget, etc.) they will check for a non-conflicting schedule time to hold a forum in order to give the congregation informed data of all business issues by making and distributing copies of all items and/or reading data sent from District office during the forum discussion. This allows the congregation to make enlightened decisions about how they want their Lay Delegate to vote and represent them at conference.

**THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT** - because the Lay Delegate by policy is bound to vote as their congregation decides (or at least the majority of the congregation present at the forum - which is why it is very important for a congregation to be aware of all possible information)

As a member, clergy are welcome to attend such meetings - but it is a meeting led by the Lay Delegate to determine the church's laity vote (note: clergy have their own separate vote). It is also a right for

laity to vote differently from their pastor's vote and visa-versa.

All of the above is also applicable in regard to an UFMCC General Conference.

Please Note: At times District mails the information packet too late to make a forum possible through no fault of your Lay Delegate. Also, at times issues may change at conference, due to amendments, etc. - and a congregation needs to trust that their Lay Delegate will make the best decisions - with God's help - in regard to these changes which might effect the original desired vote of the congregation)

#### *UPCOMING EVENTS*

July 17-26, 1997 General Conference - Sydney, Australia

#### *UFMCC HISTORY IN THE MAKING*

Fifteen years ago, when the UFMCC applied for membership in this body, as well as the National Council of Churches, MCC had been overwhelmingly rebuffed. However, during the recent February meeting of the Southern California Ecumenical Council, the Board of the Council voted to admit Metropolitan Community Church as a full member.

This decision was made despite opposition from Orthodox Churches who believe that MCC's acceptance of lesbian and gay sexuality is "not in accordance with the traditional Christian understanding of the homosexual lifestyle as immoral." Council President Sally Welch stated that the eighteen church bodies that make up the Council "would hate to lose the Orthodox church, but I understand that they have to stand by their position."

The Southern California council's decision followed an identical step earlier this year by the Sacramento-based California Council of Churches, in which this nineteen member body unanimously voted to accept MCC as a full Member.

#### *NEW FLASH*

Rev. Judy Dahl, Administrator of Global Outreach, has requested Rev. Ed Paul to return to the Philippines to provide pastoral leadership development for our church in Manila. It is anticipated that he will be there for a period of 6 - 12 months.

# May

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