



Monarch Messenger

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Tearing Down Walls Building Up Hope

Our Mission Statement

New Creation MCC founded in and reaching beyond the GLBT community showing Christian love to all

HOROSCOPES GONE GREEN

Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Be a secret agent of compassionate change, Scorpio. If you're an architect, design partially underground homes that save on heating and cooling bills. Or, become a tuned-in technician creating wilderness corridors for endangered species, or a midwife birthing babies naturally. If you're new to green consciousness, recycling your plastic bags and water bottles is a good place to start. Or, use your research skills to write letters to the editor to demand change.

MARGARET'S MINUTE:



(This musing was written at Lakeside, OH during my August vacation with my Mother. Each morning, I went to a brief chapel service, and often wrote about it later.)

The sermon this morning was based on the story of the Rich Young Man who comes to Jesus asking what he needs to do to inherit eternal life. Jesus tells him to obey the law –and names at least some of the 10 commandments. The young man says he's done all these things since he was a boy, and Jesus says there's one more thing – sell all he has, give the money to the poor and come along with Jesus. The young man can't do it and walks away with a heavy heart, for he's holding on to a lot of things, and can't let them go.

Maybe it's just where I am in my own journey right now, but I heard it as an issue of trust. He knows how to behave in order to love his neighbor (and maybe even himself). Now, Jesus asks him to practice trusting God to provide for him. If he sold everything, gave it to the poor and followed Jesus, he would be totally dependant on God for his survival. It would no longer be about what *he* could do, but about trusting that *God* would do something on his behalf.

I also find it interesting that the question is, "What must I do to *inherit* eternal life?" To inherit anything, you only need to be the designee of the original owner. Chances are, that means you have to be related to them or associated with them in some way. If the young man could *earn* eternal life, he was well on the way by following the law. In order to *inherit* eternal life, he had to cultivate his relationship with the One who had abundant (eternal?) life to give away. Eternal life isn't something one earns – it's something one receives as a gift.

As the church struggles to make ends meet, maybe we need to ask this question of ourselves. If we asked Jesus what we had to do to inherit eternal life, the first thing Jesus might say is, "Follow the commandments I've given: love God, love your neighbor, love one another; be salt, shine light; reach out, welcome others, teach them about me and my way." And we might answer, "We've done that, since 1978, and we keep getting better and better at it as the years go by!" So what would Jesus say then? I think it would be something about learning to trust God once again. The more we cling to what we have, the more we trust it instead of God. What would God ask us to give up??? What do we need to let go of in order to follow Christ more closely, more faithfully, more trustingly?

I believe God has no time for regrets and "woe is me," and calls us to just do it! Just give up whatever we're clinging to so we can move on in grace-empowered strength. As I just read in the book I brought along to the lake, "God's judgments are for opening up possibilities, while human judgments are often for shaming." Jesus doesn't judge the young man for falling short or shame him into a new course. Jesus tells him the needful thing in order to open up new possibilities for wholeness and fullness of life. Jesus will offer us the same thing if we will ask.

These Days

These Days with Our Fellowship, *by lay delegate, Carol Dlwgosh*

We'll be seeing you in church on October 5th for Fellowship Sunday- for our UFMCC fortieth Anniversary, as Rev. Margaret says, "Groovy".

Everyone finally have their power reconnected? Shingles nailed down? Yard waste ready for pick-up? Groceries in the fridge? While we have survived the tail winds of hurricane 'Ike', Harbor MCC, Galveston, Texas, took it on the leading edge. Their church is gone and they are looking for a place to worship. You can go to www.harbormcc.org, they have fixed their site so public messages can come & go. Other gulf area churches have been hit by recent hurricanes. Our Fellowship has a system in place for making personal donations on line. If you wish, you can go to <http://www.MCCchurch.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Contribute>. **We hope to keep you updated here, on progress for the area churches.**

Next: You may recall signing petitions for a Ugandan woman, Prossy Kakooza, urging the United Kingdom to allow her to stay in the U.K., rather than be sent home to a life of terror if not death. Here is a bit of the e-mail I received from Rev. Andy Brauson, the Manchester MCC.

"We post updates on our website, www.mccmanchester.co.uk on the Prossy page. Prossy had her appeal hearing on 5th September. This was a hearing in an Immigration and Asylum court and was an appeal against the Home Office's decision not to grant her asylum. The judge will have made her decision by now but there is a delay in getting it to Prossy. We think she will hear this week or next. At the moment it's simply a matter of waiting. If the judge has ruled in her favor the Home Office will have the right to appeal to a higher court. If the judge has ruled against Prossy then she has a right of appeal. However, for both sides the appeal rights are limited as one has to show that the judge has made an error of law - however, that is quite common as asylum and immigration law is very complex. Prossy had 10 witnesses who gave evidence on her behalf and another 9 people who went to the hearing with her. This was amazing as normally these courts are held with very few people coming to watch.. We hope that the presence of so many people will concentrate the judge's mind.

Thanks for your interest in Prossy and her plight. Do remember her in your prayers as this is a very low time for her as she waits." As soon as the news comes through it will be put on the church bulletin board.

An old and interesting topic of conversation is floating around some MCC circles again. The question is what types of relationships are eligible for the 'rite of marriage' and the 'rite of blessing'. People are discussing definitions of social terms and theological statements regarding polyamory. For some of us, this is not so vital, for some it goes to the core of our beliefs. There seem to be no consensus, but a lot of heartfelt opinions.

And finally, presently our church is focusing on the "Would Jesus Discriminate?" initiative. Do you have your copy of the book, and have you been studying & praying about it? Our board is to be planning our course of action for this initiative. You can also go to the web site- www.mcccchurch.org for info on this.

Best wishes, Carol- lay delegate



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

To sell concessions at Nationwide Arena. Please contact Renee for more Information. The next training class is set for Oct. 14th at 5:45pm at Nationwide Arena in the Activity room. You must have the training class before working the events. Event dates for October are 10th, 21st, 24th, and 27th.

CLASSIFIED

Looking for a volunteer to be our Building Manager. Must be available to be at the church when needed. Responsible for all building repairs and maintenance, cleaning team, grounds team, scheduled programs and events at the church, keys, and all training on the security system. Make sure the sanctuary is ready for Sunday service. Will report to a Board of Directors liaison. Please call Pastor Margaret at 614-409-9610 or call Shirley Raynard.

Wanted Experienced Organizer:

Duties to help organize New Creation's booth at the 2009 Pride Festival. Making sure the booth is rented, set up and taken down. Enlisting people to staff the booth. The cost of renting the booth and all the literature will be covered by the church. If interested please contact:
Christopher F.

REPORT FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Halloween Party October 25th at 7:00 pm. Cover charge \$5.00 unless you wear a costume. (That means more than just a mask.) then it will only cost \$3.00. Let us make this a really fun evening.

The Social Committee is looking for some folks to help with the party. If you can help set up for the party or are willing to stay around after to get things ready for church or you would be interested in helping to decorate or provide some of the treats for the evening please call Claudia.

We are planning a soup supper in November. Those of you who would like to provide soup or to help with serving or set up or clean up. Please contact Claudia.

RECIPES

TAILGATE PARTY TIME

Maple and Balsamic Glazed Pork Chops with Mango Relish

- 1 cup maple syrup
- 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
- 2 ripe mangoes, peeled and diced
- 1 medium red onion, diced (about 1/2 c)
- 1/2 t. crushed red chiles
- 1 t. sugar
- 1/4 cup chopped chives
- 2 T. rice wine or white wine vinegar
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 Pork Chops (about 10oz each)

Combine syrup and balsamic vinegar in saucepan and reduce over medium heat about 20 min., or until it coats back of a spoon. This can be prepared up to 1 week before tailgating.

Combine mangoes, onion, chiles, sugar, chives, rice wine or white wine vinegar, and salt and pepper. Refrigerate. This relish can be prepared the day before tailgating.

When ready to tailgate, grill pork chops for 15 to 20 min. over high heat. In last 5 min., brush each side of pork chops with the glaze.

Serve with mango relish.

Makes 4 servings.

From Tailgating Recipes Online

Tailgate Salad

- 1 can whole kernel corn (14 1/2 oz)
- 1 can green beans (14 1/2 oz)
- 1 bag frozen sweet peas - thawed (14 1/2 oz)
- 1 cup chopped green pepper
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 1 small jar pimentos

Drain and rinse canned vegetables. Mix with remaining vegetables.

Dressing:

- 1 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup vinegar
- 1/2 cup oil

Combine ingredients and bring to as boil. Simmer a minute. While hot, mix with vegetables. Refrigerate overnight or longer. Will keep in the refrigerator for a couple of weeks.

From Tailgating Recipes Online



If you have a recipe that you would like to share please e-mail to bod_shirley@newcreationmcc.org or mail to New Creation, PO Box 163173 Attn: Recipes, Columbus, Ohio 43216

October 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5 Pot Luck Blanketeers	6	7	8	9	10 Nationwide Concessions	11 Crafters Mtg. 1:00 to 5:00
12 Straight talk Pastor Margaret vacation starts	13	14 Nationwide Training	15	16	17	18 Fundraising Mtg. @ 2:00
19 Recyle Sunday Board Mtg Pastor Margaret vacation ends	20	21	22	23	24	25 Halloween Party 7:00pm
26	27	28	29	30	31	

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Fund raising committee meets on Saturday the 18th at 2:00pm.

Halloween Party @ 7pm see more details on page 5.

Soup Supper in November look for details in the next Monarch

Choir practice will start November 5th at 8:00pm in Robi's home for more info please call Robi.