

GOOD NEWS



The Annual Harvest Dinner Kicked-Off a Busy Season of Giving and Eating

Come Home For the Holidays

The church has been decorated, our tummies have been filled with turkey or tofurkey, we've expressed our gratitude to God for all that God has blessed us with this year, and now we turn to blessing others in this season of giving.

RBMcC welcomed nearly 60 people at the home of Freda and Louise the weekend before Thanksgiving, with the warmth around a fire that surely will kindle in our hearts for a long time to come. We then remembered our Trans sisters and brothers who we've lost over the years to suicide and to murder on Trans Remembrance Day.

And now it is time to give out of an abundance of Joy in the Spirit. It is time that we give not gifts, not meals, not money but love. It is time we give the world the love of Jesus who is our Christ and is our reason for celebrating this season. For it is through Him that we have received our greatest gifts and because of Him that we are here together in community.

If you think about it, the Christmas Season is a kind of love training time. For if you can't love your enemies on Christmas, when will you ever be able to?

So as we gather for the Holidays, and as we get wrapped up in wrapping, decking halls and driving to malls, let us not forget why we are doing these things and for whom. We invite you to join us on a journey this Advent, as we come home for the holidays, celebrate traditions and prepare our hearts to receive the greatest gift of all.

World AIDS Day Service

Michael Southerland and Dale Brown have prepared a wonderful service on World AIDS Day, December 1st. Please come and be a part of this special time to hold vigil for those we've lost to HIV.

Operation Red Bow

RBMCC has always given gifts to others in need out of an abundance of joy. Join us Saturday, December 16th at 10 am for a time of wrapping gifts for the children and families at the Corbin Center, as well as some special gift baskets for this year's Operation Red Bow.

Christmas Eve Service

This will be the third year Christ Chapel MCC and RBMCC will celebrate Christmas Eve together. This year Christ Chapel will be planing the service to be held at RBMCC at 6 pm on December 24th. The service will feature an original play by Rev. Eric Buter. We are told that the message of this play is very unconventional and will not follow a traditional Christmas narrative but will focus on the need for Christmas in today's world.

Congregational Meeting

Our annual Congregational Meeting on November 19th saw the election of 3 new Board Members: Anna Orozco, Chaz Curtis and Dale Brown. 2018 will be the first year in many that we will seat a full board. The Congregation also had a very open conversation about finances and the cost of our facility and voted overwhelmingly to aim high but give the Board latitude if austerity is needed.

Prayer Retreat at RBMCC



We will be hosting the second day of retreat spending an entire day on the subject of prayer. What is prayer? Why do we pray? How do you pray? Stay tuned!!!

Speakers & Events Schedule

December

12/1 - World AIDS Day Service

9 PM

12/3 - Dale Brown

6 PM

12/10 - Rick Tutt

6 PM

12/16 - Gift Wrapping

10 AM

12/17 - Rev. Onetta

Brooks

6 PM

12/24 - Christmas Eve

Service with Christ

Chapel MCC at RBMCC

featuring an original play

by Rev. Eric Buter

6 PM

12/31 - Christ Chapel

MCC Community BBQ

9 AM

12/31 - Special New

Year's Eve Musical

Service

6 PM

1/1/18 - Game Day and

Pot luck

2 pm