

MCC's AIDS Prayer Vigil Scheduled

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Rev. Art Fleschner of New Life Metropolitan Community Church is heading the Charlotte part of a national MCC effort to involve as many churches as possible in an **AIDS Vigil of Prayer**.

Throughout the country, MCC churches are holding vigils and asking other churches to bring attention to the suffering of people with AIDS, and to pray for finding a cure and for helping PWAs.

New Life MCC is sponsoring, with the assistance of other religious leaders and organizations, a **prayer line** to be staffed for 54 hours around the clock from 7 p.m. Sept. 5 through 9 p.m. Sept. 7, the weekend of the national vigil.

Fleschner's congregation is also supporting a series of worship services and seminars to be held at the Unitarian Church of Charlotte on Sharon Amity Road, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 19 and continuing through 9 p.m. Sept. 21. Featured speakers will be members of the medical community, Metrolina AIDS Project, and persons with AIDS. The weekend's emphasis is on **informing the public** about AIDS, its effects on patients and on people close to them.

Call 373-1817 for more information concerning the Vigil.

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Occasions, a catering service, will sponsor an "occasion" to support the AIDS Vigil of Prayer. For a \$10 donation, those attending get a **sumptuous buffet**, including hors d'oeuvres, and may bring their own bottle.

The buffet will take place at "Pine Haven at Trails End," 1900 Thurmond Place, on Sept. 6. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 7 p.m. with the buffet beginning at 8. Hosts are Dean Shull and Dave Witt.

Tickets will be limited and must be purchased by Sept. 2. Call 376-3939 or 373-1817. Alternate location in case of rain is New Life MCC.

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MCC/Charlotte's spiritual **renewal/revival** will be held Aug. 29-31 despite the Aug. 23 death of the father of the pastor scheduled to lead it. Popular preacher and lecturer Rev. Elder Jeri Ann Harvey, who pastored the founding MCC church in Los Angeles 1978-1985, will lead the three days of services, all to be **interpreted for the hearing-impaired**, at 4037 Independence Blvd.: 7:30 p.m. Aug. 29 and 30, and 11 a.m. Aug. 31 with an Aug. 30 rap group 1-4 p.m. The church's pastor, Rev. Lynn Guerra, said Rev. Harvey is a spiritual leader of unusual strength and insight. Call 563-5810 for more information.

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Not surprisingly, the team with the most experience — **Tags** — won the **Metrolina AIDS Project's volleyball tournament** at Tags Aug. 2 and 9, and MAP won, too, with \$275 revenue. Competitors representing the Brass Rail (second place) Oleens, Charades and Scorpions filled the tourney field. Players braved the summer's heat to benefit MAP. Congratulations! You're all winners in my book!

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Auditions begin Aug. 29 for Charlotte's first gay/lesbian singing group — the **Charlotte Lambda Chorus**. The chorus gives lesbians and gay men the opportunity to sing together and share the joy of music. The chorus will perform at a num-

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	1 Labor Day	2 8 p.m. Acceptance	3 7:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte 7:30 p.m. HTLV-3 Positive Support Group 7:30 p.m. One Nation Indivisible	4 7:15 p.m. New Life MCC Supper 7:30 p.m. QCG Board	5 7 p.m. AIDS Vigil Prayer Line opens 8 p.m. Acceptance AA	6 AIDS Vigil Prayer Line operates all day 6:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte Potluck Supper 7 p.m. "Occasion" for AIDS Vigil of Prayer
7 AIDS Vigil Prayer Line operates until 9 p.m. 11 a.m. MCC/Charlotte 4 p.m. Tradesmen meet at Brass Rail 7 p.m. New Life MCC	8	9 8 p.m. Acceptance	10 7 p.m. PWA Support Group 7:30 p.m. HTLV-3 Positive Support Group 7:30 p.m. One Nation Indivisible	11 7:15 p.m. New Life MCC Supper 7:30 p.m. PFLAG	12 7:30 p.m. Gay Parents Coalition Safe-Sex Party 8 p.m. Acceptance AA	13 NOW Conference with 9 p.m. concert by J. Breat and Samis Rose
14 11 a.m. MCC/Charlotte 7 p.m. New Life MCC	15 7:30 p.m. Gay/Lesbian Town Meeting at Charades	16 8 p.m. Acceptance	17 7 p.m. PWA Support Group 7:30 p.m. HTLV-3 Positive Support Group Charlotte Lambda Chorus rehearsals start	18 7:15 p.m. New Life MCC Supper	19 7:30 p.m. New Life MCC AIDS Workshops 8 p.m. Acceptance AA	20 New Life MCC AIDS Workshops 6:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte Coffeehouse
21 New Life MCC AIDS Workshops 11 a.m. MCC/Charlotte 7 p.m. New Life MCC Worship	22	23 8 p.m. Acceptance	24 7:30 p.m. MCC/Charlotte 7:30 p.m. HTLV-3 Positive Support Group	25 7:15 p.m. New Life MCC Supper	26 8 p.m. Acceptance AA	27
28 11 a.m. MCC/Charlotte 7 p.m. New Life MCC Worship	29	30 8 p.m. Acceptance	<h2>SEPTEMBER, 1986</h2> <p>Birth Signs Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 ■ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22</p>			

ber of gay community events and is open to all gay men and lesbians who can carry a tune. Music styles will vary from Broadway to Bach. Director will be Rev. Art Fleschner, pastor of New Life MCC, who holds a degree in music education from Graceland College in Iowa. He also performed post graduate work at Eastern Illinois University.

Tentative plans call for the chorus to meet at New Life MCC one night a week 7-9 p.m. Exact dates will be determined by those who express an interest in participating.

Contact Fleschner at 373-1817 dur-

ing the day. Audition times are 7-9 p.m. Aug. 29 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 30 and 31. Other times may be scheduled by mutual agreement with Rev. Fleschner.

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NOTES HERE AND THERE:

Charlotte's chapter of the **National Organization of Women** will host a conference Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Sheraton Airport Plaza Hotel. Entertainment will be provided by **Samis Rose** and **J. Breat** in two 40-minute sets beginning at 9 p.m. Food and wine will be served. For more information, contact

NOW's Marjorie Storch, 364-2056.

PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) continues to be very active. WDAV radio plans to make a half-hour tape about the group for future airing. The Mecklenburg County Mental Health Center has also called on group members to share experiences with its counselors so they may more effectively assist members of the gay and straight communities at times of crisis. The group also plans to have John Quillin of Charlotte's Gay/Lesbian Switchboard speak at a meeting in the near future, and will view a video made by the PFLAG group in San Francisco titled "Parents Come Out". Thanks to all of you for your support... we appreciate you!

Speaking of the **Switchboard**, John says there now are at least seven new volunteers. Beginning in September, the line will be staffed seven nights a week! Congratulations and good luck to the new recruits!

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Do you have news or items of interest to share? Call Mark — that's me — at 525-1606 and we will do our best to keep everyone posted and current about our very busy community.



Spiking It Over During MAP Tournament At Tags

ORGANIZATIONS

Acceptance. 8 p.m. Tuesdays. Park Road Baptist Church. Programs, rap sessions, covered dish suppers. Call 704/525-6128.

Acceptance AA. 8 p.m. Fridays. Holy Comforter Church, 2701 Park Rd. Open meetings for alcoholics and their loved ones (includes Al-Anon). More information: 332-4387.

AIDS Support Group. Weekly meetings. Professional support for persons with AIDS and others. Call 704/375-1156.

Gay/Lesbian Switchboard. Information, peer counseling and referral service. Staffed 7-11 p.m. daily. Volunteers always welcome for training. Call 704/525-6128.

Gay Parents Coalition. 7:30 p.m. second Tuesdays until new fall schedule is announced. Topical meetings of interest to gay parents (men and women), their friends and partners. Call Mark, 704/525-1606.

Mature Gay Men. First Saturdays with 7:30 p.m. social hour; 8:30 covered dish supper. Inquiries to Q-Notes, P.O. Box 221841, Charlotte, N.C. 28222. Include phone number if possible.

Metrolina AIDS Project (MAP). Information, education and support, including safe-

sex educational parties. Hotline Mon.-Fri. 6-9 p.m., 333-AIDS. Write Les Kooyman, Director, P.O. Box 32662, Charlotte, N.C. 28232.

Metropolitan Community Church of Charlotte. Worship 11 a.m. Sundays and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 4037 E. Independence Blvd. Pastor Lynn Guerra. Promptness is requested due to building security rules. Call 563-5810.

New Life Metropolitan Community Church. Worship 7 p.m. Sundays and church dinners 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 2121 Commonwealth Ave., Suite 215. Pastor Art Fleschner. Call 373-1817.

One Nation Indivisible. New human advocacy group countering misinformation about gay and lesbian people and planning political participation activities. Call 373-1817 or 332-3834.

Parents And Friends Of Lesbians & Gay Men (PFLAG). 7:30 p.m. second Thursdays, Christ The King Episcopal Church, 1214 Providence Rd. Call 364-1474 (strict confidentiality).

Queen City Coordinators. P.O. Box 221841, Charlotte, N.C. 28222. Assists Charlotte-area gay/lesbian groups with funding and sched-

uling events. Public board meetings first Thursdays, Carolina Community Project, 2300 E. 7th St. Call 704/525-6128.

Students At UNC-Charlotte. Counseling and support for gay and lesbian students. Call Susan Furr, 704/597-2140.

The Tradesmen. 5 p.m. first Sundays, Brass Rail. Levi-leather social club. Call 399-8413.

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Your organization not here? Q-Notes needs information on student groups throughout the Carolinas Piedmont and mountain areas and other groups in the Charlotte, Greensboro, Hickory, Asheville, Winston-Salem, Columbia and Greensboro-Spartanburg areas. Write to Mark Drum, c/o Don King, 331 East Blvd. #3, Charlotte 28203 with meeting and descriptive information. Or call Mark at 704/525-1606.