



A Spacious Place

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~Soul Nurture Through Creativity~



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happy 2013, Spacious People! We wish for you joy, challenge enough to help you know your strength, opportunities to love and to create—and to love creating, and much good soul food, literally and figuratively.

Here's our wish list:

- *Volunteer to work with Kaye at Mary Lee two Fridays per month (training provided, application and background check required)
- *Volunteer to work with Kaye at Bona Terra two Wednesdays per month (training provided, application and background check required)
- *A Spacious Place in which to do our work
- *Prayer and more prayer

Have time or space to donate? Email kaye@aspaciousplace.com.



January 12: Young Artists Club Begins/Young Writers Resumes

When?	Jan. 12*	1:00 – 4:00 pm
Where?	7105 Gentle Oak Dr. Austin, TX 78749	
What?	If you like, come costumed as a superhero! YAC dues: \$65 for first child in family, \$60 for remaining children (\$5 less on all fees for <i>A Spacious Place</i> members)	

YWC dues: \$50 for first child in family, \$45 for remaining children (\$5 less on all fees for *A Spacious Place* members)

Who?

Young Artists Club: 1st—5th Graders with BIG imaginations

Young Writers Club: 3rd—8th graders with BIG imaginations

Artist/Writer of the Month Hint: This artist/writer is a MARVEL! Fantastic! Excelsior! Incredible! Okay, 'nuff said.

*Clubs will meet jointly on Jan. 12, beginning in February, the YWC will meet the first Saturday of each month and the YAC the second Saturday. **Need financial assistance? Contact david@aspaciousplace.com or phone 512-807-6863. We want every interested student to attend and we'll work out a way.**

Register for both clubs on our website: www.aspaciousplace.com or phone 512-807-6863.



CARD-MAKING FUNSHOP

Want to make personalized cards that not only accompany gifts, but are gifts themselves? Want to create beauty from recycled materials? Join our funshop and create holiday and greeting cards as unique as you are.

Join the Fun: **Jan. 26** from **9:30 am till 12:30 pm** at 7105 Gentle Oak Dr. Cost is \$10 to cover materials.

Interested? Email kaye@aspaciousplace.com or phone 512-807-6863.



*"A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." (Matthew 2:18 NRSV)*

Perhaps you, too, know inconsolable loss: of loved ones, of health, of relationships, of childhood, of dreams, of innocence, of job, of.... Do you stand alongside Rachel? Have you survived or are you dwelling this moment in Ramah? Please consider joining our online community. Visit www.RamahFaith.com.



January Soul & Solace: God Magic

Into a season of expectancy and joy intruded an act of devastating violence. What can we, small and distant as we are, do for the parents, the brothers, the sisters, the friends and fellow teachers, the bewildered student survivors of Sandy Hook Elementary?

A Spacious Place takes violence and its consequences seriously. What happened in Connecticut will forever change lives in that community, but also, the very fabric of the universe. We also believe creativity and love

bear a deeper, more powerful magic than violence. So we invite you to join us in taking these people into our hearts and placing them in God's hands (to paraphrase of Madeleine L'Engle's definition of prayer).

Our Ramah Faith site was created in response to an event which has come to be called the Slaughter of the Innocents (Matthew 2:1-18). Leading up to the anniversary of the nativity celebration, we witnessed the aftermath of a second Slaughter of Innocents.

Our invitation? Begin the new year by putting your powerful magic to work. Read the news stories of those who died—including those who died seeking to shield children—and those who mourn them, then create a prayer—be it a word, a sentence, a poem, a drawing, a photo, or whatever else your faith and your faith tradition prompts you to offer. Email us your prayer (contact@aspaciousplace.com) to post on the Ramah Faith site (www.ramahfaith.com) alongside other responders, thus forming a potent circle of God magic.

They have asked for prayer; let us answer. While our prayers will not minimize or erase what has happened, they will flood a devastated community with love. And that is a needful thing, for, in the end, love alone has muscle enough to bear us up through tragedy.



Like *A Spacious Place* on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ASpaciousPlace) and follow us on Twitter @ASPACIOUSPLACE.



Holy Saturday Key 2 Violence Creativity Project

Join us on Holy Saturday, March 30, as we gather art supplies and caring, creative people to participate in our "Key 2 Violence" project. The project invites persons who have experienced violence (that's all of us) to respond by first naming its impact on theirs and other lives, and then transforming violence through creativity. Learn more about Key 2 Violence by viewing the photos on our website www.aspaciousplace.com.

2:00—3:00 pm	Silent, Contemplative Worship Centers
3:00—5:00 pm	Key2Violence Hands-On Creating
5:00—5:30 pm	Sharing & Communion



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Becoming an *A Spacious Place* Member

Apply for a membership that includes

- 1) access to the *A Spacious Place* calendar for posting upcoming creativity/spirituality events (see calendar below);
- 2) 2 discounts on *A Spacious Place* offerings, such as courses and camps; and
- 3) a venue for artists to share their work (such as musical offerings or poetry slams).

Because *A Spacious Place* believes the contribution of one's creative gifts and/or time equals the contribution of money, the board has designated the following ways in which one may become an *A Spacious Place* member.

	One Year Membership	Two Year Membership	Three Year Membership
Individual	\$40 or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$75 or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$100 or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services
Tier 1 Group (1-5 individuals)	\$35 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$65 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$90 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services
Tier 2 Group (6-10 individuals)	\$30 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$55 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$80 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services
Tier 3 Group (11+ individuals)	\$25 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$45 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$70 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services

Interested in an "in kind" membership? Check in with David McKee at david@aspaciousplace.com.



Upcoming *Spacious* Events

Bona Terra Classes

Jan. 16, 30

Bona Terra Center, Cumberland

Mary Lee Foundation Classes

Jan. 18, 25

Mary Lee Center, S. Lamar

Ramah Faith Community Website

ongoing

www.RamahFaith.com

Young Artists/Young Writers Club

Jan. 12 1—4 pm

7105 Gentle Oak Dr.

Card-Making Funshop

Jan. 26, 9:30 am-12:30 pm

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ASP Board Meeting

Jan. 19 9:30-11:30 am

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Want to Support *A Spacious Place* Ministries?

Here are some possibilities—

- * Include us in your prayers
- * Provide a dolly to transport all our goodies!
- * Check out our camp registry at www.aspaciousplace.com
- * Donate or loan a van or bus in good condition in time for camp
- * Provide us a space
- * Donate beading containers
- * Donate guitars
- * Provide us a space
- * Donate art supplies of any kind
- * Purchase items from our Zazzle! account or our Amazon *A Spacious Place* store
- * Donate funds toward any *A Spacious Place* offering
- * Donate a Mac computer
- * Donate a color laser printer



Our Mission and Vision

Mission: To develop and implement educational and therapeutic programs related to the enhancement of spiritual growth and expression effectively and creatively in all media, including writing, graphic arts, music, theater and daily life for people of all ages, and ethnicities and traditions, with a primary focus in the Central Texas area.

Vision: To provide, for the central Texas area, true sanctuary—

- * in which persons may, through creativity and education, explore and express their spirituality;
- * for persons of all ages, ethnicities, and traditions



Our Spacious Team

Dr. Kaye P. McKee, Executive Director
Lanna Johnson, Board Member
Mike Lawrence, Attorney, Board Member

Arielle McKee, Board Secretary
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