



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

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Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Mark Eggleston

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Call to Worship

ANTHEM

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling seas.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our people sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last
Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by thy might, Led us into the light,
Keep us for ever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
Shadowed beneath thy hand, May we for ever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

+ Prayer

Rev. Janice Ladd

We Worship

This hymn is known as the African American National Anthem. It places emphasis on the history of people of African descent, inclusive of their many triumphs and struggles. This great song is known across the world, but the history behind the song's creation and first performance is often unknown.

Publicly performed first as a poem as part of a celebration of Lincoln's Birthday on February 12, 1900 by 500 schoolchildren at the segregated Stanton School in Jacksonville, Florida.

Principal James Weldon Johnson wrote the words to introduce its honored guest, Booker T. Washington.

The poem was later set to music by Mr. Johnson's brother, John, in 1905. Singing this song quickly became a way for African Americans to demonstrate their patriotism and hope for the future.

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

Congregational Singing

Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!
God has done great things, God has done great things,
God has done great things, bless God's holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Text: Psalm 103:1
Tune: Andrae Crouch, Arr. by Nolan Williams
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+ Scripture Readings

Denise Junious &
Wayne Wiggins

Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is God who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when God blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. "To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal?" says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? It is the Holy One who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because God is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God?" Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. Our God does not faint or grow weary; with understanding which is unsearchable God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youth will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Eve Messina (9 am)
Anne Dittmar (11 am)

Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

We Hear the Word

The characteristic of Jesus is the open message; the mission of love that he offers his church is of open doors. God's gift, Jesus' grace, transcends all the limits imposed by the dogma of religion. The disciples are those on the road, the outpost of the dominion of love and justice.

~ Ofelia Ortega,
Feasting on the Word,
adapted

Special Music

Sanctuary Choir

Ride On King Jesus

Traditional Spiritual arranged by Howard Helvey

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Each One Everyone: A Community of Healing

Making Ministry Happen

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Offertory

Drumming Circle

Sunu

West African Rhythm

Communion

Jason Wood

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

Communion Songs

God Has Done Great Things for Me

God has done great things for me. Great things, great things.

God has done great things for me.

God has made a way for me. Made a way, made a way.

God has made a way for me.

God will give you victory. Victory, victory.

God will give you victory.

Words & Music by Kirk Dearman

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In the Beauty of Holiness

Come let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Come let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Give God the honor. Give God the praise.

Come let us worship the Lord; Let's give God the praise.

Worship God. Worship God.

Give my God the glory. Give my God the praise.

Worship God. Worship God.

Come let us worship the Lord; Let's give God the praise.

Words & Music by Nettie L. Sawyer Lester

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We Listen

Spirituals, in the African American tradition, frequently proclaim spiritual freedom in the face of worldly oppression. Proclaiming Jesus as Lord & King is a subversive cry against the injustices of slavery and a powerful declaration of allegiance to the Liberator of All.

Sunu is a West African rhythm. These rhythms typically are played for tribal communications to announce events such as weddings, a birth of a child, or even a passing of a loved one.

We Receive

All congregations in MCC practice an open communion. We believe that communion is a visible sign of Christ's presence and God's grace that each one of us, friend or member, may receive. Simply come forward as the ushers direct. We use grape juice for the cup. After you are served you will receive a blessing from the server. If you are in need of further prayer, our Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry team is available following both services to pray with you.

We Sing

We sing as a body during the distribution of the elements. If you do not wish to sing, please be in an attitude of prayer for those who wish to meditate during this time.

God, we praise you for your presence at this table.

With these gifts you receive the grace of God's presence.

Music During Communion

Holy Ground

We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around;
Let us praise Jesus now.
We are standing in God's presence on holy ground.
+ We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around;
Let us praise Jesus now.
We are standing in God's presence on holy ground.

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+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

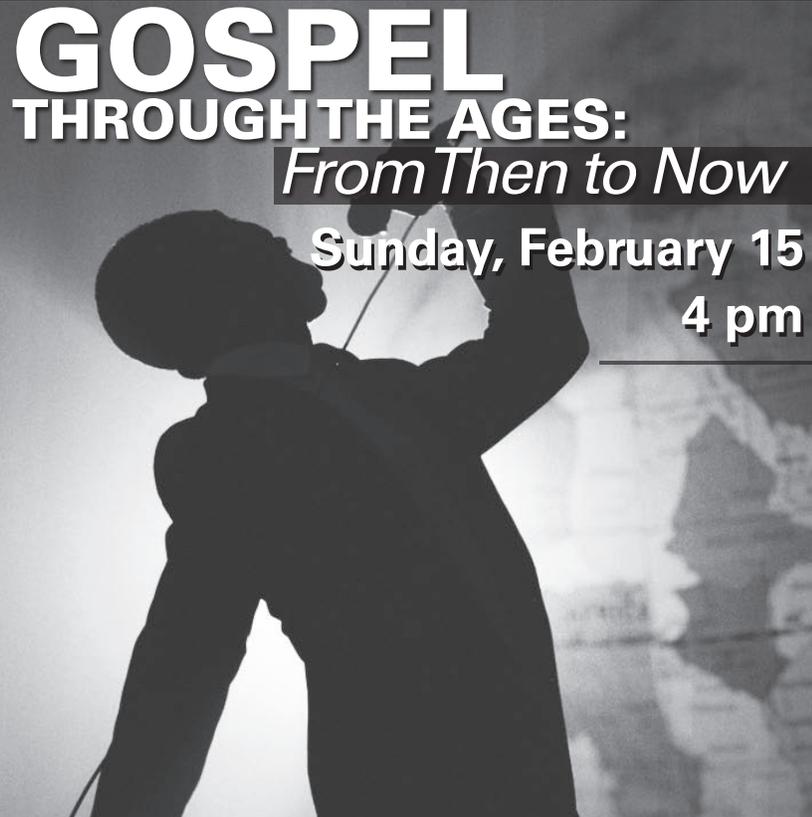
Jason Wood

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Postlude

Joel Hammett



GOSPEL
THROUGH THE AGES:
From Then to Now
Sunday, February 15
4 pm

Join the Gospel Ensemble as we journey in song from the shores of Africa in ages past to the recent election of the first African American President of the United States. With songs of power, passion, and perseverance, we will experience the inspiration of a people who chose to survive.

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Worship

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Children & Youth Worship, Sunday, 11:00 am

Nursery

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

The Chalice: Spiritual Deepening

Wednesday, 6:30 pm

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Welcome!

If you are attending Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church for the first time, we are glad to have you here! We invite you to join us each week as we worship God and learn more about Christian living in an inclusive way. All are welcome.

Make sure to visit the Concierge Desk, located in our Welcome Area, to receive a gift from us. You will find friendly volunteer hosts waiting to greet you.

Worship Services

Resurrection MCC is proud to offer a variety in our worship services. Our two Sunday services, at 9 & 11 am, are identical in form, however they contain different elements from diverse religious traditions each week.

A Special Welcome to our First-Time Families!

Our nursery staff would love to meet you and your infants & children aged 1-3 years! The nursery is located to the right of the Sanctuary entrance and is open during both the 9 am & 11 am services.

Children and youth aged 4-12 years are invited to join our Youth Ministries Program during the 11 am service in the Activities Building (located across the breezeway from our main parking lot). Sign-in begins at 10:45 am. All children must be registered and signed-in to attend. Parents are welcome to join the children for Communion at 12 noon in the Activities Building. Snack & sign-outs begin at 12:15 pm.

About Us...

Resurrection MCC is a Christian church with a primary outreach to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community. We are a part of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, founded by Rev. Troy D. Perry in Los Angeles, California on October 6, 1968. Metropolitan Community Churches are on a bold mission to transform hearts, lives, and history. We are a movement that faithfully proclaims God's inclusive love for all people, and proudly bears witness to the holy integration of spirituality and sexuality.

The **Mission** of Resurrection MCC is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christian action.

The **Vision** of Resurrection MCC is to **ATTRACT** people into a relationship with God through radical **INCLUSION** into God's family, transform them to Christ-like **MATURITY**, and **MOBILIZE** them for their life purpose.

At Resurrection MCC, every member and friend is a minister of the church. We envision a Christian community that values diversity and is as diverse and all-encompassing as creation. Through salvation, service, study, and tithing, each member and friend will live and grow in faith and be spiritually fed. To that end, we embrace five core beliefs:

We believe in God's unconditional love for everyone.

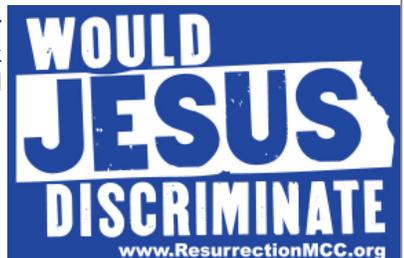
We believe in the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

We believe in including everyone and excluding no one.

We believe in joyfully providing access to Christ-centered spiritual nourishment and Biblical truths.

We believe that each of us will discover our spirituality through active participation in the work of God and in the pursuit of health, wholeness, and justice for everyone.

Again, welcome!



CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY AT RESURRECTION!

Saturday, February 14

1 - 3 pm

VALENTINE'S DAY SAME SEX WEDDING CELEBRATION & DEMONSTRATION

Join dozens of couples and diverse religious leaders as couples are wed! It will be a beautiful ceremony in the Sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Gathering Place. If you would like to get married to your partner in the ceremony, register at www.FamilyMarriageEquality.org

5 - 9 pm

VALENTINE'S PARENTS DATE NIGHT!

Sports, Games, Movies, Arts & Crafts Provided!

Resurrection Youth Ministries Program will be offering Parents Date Night Out. Suggested \$5 contribution per family. Current emergency form must be on file. Ages 4-12 years. Limited to 50 spaces. Pre-registration by Feb. 8 required in *Inspirations* Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop.

Questions? Email our Youth Ministries Coordinator: Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org

7 - 9 pm

SINGLES SOCIAL MINGLE MIXER

Don't stay home alone on Valentine's Day. Join other single Resurrection friends for an evening of food, fun and fellowship! We'll have a wide variety of activities from which to choose. ALL are welcome, regardless of your age, gender, or orientation!

To join our new singles group, or learn about our upcoming gatherings, email Mike at Singles@ResurrectionMCC.org



**CONTINUES THIS WEEK...
LATEST CHALICE OFFERING:**
A book-study exploration
of spiritual awakening with
*A New Earth: Awakening to
Your Life's Purpose*

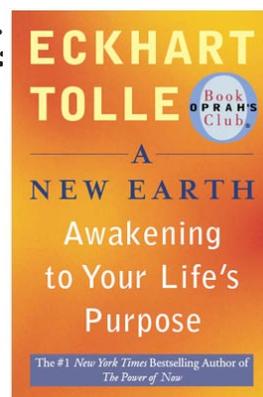
In the Gospel story of Mary and Martha, Jesus says to Martha, "You are anxious and troubled about many things, but only one thing is needful." (Luke 10:41)

Quoting this Scripture, author of the bestselling *A New Earth* Eckhart Tolle says, "I only ever write or speak about one thing: Spiritual awakening."

Join Spiritual Director Cathleen Sheil as she facilitates this open 7-week study and conversation with Eckhart Tolle's bestselling book, *A New Earth!*

Gather with others in this compelling exploration of the spiritual path through The Chalice on Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8:30 pm! **Come to one, many, or all of these exciting book study discussions** offered over 7 weeks, from January 7 to February 18.

Begin the New Year with *A New Earth* – pick up the book then pick up the discussion! Open to all ...



National Freedom to *Marry* Week

February 8-14, 2009



KICKOFF:

LGBT in America:

A Historical Look at the Struggle for Civil Rights to Today, Obama, Prop 8

Wed, Feb 11, 6:30 - 8:00pm
GLBT Community Center
401 Branard St., Room 106

to be followed by:

Social Mixer at Anita's

Wed, Feb 11, 8:00 - 10pm
Anita's Bar & Grille
2409 Grant St. at Fairview

March and Demonstration for the Right to Marry

Fri, Feb 13, 11:30am-3pm
Meet at County Clerk's Office, 201 Caroline St
March to City Hall, 901 Bagby St. (bring signs)

For more information or to register for the Valentine's Wedding Ceremony go to:

FamilyMarriageEquality.org



FreedomToMarry.org

Valentine's Day Same Sex Wedding Celebration and Demonstration

Saturday February 14, 1pm
Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church
2025 W. 11th St.

The Chalice

opening...receiving...offering
Life in Fullness

FEBRUARY 11

Community Meal – 6:00-6:30 pm – Open to All

Spiritual Deepening – 6:30-7:00 pm

Life Development Offerings – 7:00-8:45 pm

The Chalice: Offering One

OPEN TO ALL

Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something, right here, right now, and anybody can be a part of it. Wherever he went, whatever he did, Jesus started discussions about what matters most, because for Jesus, God is always inviting us to open our eyes and join in...

The Open Door Discussion Series

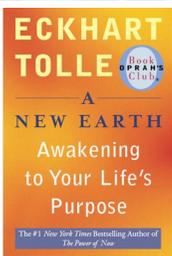
A facilitated open discussion using the short NOOMA films as a jumping-off place for personal reflection and shared engagement with our journeys of faith.

The Open Door - Name

We all compare ourselves to others. We spend our lives wondering what others think and say about us. Some of us even wish we were someone else. We question why we are the way we are and not the way we wish we could be. Some of us have let the expectations of others dictate who we've become. We act a certain way to be accepted but know that we're being untrue. But why are we so concerned with what other people think, say, or look like? What does it say about us if we are unable to accept who we are? Maybe if we really knew our true selves, we wouldn't give so much attention to other peoples' lives and live more in tune with the life God wants for us.

The Chalice: Offering Two

OPEN TO ALL



A New Earth: Awakening to Your Life's Purpose

Join us for one, many, or all of these book study discussions offered over seven weeks. Explore together what awakening *your* life's purpose looks like in 2009.

Everyone welcome! Get your book at bookstores everywhere.

The Chalice: Offering Three

Session Full

CREATING A LIFE



THAT MATTERS

SESSION III: January 7 - February 11

My Passion: Our passions make us most aware of our personal power, energy and joy. In these six sessions, we explore ways to manage internal and external factors, and discover what gives us power, energy, and joy as we serve the Sacred through the church.

Spring Dates Coming Soon!

A Sip from The Chalice

Spiritual Deepening Practice: Reflecting on Sacred Stories

Then those who revered God talked with each other, telling stories of their spiritual journeys and God listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in God's presence concerning these who spoke of their walk with God and how they honor God's life with their own. "They will be mine," says the Holy One, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will uplift them, just as in compassion a parent holds fast to beloved children. And you will again see the distinction between the lives of those who turn to God and the lives of those who turn away, between those who serve God and those who do not.

-- Malachi 3:16-18, adapted

Reflecting upon the witness of Malachi in the Hebrew Scriptures, devout practitioners of the Jewish faith say that when pious people sit and tell holy stories, God comes and listens. The essence of religious storytelling is communicating heart to heart. Both teller and listener must prepare and open their hearts to the tale's divine light and what God wants to reveal. The meditative practice of Sacred Storytelling involves receiving the faith-story in such a way that when listening, even if others are present, a person should assume that on a spiritual level the story is being told "just for me," and should ask, "Why would God intend for me to hear this particular story at this particular time?" Meditate upon the following faith-story. Listen - what is God intending for you to hear through it's telling at this time?

Once long ago, in a vibrant and God-loving village, there was a young boy, much beloved by all, who became quite ill, even to the point of death. There was among the people a Wise Teacher who went into the forest, and with deep prayer and Scripture reading and seeking Holy Blessing, attached a candle to a tree and performed other devotions and meditations. The boy was saved with the help of God. Many years later, long after the Wise Teacher's death, a beloved child of this community once again fell seriously ill. There was among the people a Faithful Minister who remembered the stories she had been told as a young child about the how the Wise Teacher had saved a child's life. Though she knew not the Wise Teacher's practices, she believed that life could be saved because she knew from her peoples' stories it had happened before. "I don't know the mystical meditations the Wise Teacher used, but I'll simply act, and God will help." So she lit the candle in the forest and performed other actions of faith and devotion, and her deeds were acceptable on high and had the desired effect. In the next generation, there was a similar matter with one who had studied and prayed with the Faithful Minister. He said, 'I don't even know how to do what is necessary, but I'll just tell the story of what the Wise Teacher did, and God will help.' And so it was, and those in need of healing were healed and those in need of new life received it, with God's help.

Take a few minutes to reflect on this faith-story. Listen - what is God intending for you to hear through it's telling at this time?

Get Connected to a First Impressions Ministry

Stop by the Gathering Place after services and find out more about exciting volunteer opportunities!

Concierge Desk

Eliot Perez

Concierge@ResurrectionMCC.org

Do you like to help people feel welcome and included?

We need loving, warm and friendly people to serve at the Concierge Desk, located in the Gathering place, before and after both Sunday Worship Services! This desk helps welcome new friends, provide them with a free gift, and help them get connected.

Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop

Dawn Ashbrook

Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org

Looking for new friendly faces and volunteers for this ministry! Provide outstanding customer service in an atmosphere of fellowship for people to make connections.

Second Family Care Partners

Kristia Ammerman

SecondFamily@ResurrectionMCC.org

This care team acts as extended family and friends, offering emotional, practical, and spiritual support. Meets for lunch 1st Sun. at 12:30 pm.

Ushers

Dave Mathis

Ushers@ResurrectionMCC.org

We need ushers for 9 & 11 am Sunday Worship Services. Teams serve one service (either 9 or 11 am) each month. Remember, "No one is *JUST* an usher."

Welcome Team

Jason Sowders

Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org

Do you like helping people feel special and welcome the moment they arrive to the church?

We want to welcome people to the church and help them get to where they need to go. Team members are positioned at every door and sidewalk, greeting people with a smile and kind word, offering directions or answering questions.

If you have questions or would like to join any of these teams, email the team lead (listed above) or contact Jason Wood at Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org or 832-971-0354.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Resurrection MCC is so blessed to have a number of music groups to minister at our worship services. Solo or professional quality voices are not necessary to be a part of these groups. Below is a list of the groups and when they meet. Please take some time to consider being a part of Resurrection MCC's music ministry.

GOSPEL ENSEMBLE

Tuesdays • 7 pm

Directed by Cassandra White, this group sings music in the African-American Gospel tradition, traditional Spirituals and contemporary music of all types. Reading music is not required for this group, but the ability to match pitch and sing a part separate from the melody is.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Tuesdays • 7 pm

This group sings mostly traditional church choral music with some contemporary music added from time to time. Reading music is not required for this group, but the ability to match pitch and sing a part separate from the melody is.

RESURRECTION SINGERS

Thursdays • 7 pm

This is our newest group. Reading music would be very helpful and being comfortable on a separate microphone.

ANGELS IN MOTION

Saturdays • 1 pm

This group is a dance troupe that ministers through dance and movement. This group has its own choreographers. Experience in dance is not necessary, if one has the willingness to learn.

HEAVENSOUND HANDBELLS

Sundays • 1:30 pm

Currently there are several open spots in the handbell choir. Interested people need to have some music reading skills. Experience in ringing is not required. The director, Jim Winslett, will teach anyone the techniques of ringing.

RESURRECTION ORCHESTRA

Weekly rehearsal day has not been determined. We currently have about 6 people interested in beginning this new group, however, we need a few more to have a balanced instrumentation. Reading music is essential, as is having your own instrument (other than percussion).

If you have interest in any of these groups, please email Worship@ResurrectionMCC.org

Outreach, Wisdom, Laughter, Support:
A Ministry for Seniors & Friends



Tuesday
February 17

Noon
Gathering Place

RSVP & Questions to Pat Walker, Team Lead, at
OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org

Resurrection MCC Angels Need New Women's Softball Coach

Coach Laura Recorder has moved to Austin. In order for our team to continue, we need to find a replacement for next year. If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact Jason Wood.



Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org
713-861-9149 x105.



Holy Union Preparation Seminar TODAY! 12:45 - 3 pm Act. Bldg #104 / Lunch Served

Are you and your partner thinking about having a Holy Union?

Designed to help couples discuss relationship matters while keeping Christ in the center of their relationship, this seminar is the recommended first step to having a Holy Union performed by Resurrection clergy.

To register, email Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org

Friday Night OUT February 20, 7 pm



Join us for dinner at Hollywood Vietnamese!

Hollywood Vietnamese Restaurant
2409 Montrose Blvd, 713-523-8808

For more information, or to join the email list for the group, email NightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org

Parents Lunch Social Sunday, February 22 12:30 pm, Activities Building



Parents, Parents-To-Be, or those interested in becoming parents, are invited to join us for lunch!

If you aren't able to join us today, but would like to receive announcements about future events, email Parents@ResurrectionMCC.org

Food Pantry Ministry Open Mondays & Wednesdays by appointment Team Lead: Marty Williams

Food Pantry fund is very low.
Please make a donation today.
Write "Food Pantry" on your check
or giving envelope.

Most in Need of Canned Meat.



FINDING OUR WAY

Giving Up Control to Receive Direction

Giving Up Illusions to Receive Greater Clarity

Giving Up Agendas to Receive Surprises

Giving Up Compulsion to Receive Unlimited Love

Worship Services
Sundays, 9 & 11 am. Wednesdays, 6:30 pm.

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Handicap Accessible
Sundays • Nursery Available 9 & 11 am
Signed for the Deaf 11 am
Children & Youth Program 11 am

Second Family Care Team Ministry

Is looking for caring, loving, helping people just like you!

The Care Team is ministry developed in partnership with Interfaith Care Partners and other congregations. Team members serve on this in-home support program as extended family and friends with Care Partners from congregation and community.

Care Partners are those members of the congregation or community with special needs. Needs include respite care for caregiver, emotional support during personal family crisis, assistance after hospitalization, or any other time of need in the Care Partner's life.

Our vision is to communicate God's unconditional love to all people through simple acts of kindness to members or our church family and community who have a need and seek our help. We believe the Christian community should reach out with loving hearts and helping hands to serve our community and church family members. We believe that by providing emotional, practical and spiritual support with an attitude of love and grace, we can create a positive change in the lives of individuals and their families. Through this form of Christian action, we envision a renewed hope in Christ and in the Christian community.

If you would like be a ministry team member, we meet on the first Sunday of each month, following the 11 am service in the Activities Building for lunch, training, and fellowship care and planning.

If you would like to be a Care Partner and have a special need please fill out a request sheet that is available at all the entrance to the sanctuary and place it in the box labeled, CareTeam. For more information on giving or receiving care, contact Jason Wood, Director of Connections by email at Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org or call 713-861-9149 x105.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED

We are seeking tender, competent childcare providers with formal or informal experience. Shifts are Sunday mornings and may include Wednesday evenings. Approximately 4 hours each week, \$15 per hour.

Contact Rev. Kristen:
713-861-9149 x107
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



Connections First Impressions

Life Development Youth Ministries Programs

Worship & Altar Ministries

Spring "Season of Service"
(March, April, May)

Volunteer Training Day

Saturday, February 21

Various Training Opportunities Offered 9 am - 5 pm

Training: 9 am - Noon

Youth Ministries Programs Volunteers

Teachers & Assistants for a 3-Person Teaching Team

- Serve 1 Sunday a Month for 3 Months
- All Age Groups Available (Infants-Tweens)
- Training & Teaching Materials Provided

Training: 1 pm - 3 pm

First Impressions Volunteers

Welcome Team, Usher Team, Concierge Desk Hosts, Inspirations Gift Store

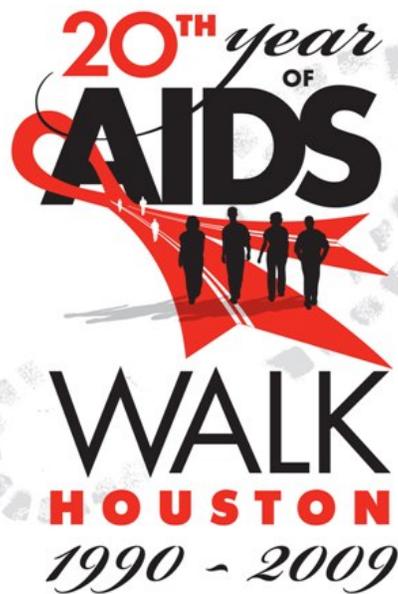
Training: 3 pm - 5 pm

Worship & Altar Ministries Volunteers

Altar Preparation, Communion Servers, Scripture Readers. All training provided.

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What are Your Gifts? Board of Directors Positions Available

Application Deadline: February 22

Calling all members who have the gifts of Administration, Creative Communication, Leadership, Discernment and/or Vision to prayerfully consider applying to serve on Resurrection's Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the financial health of the church and for administrating our resources in support of Resurrection's Vision to Attract people into a relationship with God through radical Inclusion into God's family, transform them to Christ-like Maturity, and Mobilize them for their life purpose.

If you have a passion for financial administration, fundraising, community building outside our walls, and strategic planning for our future, you may be a blessing to our community of faith. Please consider applying for one of several open positions. Position descriptions available through the Nominating Committee; application packets available at all Sanctuary entrances.

For more information, contact the Nominating Committee at Nominating@ResurrectionMCC.org or speak to one of the committee members: Chair - Rose Wall, Win Boyd, Dr. Jacqueline Chambers, Dr. Gary Chamness, and Ron Drumm.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

I am able to be generous. I am rooted in the wealth of God as a tree in rich soil. I share with others from God's unending abundance. As I share, I am replenished. There is no lack, no shortfall, only flow. I trust and affirm there is enough -- more than enough -- for all of us. . . I allow good and abundance to move through me, prospering others and myself. As I prosper others, I am prospered in return.
~ Julia Cameron, *Heart Steps*

Board Members on Duty

Eve Messina & Flo Perry

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

Attention all EXCEL Weekend Graduates!

The Excel in Faithfulness Abunchovum team would like to cordially invite any graduate from the original EXCEL weekend retreat exercise to prayerfully consider attending the next step on our journey in EXCEL by registering to attend our next retreat March 6-8, 2009 at the Christian Renewal Center. To register and to find out more please visit our booth in the Gathering Place.

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Flowers in the Sanctuary

Happy Anniversary, Joy & Kecia!

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending February 1, 2009

Tithes & Offerings			Week	Year
2/1/09	9:00 am	136	\$4,844.90	\$17,388.95
2/1/09	11:00 am	355	\$6,080.00	\$31,720.27
1/28/09	6:30 pm	21	\$282.00	\$450.00
	Special Services	81	\$354.00	\$354.00
	Online Giving		\$1,011.07	\$3,862.14
	Other Contributions		\$1,395.00	\$6,121.93
	Total	593	\$13,966.97	\$59,897.29
Other General Fund Income				
	Fundraising		\$605.00	\$1,139.13
	Miscellaneous		\$1,030.00	\$1,974.46
	Total Received		\$15,601.97	\$63,010.88
	Budgeted Need		\$17,653.85	\$82,030.77
	Total Surplus / (Deficit)		(\$2,051.88)	(\$19,019.89)
Total Imagine Capital Campaign			\$3,172.00	\$12,890.00



This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson	
12:30 pm	Unbinding the Heart Prayer Group	Chapel
12:45 pm	Holy Union Preparation Seminar	Act. Bldg. # 104
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room
2:00 pm	EXCEL in Faithfulness	Gathering Place

MONDAY FEBRUARY 9

6:45 pm	Pride Band - Small Group Rehearsal	Chapel
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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 10

7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Chapel

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11

6:00 pm	The Chalice: Community Meal	Activities Building
6:30 pm	The Chalice: Spiritual Deepening	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	The Chalice: CLM (Full)	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	The Chalice: New Earth Book Study (Open)	Music Room
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Open Door (Open)	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Pastoral Care Min. Train	Act. Bldg. # 104
7:00 pm	Pride Band Rehearsal	Activities Building

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12

6:30 pm	Resurrection Singers Rehearsal	Music Room
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FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED FEBRUARY 13

No Events Scheduled.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14

8:00 am	Future Clergy Meeting	Gathering Place
1:00 pm	Freedom to Marry Same Sex Wedding	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Valentine's Parents Date Night	Activities Building
7:00 pm	Singles' Group Meeting	Gathering Place

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson	
12:45 pm	Pastoral Care Ministers Lunch	Act. Bldg. # 104
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room
4:00 pm	Gospel Through the Ages Concert	Sanctuary