



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

6th Sunday After Pentecost

July 12, 2009

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Jason Wood

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Opening Worship

You're Worthy of My Praise

I will worship (*repeat*) with all of my heart. (*repeat*)
I will praise You (*repeat*) with all of my strength. (*repeat*)
I will seek you (*repeat*) all of my days. (*repeat*)
I will follow (*repeat*) all of your ways. (*repeat*)

*I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship, You alone are worthy of my praise.*

I will bow down (*repeat*) and hail You as King. (*repeat*)
I will serve You (*repeat*) give You everything. (*repeat*)
I will lift up (*repeat*) my eyes to Your throne. (*repeat*)
I will trust You, (*repeat*) trust in You alone. (*repeat*)
repeat chorus

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O What a fortaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.

*This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight! Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
repeat chorus

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blessed;
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love.
repeat chorus

+ Invocation

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

Words on the Word

At Resurrection MCC, we find our joy and freedom in the love of the One heralded in the Hebrew Scriptures as the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9), a Messiah who calls us to live as brothers and sisters such that we turn our swords into ploughshares and learn war no more (Isaiah 2). This One, who came that we might know the love of God through his life as Servant of All (Mark 9; John 13), is the Jesus of our faith. At times, as we lift our voices in worship proclaiming this very same Savior to be a "King" whose salvation becomes ours through the spilling of blood, it may feel that such liturgy is at odds with the peacemaking, grace-bearing Jesus of our faith. Mindful of this, it is our true desire to worship as those Jesus calls to be in this world, but not of it (John 17). In so doing we proclaim Jesus as King to acknowledge that our lives are aligned with the love and peace and grace of Christ; that Jesus rules our lives as a ruler unlike any other: King of Peace, King of Forgiveness, King of Salvation. Through holy love rather than worldly bloodshed our salvation is found; for love of us Jesus poured out the life within him – indeed, his very blood – that all peoples may come to know the peace which passes all understanding; the grace of God's love.

We Hear the Word

God's workings among people are marked by extravagant love and generosity. God's workings are also marked by an inclusiveness that gathers up all things in Christ. Such affirmations derive from a small and marginalized community that celebrates its own inclusion in God's plans without disinheritance or excluding anyone else. The declarations of inclusion and inheritance that abound in the passage counter corrosive cultural messages of being unworthy, deviant, or wrong. Ephesians 1:3-14 announces a loud "not true" to such verdicts and claims instead an inclusive solidarity that embraces all, both LGBT and straight.

~ *Out in Scripture for Year B, July 12, 2009*, adapted.

Rite of New Members

Rev. Dwayne Johnson,
Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini & Jason Wood

First Reading

Carlos Rivera (9 am)
Michael Fernandez (11 am)

Psalm 24

¹ The earth and everything on it -- the world and all who live in it -- belong to Yahweh. ² God built it on the deep waters, laying its foundations in the ocean depths.

³ Who shall ascend Yahweh's mountain? Who shall enter Yahweh's holy place? ⁴ Those whose hands are clean and whose hearts are pure, who do not worship idols, or make deceitful promises. ⁵ Yahweh will bless them; God their savior will declare them innocent. ⁶ Such are the people who seek Yahweh, who seek the face of the God of our ancestors.

⁷ Fling wide the gates, open the ancient doors, and the Glorious Liberator will come in! ⁸ Who is this "Glorious Liberator"? Yahweh, strong and mighty. Yahweh, victorious in battle! ⁹ Fling wide the gates, open the ancient doors, and the Glorious Liberator will come in! ¹⁰ Who is this "Glorious Liberator"? Yahweh is our Glorious Liberator!

Special Music

Resurrection Singers

Moving Forward

by Israel Houghton & Ricardo Sanchez

+ Second Reading

Terry Talley (9 am)
Jubi Headley (11 am)

Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Praise be to the creator of our savior Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens! ⁴ Before the world began, God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless and to be full of love. ⁵ God like-wise destined us through Christ Jesus to be adopted children -- such was God's pleasure and will. ⁶ Thus, everyone might praise the glory of God's grace which was freely bestowed on us in God's beloved, Jesus Christ.

⁷ It is in Christ and through the blood of Christ that we have been redeemed and our sins forgiven, so immeasurably generous is God's favor ⁸ lavished on us with perfect wisdom and understanding. ⁹ God has taken pleasure in revealing the mystery of the purpose through Christ, ¹⁰ to be carried out in the fullness of time; namely, to bring all things -- in heaven and on earth -- together in Christ.

¹¹ In Christ we were willed an inheritance; for in the purpose of God -- and everything is administered according to the divine will and counsel -- we were destined ¹² to praise the glory of the Most High by being the first to hope in Christ. ¹³ In Christ, you too were chosen. When you heard the good news of salvation, the word of truth, and believed in it, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the first installment of our inheritance, the deposit paid against the full redemption of a people who are God's own -- to the praise of God's glory.

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

Prayer of St. Francis

Composer Allen Pote

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Perfect Timing

Sung Response

This is our story, this is our song, praising our Savior all the day long;
This is our story, this is our song, praising our Savior all the day long.

Making Ministry Happen

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Offertory

Forever Blest

Heaven / What a Day Will Be

Arranged by Kenny Cole

Communion

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

Communion Songs

Be Now My Vision

Be now my vision, O God of my heart;
nothing surpasses the love you impart—
You my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, your presence my light.

Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;
ever within me, my soul is assured;
Mother and Father, you are both to me,
now and forever your child I will be.

Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise,
you, my inheritance, now and always;
You and you only are first in my heart,
great God, my treasure, may we never part.

Sovereign of heaven, my victory won
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**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.

During Communion you will be offered bread and cup with a brief blessing.

We use grape juice for the cup so that all may participate.

If you desire a deeper partnering in prayer (intercessory prayer), our Fishers Net Prayer Ministry team is available following both services to pray with you.

Receive God's sufficient grace - the gift of freedom in God's love.

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.

We Go Forth

God's love cannot be contained within the walls of this Sanctuary. Take the love of Christ from this place into your homes, neighborhoods and communities.

Communion Songs (continued)

Amazing Love

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken. I'm accepted, You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me because You died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true. It's my joy to honor You.

Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true. It's my joy to honor You. In all I do, I honor You.

You are my King. You are my King.
You are my King. You are my King.

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Postlude

Joel Hammett

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**GENDER IDENTITY
& OUR FAITH COMMUNITIES**

PRESENTED BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FOUNDATION

July 18th

Registration
9:00am - 9:30am

Presentation
9:30am-12:30pm

Resurrection MCC
2025 W 11th St
Houston, TX 77008

Please join our community

for an opportunity to explore the intersections of gender identity, gender expression and our religious beliefs.

This educational workshop will help you demystify transgender experiences and invoke the compassion for diversity we are called to show all God's children.



Meghan Stabler

facebook



RSVP:

gender@resurrectionmcc.org

The Advocacy Workshop intends to empower participants with knowledge, purpose and skills to transform their congregations and communities into welcoming environments which not only support but advocate for the rights of transgender people. Specifically it is hoped this will prompt inclusion of "gender identity" in all protected categories of local, state and federal legislation.

Ms. Stabler will explain the need for transgender justice, introduce the curriculum, begin the process of personalizing the transgender experience and build a better understanding of transgender concepts.

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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

Wednesdays, 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.

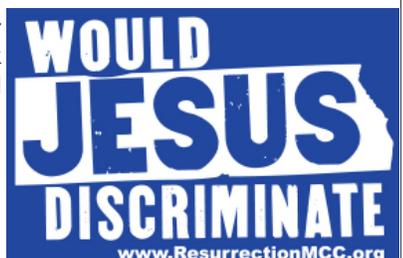
We believe in the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

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!





Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor New Enrollment Period for 2009!

The *Neighbor to Neighbor* program allows Resurrection MCC the opportunity to earn a portion of \$1 million that will be donated annually. The program earning period is July 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010. During the last program period, Resurrection MCC earned almost \$2,000!

To participate in the program, simply take this printed page on your next shopping trip and have the cashier scan it at the beginning of the order.

Below are a few frequently asked questions of the program:

Can a household “link” their Kroger Plus Card to more than one organization at a time?

No, the system allows for one organization per household. To change organizations, you must present your Kroger Plus Card and the new organization’s barcode to the cashier.

Do I have to enroll each program year?

YES, all organization’s and participants must re-enroll for each new enrollment period. The current *Neighbor to Neighbor* Program is effective July 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010.

Do I have to scan the organization letter each time I shop?

No, once the barcode is scanned with your plus card, you are enrolled for the remainder of the program year, ending on April 30, 2010.

How much can my organization earn?

The Kroger *Neighbor to Neighbor* Donation Program will donate \$1 million annually. Each organization will earn a percentage of the \$1 million equal to the percentage of total earned contributions attributable to that organization.

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Additional information available at
www.krogerneighbortoneighbor.com

Kroger cashier: Please scan customer’s KrogerPlus Card at the beginning of the order, and then scan the above barcode. The customer’s KrogerPlus Card is now enrolled in the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program.

Your Board of Directors at Work

Monday, June 27, 2009

The Board of Directors’ monthly meeting started at 6:00 pm with a director-provided dinner and about thirty minutes of fellowship, followed by a full meeting starting at 6:30 pm and ending approximately 10:15 pm. All Board members except two were in attendance along with Rev. Janice Ladd and Board Moderator, Rev. Dwayne Johnson.

Your Board of Directors at Work will become a regular part of the Sunday bulletin for your information, interest and connection to the work being done by your Board, highlighting one or two items it believes would be of particular interest. Board Minutes are available to members and can be requested by contacting the Clerk of the Board, Vicki Hopper at Clerk@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Tonight’s agenda focused primarily on the current state of the budget with a healthy and productive discussion about how best to navigate Resurrection MCC through the sustained budget shortfall. Aside from the concern about cash flow and an operating budget constrained by a significant decrease in the Sunday and Wednesday offerings, the Board invested energy on how to best communicate this information to our congregation without creating undue angst. To better reflect the actual budget, the Board decided to reduce the budget by 5 percent. The Sunday bulletin will now reflect the restated budget.

The BOD accepted the recommendation of the by-laws committee to amend by-law V.B.2 (a) regarding board candidate eligibility and drop the (1) one year requirement. The congregation will be voting on this amendment at the October Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting. Contact Mary Wagner at Bylaws@ResurrectionMCC.org for details.

Adopt a Bed!



The recent workday has beautified our campus! There are a few beds that need to be adopted so they’ll stay maintained.

Email Craig@ResurrectionMCC.org if you would like to help!

**Do you Have a Need?
Pastoral Care Ministers Available
to Listen & Pray!**

In his excellent book, *Can the Pastor Do it Alone*, Melvin Steinbron asserts emphatically that “there is no way we can build a staff large enough to put love with skin on for every one of our members if we continue to proceed in the traditional way.”

One method by which God’s love can be given concretely, specifically and continually to all of our members is through recruiting, training, and commissioning a sizable team of Pastoral Care Ministers.

At Resurrection we believe that building up the body of Christ in love is central to the purpose of the church. In order to facilitate this goal, 37 people have been trained and commissioned to care for our congregation.

At the conclusion of their training these ministers began developing flock care lists. The Pastoral Care Ministers are committed to praying regularly for the people on their flock list, to being available to assist them in appropriate ways, and to contacting the members of their flock regularly to encourage them.

The Pastoral Care Ministers make contact with their flock list to make congregants aware of their availability. As our ministry grows the goal is to reach out to every person in our expanding community of faith. In the meantime, Pastoral Care Ministers are available to pray with and encourage anyone who would like to receive ministry. If you have not yet been contacted directly, but would like someone to talk or pray with you, please email or give us a call. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

From Jesus the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and build itself up in love, as each does its work (Eph. 4:16)

If you have questions, ask! You will see the Pastoral Care Ministers wearing a button indicating they are Pastoral Care Ministers. If you need someone to talk or pray with you, please let them know. That is what they are available for. If you would like a minister to come and visit you in the hospital or at home please feel free to call our 24-hour prayer and care line at 713-861-9149 x105 or email Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org

In Christ Love and Care,
Jason Wood, Director of Connections

**Friday Night OUT
July 24, 7 pm**



Join us for dinner this month at
Cafe Adobe!

2111 Westheimer, Houston 77098
713-528-1468
www.cafeadobe.com

Join our group on Facebook: *RMCC Friday Night Out*
RSVP to NightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org

**Summer in the Spirit
Worship Series**

WEDNESDAYS

Each Wednesday evening in the summer months we are calling the Spirit to move among us in new and wonderful ways ...

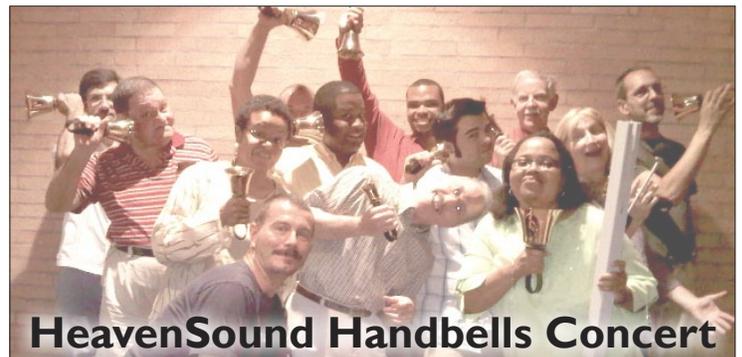
During the months of June, July and August you are invited to our *Summer in the Spirit* Worship Series!

On Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 join us in the Chapel for a creative worship experience imagined, fashioned and facilitated by Worship Teams led by members of our community in discernment for the ministry!

Each week a different theme, a different team, an exciting Summer evening in the Spirit!

Artists and musicians, dramatists and liturgists, contemplatives and evangelists, wise ones and witnesses – all are invited into collaboration with one another and the Spirit in the spiritual adventure of Worship!

If you are interested in joining a *Summer in the Spirit* Worship Team contact Rev. Kristen at RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



**HeavenSound Handbells Concert
Sunday, July 19, 4 pm, Sanctuary**

Join HeavenSound on a wild romp through a musical landscape that's as varied as the members themselves.

From the opening number filled with mysterious rhythmic pulses, through lush melodic tapestries, around whimsical riots of mayhem, across serene pools of reflection, to the majestic grandeur of the closing piece, the bell choir will cover just about everything that's possible with a bell....and then some.

Most of the music will be pieces that are not designed for Sunday morning services, so if you want to hear them you'll have to come to the concert!

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](mailto>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

Directed by Steven Ponder, 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.

ANGELS IN MOTION

Second & Fourth 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



From our New Director of Worship Arts

Greetings in the name of the Risen Christ!

I am thrilled to be joining Resurrection in service as your Director of Worship Arts! I bring to you a servant's heart, a pastoral spirit, and a passion for worship arts. Hearing Resurrection's many music groups in action has excited me, and I hope to join all of you as together we reach new levels of

praise, worship, and learning through congregational song; nothing makes my heart soar like seeing a congregation grow through the music we sing!

In the coming months I hope not only to support Resurrection's current music ministries together with their wonderful leaders, I look forward also to expanding our worship arts ministry with the inclusion of active dance, drama, puppetry, design and technology ministries. As we worship together sharing music of various styles and from a variety of backgrounds, we can rejoice together in music, both new and old, to bring the gift of challenge into our midst!

I look forward to beginning my journey with all of you, starting today!

With a Voice of Joy,
Jace Hill, Director of Worship Arts

**Vacation Bible School
for Children & Youth!**

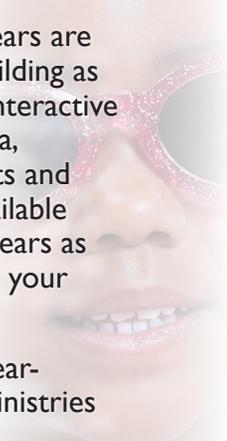
Friday, July 24:

Family dinner 6 - 7 pm / Movie 7 - 9 pm

Saturday July 25: 10 am - 2 pm

Our children and youth ages 4-12 years are invited to join us in the Activities Building as we journey through the Bible with interactive stories brought to life through drama, cooking, song, arts and crafts, puppets and much, much more! Nursery care available for infants through children aged 3 years as well! The fun starts soon! Write it in your memories... Today!

Register your infants through 12-year-olds, by sending an email to Youth Ministries Coordinator, Joel Palomares, at Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org



Adult Vacation Bible School

Friday, July 24, 6 - 9 pm

Saturday, July 25, 10 am - 2 pm

**"The Well is Deep":
Our Unquenchable Thirst
and the Living Water of Christ**

Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give will never thirst. – John 4

An introduction to the 12-Steps for those journeying the Christian path, open to all!

Engaging both Scripture and 12-Step materials, this workshop is aimed to facilitate personal and spiritual reflection upon those places within each of us that ache with an "unquenchable thirst" – a desire for a sense of ease and wellness within which often feels just out of reach.

For those of us who bear this "unquenchable thirst," Jesus beckons; drawing near to the well of Living Water one Step at a time will be the practice introduced during this adult VBS workshop.

Please join us for Family dinner Friday, July 24 from 6 - 7 pm, followed by our initial workshop session from 7 - 9 pm; our Saturday session continues the next day from 10 am – 2 pm!

To ask questions or register please email Rev. Kristen at RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



**Bingo Night!
Saturday, July 25**

7:30 pm

(Doors open at 5:30 pm)

Join your Resurrection Family for a Night of Fun!

13030 Veterans Memorial Dr.

www.bigtextbingo.com 281-586-0700

Over \$5000 given away nightly (bingo prizes and pull tabs).

Bring your friends and family to enjoy the fun!

Friendly staff, 8-liners, bingo, pull-tabs,

full service snack bar, beer, margaritas, and more!

Beautiful, new hall - come out and see.

Resurrection & Pride Charities

are two of the five organizations who share in the profits!

Equality Ministry Meeting

NEXT Sunday, July 19, 12:30 pm

Activities Building #108

Join us for lunch as we discuss our upcoming projects.

Questions or to Sign up:

Equality@ResurrectionMCC.org



Fishers Net Prayer Ministry
A Dialogue with God

Am I ready to receive good? Are we as God's people ready to receive good? Good fortunes, good health, a good life? As described throughout the bible, God cannot give us anything, unless we are in a mental condition to receive the gift. The law, God, cannot do anything for us unless, Jesus, works through us. Belief is absolutely necessary for the response and the 'good' we search. As we become more awake to Jesus in our lives, we also become more aware of the many false conditions surrounding us, so in these times, who do we trust and obey? The false conditions around us or Jesus working through us? In John 14:6-14, Jesus says, "I am the way and the truth and the life... And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that I may bring glory to God. You may ask me for anything in my name and I will do it."

This week, contemplate on how Jesus is working through you. Are your prayers for 'good' and the Glory of God? Dear Creator Mother Father God, I am open today to bring you glory. I am open today to receive 'good' within my life and those around me. Amen.

Need prayers? Contact the Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry where together we will grow stronger in Christ and realize good and our Prayers together.

~ Fishers Net Prayer Ministry ~

Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org

Food Pantry

Mondays & Wednesdays
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Appointment Necessary:
713-861-9149 x103

Nonperishables Needed:
Canned Meats, Vegetables,
Fruit, Juice, Soup, Pasta,
Rice, Beans



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Professional Services Provided at Resurrection MCC



New Men's Group Therapy
Introducing *The Gentlemen's Club*,
a place for guys to talk.
Resurrection Wellness Center
Begins July 28, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

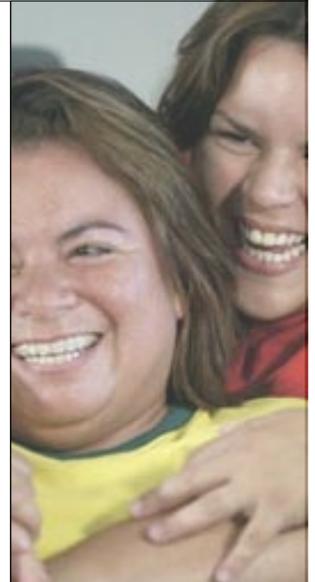
Therapist:
Michael Mann, LCSW

Couples Group

Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Resurrection Wellness Center
\$55 per couple weekly

10-week closed group for 5-6
couples focused on improving
communication, conflict
resolution, empathy and
intimacy. Begins when group is
filled.

Co-Therapists:
Takis Bagdanos, LPC-I
Theresa Allen, LPC-I



Individual, family and couples therapy available.
Request MCC Rates.

Michael Mann, LCSW / 713-446-8034
Adolescents & Adults

Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC / 832-863-8221
Children, Adolescents & Adults

Help End Hunger In Houston
With "The Sounds & Styles
Of A Texas Summer"
With Your Host
Mr. Tony's Corner Pocket 2009
James Martinez
Saturday July, 18th
8:00 PM
Tony's Corner Pocket
Reserved Tables ~ \$100
Silent Auction
Benefiting Resurrection MCC Food Pantry
Open To All Performers
STOP HUNGER NOW

Why Become a Legacy Giver?



- To stimulate our worship experience through audio/visual enhancements.
- To forge new friendships through a revitalized, enlarged Welcome Center.
- To design a space that will transform lives by converting the Activities Building into the Life Development Center.
- To create committed leaders for tomorrow through expanded children and youth programs.
- To inspire adults to vitality and wholeness through increased education, wellness, community involvement, and spiritual growth opportunities.
- To reach millions with the *Would Jesus Discriminate?* billboard and marketing campaign.
- To impact the lives of those oppressed through further partnerships with organizations focused on social justice.
- To create financial health and long-term stability through increased payments on our debt.

Commitment cards may be picked up at The Concierge Desk and Sanctuary entrances. Please return in offering basket or by mail.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

The greater danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it.

~ Michelangelo

Board Members on Duty

Eve Messina & Mary Wagner

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

Increase OUR Imagine Campaign Fund



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Flowers in the Sanctuary

Consider donating flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special day.

Sign up on the Flower Chart in the Welcome Area.

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending July 5, 2009

			Week	Year
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>				
7/05/09	9:00 am	101	\$4,418.00	\$87,665.45
7/05/09	11:00 am	304	\$9,863.58	\$185,097.61
7/01/09	6:30 pm	24	\$35.69	\$3,398.00
	Special Services			\$3,966.03
	Online Giving		\$2,308.72	\$30,004.20
	Other Contributions		\$1,510.00	\$53,286.73
	Total	429	\$18,135.99	\$363,418.92
<i>Other General Fund Income</i>				
	Fundraising		\$210.91	\$1,939.34
	Miscellaneous			\$31,943.58
	Total Received		\$18,346.90	\$397,301.84
	*Budgeted Need		\$17,653.85	\$424,515.38
	Total Surplus / (Deficit)		\$693.05	(\$27,213.54)
Total Imagine Capital Campaign			\$1,816.00	\$68,213.20



* Board of Directors approved a 5% reduction to the operating budget lowering the deficit by \$45,900.

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY JULY 12

9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome) *Chapel*
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*
11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*

MONDAY JULY 13

8:00 am Nonprofit Consulting Services *Gathering Place*
 6:30 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Music Room*

TUESDAY JULY 14

7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Music Room*
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

WEDNESDAY JULY 15

6:30 pm *Summer in the Spirit* Worship *Chapel*
 7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*

THURSDAY OFFICE CLOSED JULY 16

8:00 am Staff Off-Site Working Retreat
 6:00 pm Budget Committee Meeting *Gathering Place*
 7:00 pm AA Steps Study (Open) *Chapel*

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED JULY 17

No Events Scheduled

SATURDAY JULY 18

9:00 am Gender Identity & Faith Communities *Gathering Place*
 12:00 pm Handbell Concert Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
 8:00 pm Food Pantry Benefit Show (see p. 10) *Tony's Corner Pocket*

SUNDAY JULY 19

9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome) *Chapel*
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*
11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson
 12:30 pm Equality Ministry Meeting *Activities Building #108*
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*
 4:00 pm HeavenSound Handbells Concert *Sanctuary*