



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2009

Prelude

HeavenSound Handbells

Wonder in Winter

+ Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson
Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ Exchange of Peace

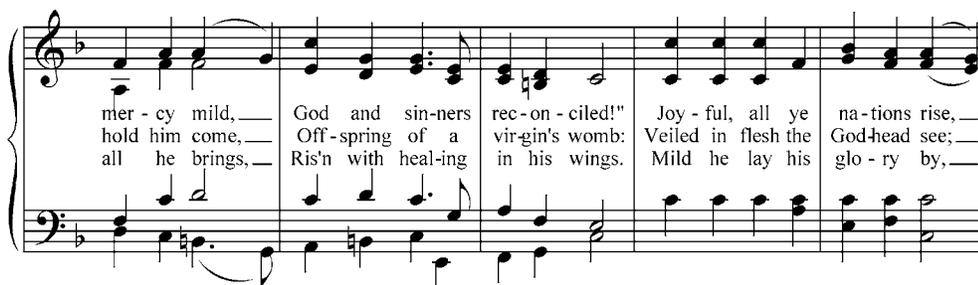
Hymn

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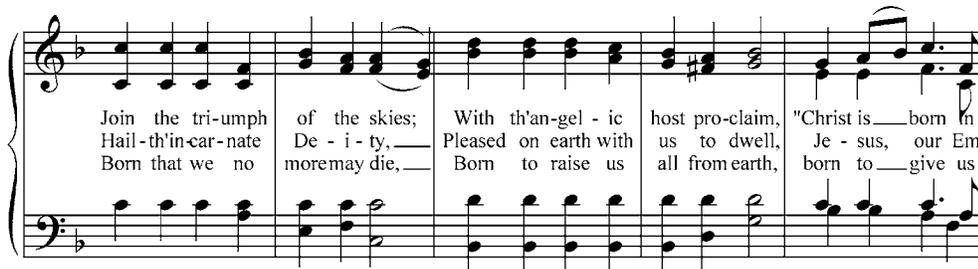
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, — "Glo - ry to the new-born king; Peace on earth, and
Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er last - ing Lord! Late in time be -
Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteous-ness! Light and life to



mer - cy mild, — God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, —
hold him come, — Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb: Veiled in flesh the God-head see; —
all he brings, — Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lay his glo - ry by, —



Join the tri - umph of the skies; With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is — born in
Hail - th'in - car - nate De - i - ty, — Pleas'd on earth with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em -
Born that we no more may die, — Born to raise us all from earth, born to — give us



Beth - le - hem!" Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry — to the new - born King."
man - u - el. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry — to the new - born King."
sec - ond birth. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry — to the new - born King."

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Gather

From many places we gather here. This is a high point of our week. We see our friends. We make new friends. And we spend time with The Friend -- the loving Christ who meets us where we are, as we are. In this Sanctuary we worship and through worship the courage within us is kindled to inspire courageous living beyond this place.

Advent

As we begin the Christian Year, we also celebrate the Holy Season known as Advent. It is a time when we prepare ourselves for the coming of our Messiah. Advent means "Coming." We celebrate the days of Advent in expectation and preparation for Christ's arrival. Through the centuries, Christians have observed a time of waiting and expectation before celebrating the birth of the Savior at Christmas. The Advent season is a time for reflection and preparation, but its mood is joyful. As it proclaims the revelation of God's love as expressed in Christ's birth in a humble stable, Advent makes innkeepers out of all of us, asking each of us to make room for the arrival of Christ, the Light of the World. We anticipate the Light of Christ with the ritual lighting of a candle in the Advent Wreath on each Sunday of the season. The circle of candles in a wreath reminds us of the eternal Presence of God, while the colors of the candles – three purple and one pink – symbolize the Sovereignty of Christ who rules with hope, peace and love, bringing joy into our world. The large white candle in the center is known as the Christ candle, and points to Jesus as the Christ, the Light of the world. The flame of each new candle in Advent reminds us that something Holy is happening in our midst . . . and that more is still to come.

Lighting of the Candle of Peace

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Congregational Invocation

ALL: Holy One, we hold your peace as a promise, that you would take away our sorrow and affliction so that we can be robed in the beauty of your glory and embrace the name Righteous Peace. As you make the mountains and hills low so all may walk safely in the glory of God, send us forth as prophets of the Most High, that we might cry out in the wilderness and prepare the way of the Lord, sharing the good news of Peace, and your love and mercy to all the world. Warm our hearts so we are open to your redemption, found only in hope and peace that is in you: Emmanuel, God-with-us, the provider of even more than we can ask or imagine. Amen.

Baptism

Jamie L. Marshall (11 am)

First Reading

Wayne Wiggins (9 am)
Jules Gauvin (11 am)

Malachi 3:1-4

¹ Pay attention. I am sending my messenger to prepare the way for me; the One you seek will suddenly come to the temple. The messenger of the covenant whom you long for will come, says the God of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of the coming? Who can stand firm when that One appears? That day will be like a smelter's fire, a launderer's soap.

³ That One will preside as refiner and purifier, purifying the descendants of Levi, refining them like gold and silver -- then they will once again make offerings to Yahweh in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to Yahweh as they were in former days, in years long past.

Response to the Word



O come Em-man - u - el, help us find your peace, as we show your light to a shad - owed world. Come, Em-man - u - el, Word that be - came flesh, God of Peace to us, Child of Hope for all. Come, Em - man u - el.

Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸ Blessed are you, the Most High God of Israel -- for you have visited and redeemed your people. ⁶⁹ You have raised up a mighty savior for us of the house of David, ⁷⁰ as you promised through the mouths of your holy ones, the prophets of ancient times: ⁷¹ salvation from our enemies and from the hands of all our foes. ⁷² You have shown mercy to our ancestors by remembering the holy covenant you made with them, ⁷³ the oath you swore to Sarah and Abraham, ⁷⁴ granting that we, delivered from the hands of our enemies, might serve you without fear, in holiness and justice, in your presence all our days. ⁷⁶ And you, my child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you'll go before our God to prepare the way for the Promised One, ⁷⁷ giving the people the knowledge of salvation through forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸ Such is the tender mercy of our God, who from on high will bring the Rising Sun to visit us, ⁷⁹ to give light to those who live in fear and the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

The Night that Christ was Born

Words & Music by Kirk Franklin

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

On the Journey to Becoming Prophets of Peace

Reflection on the Message

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 flesh, God of Peace to us, Child of Hope for all. Come, Em - man u - el.

Making Ministry Happen

Mary Wagner
Board of Directors

Offertory

Forever Blessed

Glory To God in the Highest

Daryl Williams

**We Hear
the Word**

The prophet tells us that the messenger's task is a difficult one. Yet, after the necessary transformation has occurred, "Then the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to Yahweh as they were in former days, in years long past" (Malachi 3:4). As we make preparations for the celebration of Jesus' birth, we are called by today's passages to dedicate ourselves equally to the task of preparing the way for a transformed society.

~ *Out in Scripture,
Second Sunday of
Advent 2009, adapted.*

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

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

Communion Songs

Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, your name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us; your name is called Emmanuel.

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Jesus, name above all names;
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us;
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the joys of highest heaven.
No ear may hear Christ's coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gloria in Excelsis Deo. The top staff is in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a series of eighth notes: B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. A long slur covers the entire phrase. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a common time signature (C). The melody begins with a half note G3, followed by a quarter note A3, and then a series of eighth notes: B3, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3. A long slur covers the entire phrase. Below the staves, the lyrics are written: "Glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!"

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Postlude

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Sunday, 11 am

Nursery
Sunday, 9 & 11 am

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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. Because of our faith we are called to: do justice, show kindness, and live humbly with God (Micah 6:8); explore life's questions with open hearts and minds; raise our voices in sacred defiance against exclusion, whether religious, political or systemic; reach out to those with no hope; equip new generations of remarkable, far-reaching spiritual activists.

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!



The Chalice

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

WEDNESDAYS

*The Promise of the Cup:
Seeking the Presence of God
we become that which we seek.*

Community Meal

6:00 - 6:30 pm | Activities Building
simple supper, open to all

Spiritual Deepening

6:30 - 7:00 pm | Activities Building
*new & ancient practices of prayer,
meditation & worship*

Life Development Offerings

7:00 - 8:30 pm

ADVENT OFFERING: DECEMBER 2, 9, 16, 23

CONNECTION GROUPS

7 - 8:30 pm, Activities Building

Put A Little Character into Christmas A Four Week Advent Study

Many of us are trying to figure out how to meet someone around here! How do you find potential friends? How do you begin conversations? You may want to check out Connection Groups.

We can't promise you'll find your next best friend. People can just be weird. You know that. Some of them might show up for Connection Groups. They may think you are weird. But here's the deal - it's only four weeks. You've held down a job you've hated for longer than four weeks. You can do anything for four weeks. The worst thing that can happen is that you'll walk in here every week and increase the odds that you'll see a face you recognize. And it may even be someone you like to be around.

Either way, like these people or not, it's only four weeks. So check out Connection Groups. Everyone there will be exactly where you are - new to the table that night. We'll meet here on Wednesday nights during the month of December and help you get started.



AS WE TRANSITION

As we prepare ourselves for the changes and transitions we will undergo together in 2010, the Board of Directors wants to share with you an update on our transition process.

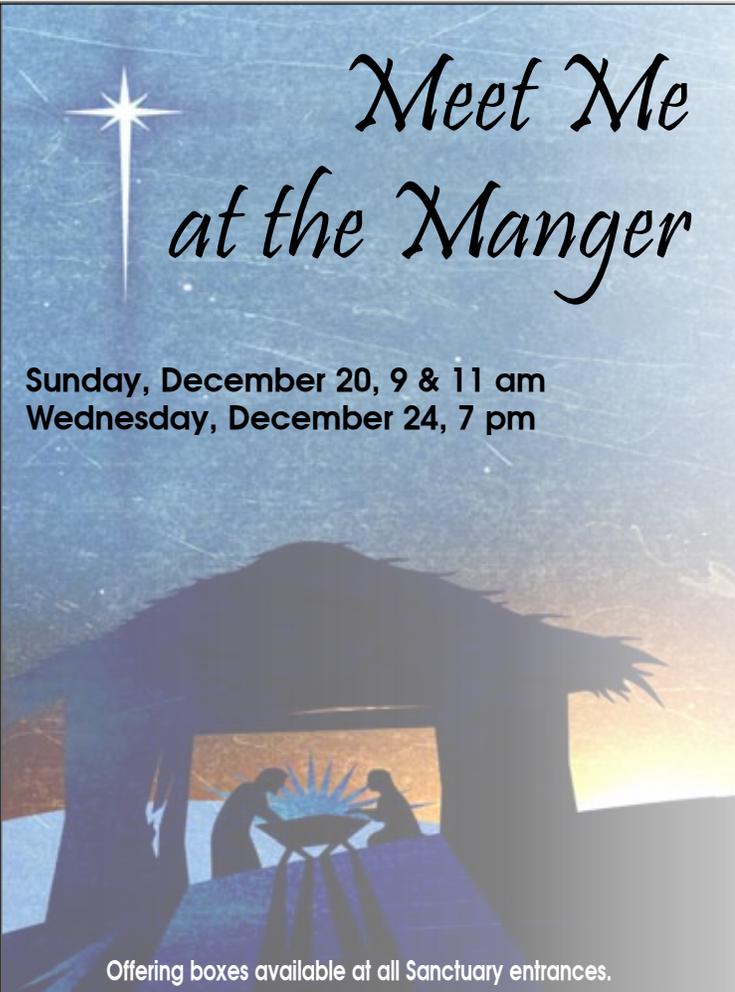
On November 14, Rev. Elder Lillie Brock met with the Board of Directors and the Executive Team. This retreat, planned months in advance with an anticipated focus on the relevance of church size, provided us with an opportunity to discuss the future of Resurrection MCC. We were extremely blessed to have Rev. Elder Brock's expertise available to us regarding our transition and pastoral search. Rev. Elder Brock recommended that our congregation would best be served by moving forward utilizing our existing staff, rather than calling in an Interim Pastor. As such, Rev. Janice and Rev. Kristen will deliver our Spiritual Encouragement each Sunday. Assistance from MCC clergy and other guests will be used as needed. Prioritizing use of our own clergy and staff supports continuity and continued momentum as Resurrection responds to the Spirit's leading during this season.

Regarding the questions which have been posed about the pastoral search process, our established Church structure provides us with a representative democracy; our members have elected a Board of Directors to serve and represent the entire body. In response to the recommendation and guidance of our denominational elders, the Pastoral Search Committee will make use of our existing representative democracy as it calls forward the five members of the Board of Directors whose terms continue through the whole of 2010: Karla Johnson, Debbie Skelly, Elisa Vega-Burns, Mary Wagner, and Wayne Wiggins. In addition, Mark Eggleston and Jason Wood will represent the Executive Team on the Pastoral Search Committee.

Congregational participation is critical in this process. As such, the Pastoral Search Committee invites you to attend a town hall meeting on Sunday, January 3, immediately following our 11 am service. The purpose of this meeting is for the Pastoral Search Committee to listen directly to your requests and concerns, as well as to answer any questions you have regarding this process. Each voice in our community of faith matters a great deal to us and we hope you will attend.

We are committed to an expedient and thorough executive search process. Please pray with us as we discern which candidate to present for congregational vote.

During this time of transition and opportunity, we ask for your continued support of Resurrection ministries. Your faithful attendance and consistent giving will be crucial to our church. As God moves among us, let us remember that God has great plans for our church and is caring for us on this journey. Together we can make 2010 a year to remember: a year of spiritual maturity and grace.



Meet Me at the Manger

Sunday, December 20, 9 & 11 am
Wednesday, December 24, 7 pm

Offering boxes available at all Sanctuary entrances.

Church Family,

As we find ourselves in a moment of transition, I encourage each of you to stand strong in your faith and remain obedient to God's word. Let's keep in mind that God speaks to us in the 'wilderness' so that we may reach the actual blessing that has been prepared for us.

Galatians 6:10 "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers".

I believe Meet Me at the Manger is the perfect opportunity for our church family to do good for all people. The theme for this year's Meet Me at the Manger is 'opportunity born'. The invitation is to offer a financial gift that is at least \$1 more than what you spent for any gift. Meet Me at the Manger is an opportunity from God, born to all of God's children. Please join me in a season of committed giving and obedience, as we work together to receive God's blessings in 2010.

May God Bless You

**Tricia Phillips
Board Member**

Come! Celebrate Christmas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 9 & 11 AM

Join us as we tell the Christmas story through music, dance and drama.

Shared Ministry & Farewell Celebration

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 12:30 PM

Share with us as we celebrate over 13 years of ministry together and bless Rev. Dwayne as he goes forth in his call to Washington, DC.

Christmas Eve Communion Service

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 7 PM

All are invited as we welcome the Light of the World, with Rev. Dwayne bringing his final message as Senior Pastor of Resurrection MCC.

Kwanzaa

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 6 PM

All are welcome to join this celebration of traditional African values of family, community responsibility, commerce, and self-improvement.



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Rev. Dwayne Johnson
Senior Pastor

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Kwanzaa

A Celebration of Family, Community & Culture

**Saturday, December 26
6 pm, Activities Building**

by Elisa Vega-Burns



Kwanzaa is a unique African-American celebration with a focus on the traditional African values of family, community responsibility, commerce, and self-improvement. Kwanzaa is neither political nor religious and, despite some misconceptions, is not a substitute for Christmas. It is simply a time for African-Americans to reaffirm and reinforce communitarian values and practices that strengthen and celebrate family, community and culture.

The word "Kwanzaa" comes from the phrase "matunda ya kwanza" which means "first fruits of the harvest" in the African language, Swahili.

The "First Fruits" are celebrated as we uplift principles which support and strengthen family, community and culture. The NGUZU SABA (The Seven Principles) lifted up during Kwanzaa are UMOJA (Unity), KUJICHAGULIA (Self-Determination), UJIMA (Collective Work and Responsibility), UJAMAA (Cooperative Economics), NIA (Purpose), KUUMBA (Creativity), IMANI (Faith).

There is a traditionally established way of celebrating Kwanzaa. First, you should come to the celebration with a profound respect for its values, symbols and practices and do nothing to violate its integrity, beauty and expansive meaning. Secondly, you should not mix your Kwanzaa celebration or its symbols, values and practices with any other holiday or cultural celebrations. Thirdly, choose the best and most beautiful items to celebrate Kwanzaa. This means taking time to plan and select the most beautiful objects of art, colorful African cloth, fresh fruits and vegetables, etc. so that every object used represents African culture and your commitment to Kwanzaa in the best of ways.

During Kwanzaa, we light the MISHUMAA SABA (seven candles: one black, three red, and three green), which together represent the seven Kwanzaa principles. The black candle represents the first principle Umoja (Unity) and is placed in the center of the Kinara. The red candles represent the principles of Kujichagulia (Self-determination), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics) and Kuumba (Creativity) and are placed to the left of the black candle. The green candles represent the principles of Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility), Nia (Purpose) and Imani (Faith) and are placed to the right of the black candle.

The black candle is lit first on the first day of Kwanzaa (December 26); the remaining candles are lit afterwards alternating from left to right on the following days (December 27 through January 1).

The last day of Kwanzaa is January 1, the first day of the New Year. Historically this has been for African people a time of sober assessment of things done and things to do, and of self-reflection. Following in this tradition, this day of meditation is a time for us to ask ourselves and answer soberly and humbly the three Kawaiida (Kwanzaa value system) questions: Who am I? Am I really who I say that I am? and, Am I all that I ought to be? Thus, it is a time to recommit ourselves to our highest ideals.

Since its founding in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, Kwanzaa has come to be observed by more than 18 million people worldwide. Join us for this rich cultural celebration, as together we commit ourselves to our highest ideals for 2009.

For additional details about Kwanzaa, visit www.ResurrectionMCC.org and click on the Kwanzaa link. Please RSVP by December 21 to Kwanzaa@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Shared Ministry & Farewell Celebration

Volunteer Opportunities



Service is a great way to honor Rev. Dwayne's years with Resurrection MCC and bless him as he leaves for D.C. We have several volunteer opportunities for the Shared Ministry & Farewell Celebration on December 20. Please email Jason Wood at Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org to sign up for one of the following service projects:

Table Set-up and Decorating
Saturday, December 19, 9 am

Event Preparation Support
Sunday, December 20, Morning

Serving & Other Assistance
Sunday, December 20, During Event

Table Break-down & Clean-up
Sunday, December 20, After Event



Fishers Net Prayer Ministry:

A Dialogue with God

"Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless".¹ Do you feel this way? How many times does the world around us just seem meaningless? In this time of change - changes in politics, weather, economy, church life - Ecclesiastes gives hope and assurance of a brighter today and tomorrow. "I know that there is nothing better for [people] than to be happy and do good while they live. That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all [their] toil - this is the gift of God. I know that everything God does will endure forever..."²

Dear Mother Father Sustainer God, thank you for your everlasting assurance that when situations seem meaningless, your love for your children endures forever. This week, let me reflect upon Ecclesiastes and enjoy time of personal dialogue with you. As I pray for myself and pray for others may we all realize we are in your hands. Let us take one day at a time. Amen.

¹ Ecclesiastes 1:2 NIV

² Ecclesiastes 3:12-14 NIV

The Fishers Net Prayer Ministry is available for you in the Chapel between services and at the Alter after the 11 am service. You can also email your intentions to Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Growing stronger in Christ and realizing our Prayers together.

~ Fishers Net Prayer Ministry ~

Christmas Baskets

Today!

**Food & Cash Donations
Received in Gathering Place
After Services**



Shopping List

2 cans corn, 2 cans green beans, 2 cans vegetables, 2 lb. bag of rice, box of mashed potatoes, can of cranberry sauce, 2 packages of gravy mix, 2 boxes of mac & cheese, large can of sweet potatoes, box of stuffing, 2 lb. bag of dried beans, 4 or 5 lb. bag of flour, 4 or 5 lb. bag of sugar, box of cake mix, corresponding container of frosting, 32 oz. vegetable oil, box of snack cakes, \$25 grocery gift card.

Volunteer Support

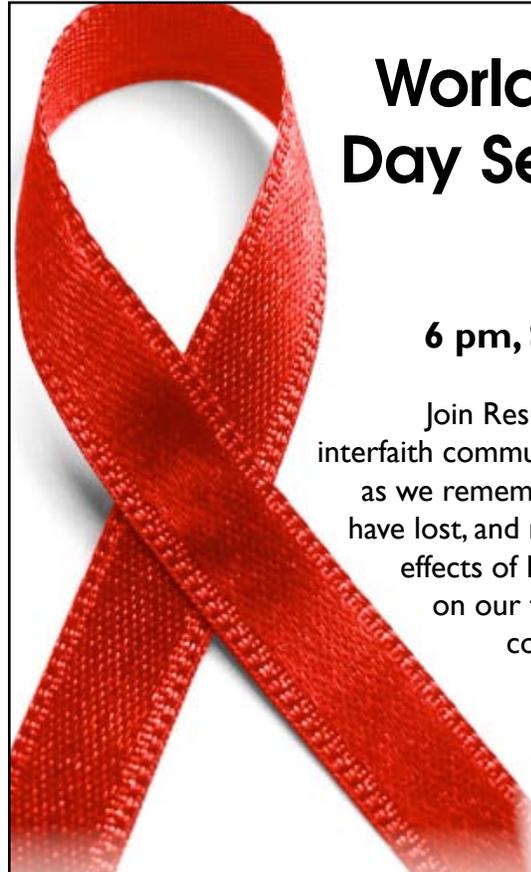
This team needs your help on Saturday, December 19, at 9 am to assemble the baskets and get them ready for pick-up. Volunteers are also needed on Monday, December 21, at 6 pm to assist in distributing the baskets to those in need. Please RSVP if you can assist.

**To RSVP or for questions, email Robert & Billy:
ChristmasBaskets@ResurrectionMCC.org**

World AIDS Day Service

**TODAY!
6 pm, Sanctuary**

Join Resurrection and interfaith community partners as we remember those we have lost, and reflect on the effects of HIV and AIDS on our friends, family, community and world.



*This service is sponsored by the
Affirming Ministerial Alliance of Greater Houston.*

Red Ribbon Toy Drive

Today is the final day to drop off your donation in the Welcome Area or Narthex.

A Project of AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc.

**DROP
SPOT**



LGBTQ Solutions for Living Well

Professional Services Provided at
Resurrection MCC Wellness Center

Connections

A 12-Session
Psychoeducational
Shame-Resilience
Curriculum



Revised and Expanded
Brene Brown, Ph.D., LMSW

**There is hope for change, empowerment
and living authentically!**

Connections:

*A 12-Session Psychoeducational Shame
Resilience Curriculum*

Facilitated by Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC

Call 832-863-8221

Course developed by Brene Brown, PhD,
LMSW, researcher, educator & writer. Learn
to identify and overcome shame through
exercises, handouts and lecture.

In order to provide a safe place for
discussion and healing from experiences unique to people
of sexual orientation or gender identity difference,
group limited to LGBTQ participants.



Women's Group Now Forming

Mondays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Therapist: Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC

Call 832-863-8221

Adolescent Group Psychotherapy

Saturdays, 12:00 - 1:15 pm

Therapist: Tammy S.
Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC

Call 832-863-8221



New Men's Group Therapy *The Gentlemen's Club*

*Are you stressed out, worried, or
depressed? Struggling to balance a job and
a family without everything falling apart?*

*This group provides a safe space to talk
about issues affecting men today, ranging
from relationships/family issues, financial/
job related stress, depression, anxiety, grief,
and major life changes.*

\$40 per group.

Group open, space limited.

Mondays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Call Michael at 713-446-8034

Therapist: Michael Mann, LCSW



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

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Adolescents & Adults

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Children, Adolescents & Adults



Santa's Workshop

For Children & Youth, Ages 4-12

Saturday, December 19

4 - 6 pm, Activities Building

Join us as we make ornaments and crafts
for gifts, sing carols and eat lots of
Christmas cookies!



Friday Night OUT

December 18, 7 pm



Join us for Creole food and funky music
this month at The Horn Bar & Grille!

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By Thomas Meloncon
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Providing Spiritual Direction for individuals and groups at Resurrection MCC.
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Houston based author Book Release Party
 December 10th, 7-9pm in The Gathering Place

RSVP: flannelchronicles@yahoo.com
 Book info available at: www.flannelchronicles.com

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Stewardship Thought for the Week

*Cherish your visions and your dreams
 as they are the children of your soul;
 the blueprints of your ultimate achievements.
 When your desires are strong enough, you will appear
 to possess super-human powers to achieve.*

~ Napoleon Hill

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Board Members on Duty

Karla Johnson & Elisa Vega-Burns
 Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

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 November 29, 2009
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>		Week	Year	
11/29/09 9:00 am	148	\$3,736.25	\$149,649.79	
11/29/09 11:00 am	332	\$5,191.66	\$301,498.84	
6:30 pm			\$4,331.02	
11/26/09 Special Services	51	\$245.54	\$6,225.90	
Online Giving		\$255.00	\$62,343.02	
Other Contributions		\$815.00	\$121,330.22	
Total	531	\$10,243.45	\$645,378.79	
<i>Other General Fund Income</i>				
Fundraising		\$378.00	\$2,992.65	
Miscellaneous		\$800.12	\$59,684.68	
Total Received		\$11,421.57	\$708,056.12	
Projected Need per Budget		\$17,653.85	\$795,246.15	
Total Exceeded Need / (Did Not Meet Need)		(\$6,232.28)	(\$87,190.03)	
Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$1,170.00	\$105,390.40	

Projected Need	Actual Received	Actual Spent
\$795,246.15	\$708,056.12	\$682,037.35

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6

- 8:00 am Adeste Praise Band Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
- 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 Second Family Care Partners Luncheon *Activities Building*
- 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*
- 6:00 pm World AIDS Day Service *Sanctuary*

MONDAY DECEMBER 7

- 7:00 pm Equality Ministry Meeting *Gathering Place*

TUESDAY DECEMBER 8

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

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9

- 6:00 pm The Chalice: Community Meal *Activities Building*
- 6:30 pm The Chalice: Spiritual Deepening *Activities Building*
- 7:00 pm The Chalice: Connection Groups *Activities Building*

THURSDAY DECEMBER 10

- 6:30 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Music Room*
- 7:00 pm Bearly Obsessed Book Release *Gathering Place*

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 11

No Events Scheduled

SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 12

- 10:00 am Creating a Life That Matters (FULL) *Gathering Place*
- 1:00 pm Angels in Motion Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13

- 8:00 am Adeste Praise Band Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini**
- 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. Kristen Klein-Cechettini**
- 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*