



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

March 21, 2010

Prelude

Joel Hammett

Fugue sur les Jeux D'Anches
by Couperin

+ Our Community Gathers

Rev. Janice Ladd
Jason Wood

+ Exchange of Peace

Hymn

Wind Upon the Waters

Wind upon the waters, voice upon the deep;
Rouse Your sons and daughters, wake us from our sleep.
Breathing life into all flesh, breathing love into all hearts,
Living wind upon the waters of my soul.

Showers from the heaven, water from the earth;
Gift so wholly given, source of every birth.
Joy of every living thing, making all creation sing,
Shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.

Rock and hill and garden, wood and desert sand;
Prairie, field and meadow, shaped by Love's own hand.
Love that fills the world around, springing up from barren ground,
Grow Your love within the garden of my soul.

Blazing light of wonder, flame that pierces night;
Burst the dark asunder, fill our souls with light.
God of glory, fill the skies, make an end to hatred's cries,
Be the blazing Sun of justice in our lives.

Wind upon the waters, rains upon the sand,
Grace your sons and daughters, newborn by your hand.
Come, O Spirit renew all the life that comes from you,
Send winds upon the waters of my souls.

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We Worship

Today is the International Day to End Racism. Envisioning One America in the Twenty-first Century, The Center for the Healing of Racism brings all ethnicities together to heal racism. The Center began when an ethnically diverse group of individuals met in Houston, Texas to discuss the impact of racism. With an emphasis on personal growth, healing, and exploration of ways to eliminate racism, the group focused on the principle that racism violates the oneness of humanity. Through active coalition building with other groups and associations in shared commitment to racial justice and healing, The Center for the Healing of Racism has offered several programs through Resurrection. The Center's Mission - To serve as a catalyst for the healing of racism through education and individual empowerment - is well-supported by the Resurrection core belief 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.

centerhealingracism.org

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Hear the Word

Is it Evangelism?

1. Are we helping this person move into a relationship with God?

2. Are we helping this person move into Christian Community?

If the answer to either question is yes, we are going to call it evangelism, the sharing of the Gospel.

~Martha Grace Reese,
Unbinding Your Heart,
p. 74

Two types of barriers prevent us from doing effective evangelism: barriers inside our heads, and barriers in the church. Both can block people out.

~Martha Grace Reese,
Unbinding Your Heart,
p. 80

There is great news: God is in the business of healing our churches; Christ will stand at our elbow and point out our entrenched positions, our towering battlements and those legions of yeomen who are always retipping arrows and heating oil. The Spirit can lead us to drain moats, open drawbridges, and build wheelchair-accessible bridges! We slam the door shut on the gospel, but Christ opens the windows in lives and in churches.

~Martha Grace Reese,
Unbinding Your Heart,
p. 81

Invocational Litany

Rev. Mona Lopez

One: Source of Life, we are mindful of Your world and our responsibility to it and to our children. Bless all who gather today that we might become leaders of change and visionaries of the human right to freedom and equality.

ALL: Sustain all living beings so that we might choose good over evil and justice over oppression. Grant us unity in the commonality of our searching.

One: Endow us with humility as we pray for the advancement of reconciliation among all peoples of all cultures so that peace and tranquility will touch us and extend from our own communities into the farthest reaches of the universe.

ALL: Let us embody Your grace in the practice of a holy hospitality: welcoming the stranger, the outcast, the Other as Your very own and loving our neighbor as ourselves.

One: On this day we recognize Your call to love as we proclaim our commitment to the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

ALL: We seek Your luminous guidance to aid us in healing from racism within ourselves and in our communities.

One: As we take humble responsibility for our part in healing the brokenness in our world and practicing the Oneness of humanity, guide us so that good and loving kindness might shine a light into the dark corners of deprivation, discrimination and bigotry ...

ALL: So that we might gain the wisdom to support one another in harmony in Your name. Amen

- based on "Prayer to Dismantle Racism"
by Bobby Osadchey and Cherry Steinwender
in honor of International Day to End Racism, Sunday March 21, 2010.

Scripture

Video: *The Gospel of John*

John 11:1-4, 28-44

A man named Lazarus, who lived in Bethany, became sick. Bethany was the town where Mary and her sister Martha lived. (This Mary was the one who poured the perfume on the Lord's feet and wiped them with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was sick.) The sisters sent Jesus a message: Lord, your dear friend is sick.

When Jesus heard it, he said, "The final result of this sickness will not be the death of Lazarus; this has happened in order to bring glory to God, and it will be the means by which the Son of God will receive glory."

When Jesus arrived, Martha went and called her sister Mary privately, "The Teacher is here," she told her, "and is asking for you." When Mary heard this, she got up and hurried out to meet him. (Jesus had not yet arrived in the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him.) The people who were in the house with Mary comforting her followed her when they saw her get up and hurry out. They thought that she was going to the grave to weep there.

Mary arrived where Jesus was, and as soon as she saw him, she fell at his feet. "Lord," she said, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died!" Jesus saw her weeping, and he saw how the people with her were weeping also; his heart was touched, and he was deeply moved.

“Where have you buried him?” he asked them. “Come and see, Lord,” they answered. Jesus wept. “See how much he loved him!” the people said. But some of them said, “He gave sight to the blind man, didn't he? Could he not have kept Lazarus from dying?”

Deeply moved once more, Jesus went to the tomb, which was a cave with a stone placed at the entrance. “Take the stone away!” Jesus ordered. Martha, the dead man's sister, answered, “There will be a bad smell, Lord. He has been buried four days!” Jesus said to her, “Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believed?” They took the stone away. Jesus looked up and said, “I thank you, Father, that you listen to me. I know that you always listen to me, but I say this for the sake of the people here, so that they will believe that you sent me.”

After he had said this, he called out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” He came out, his hands and feet wrapped in grave cloths, and with a cloth around his face.

“Untie him,” Jesus told them, “and let him go.” Many of the people who had come to visit Mary saw what Jesus did, and they believed in him.

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

Order My Steps

by Glenn Burleigh

Spiritual Encouragement

Jason Wood

Healing Hospitality

Making Ministry Happen

Karen Battiste & Karla Johnson

Offertory

HeavenSound Handbells

Will the Circle be Unbroken

Arranged by Anna Laura Page

Communion

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Communion Songs

In Remembrance

In remembrance of me eat this bread.

In remembrance of me drink this wine.

In remembrance of me pray for the time When God's own will is done

In remembrance of me heal the sick.

In remembrance of me feed the poor.

In remembrance of me open the door

And let your brother in, let him in.

Take eat and be comforted.

Drink and remember too.

That this is my body and precious blood.

Shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me search the truth. In remembrance of me always love.

In remembrance of me don't look above.

But in your heart, Look in in your heart for God

Do this in remembrance of me

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), prayer ministers are available at the Side Altar during communion. The Fishers Net Prayer Ministry is also 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.

Dorothy Norwood

Evangelist Norwood launched her solo career in 1964 and recorded her first album *Johnny and Jesus* on Savoy Records. It brought her national attention and was certified Gold. She followed it up with the stirring *Denied Mother*, which also went Gold, and earned her the title "World's Greatest Storyteller."

As renowned as Dorothy Norwood is in America, she is just as large in Europe. She has performed in Germany, France, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, and England. Believing that "if the mountain won't come to you, then you must go to the mountain..." Dorothy agreed to do a 30 state American tour with Mick Jagger and The Rolling Stones in 1972. She was able to spread the Gospel in a mission field that was virtually closed to gospel artists.

www.livingliturgy.com

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.

Fill My Cup Lord

Like the woman at the well I was seeking
For things that could not satisfy:
And then I heard my Savior speaking:
"Draw from my well that never shall run dry".

Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up, Lord!
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

There are millions in this world who are craving
The pleasures earthly things afford;
But none can match the wondrous treasure
hat I find in Jesus Christ my Lord.

Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up, Lord!
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

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Somebody Prayed For Me

Somebody prayed for me, had me on their mind,
they took the time and prayed for me.
I'm so glad they prayed
I'm so glad they prayed
I'm so glad they prayed for me.

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Victory is Mine

Victory is mine, victory is mine, victory today is mine.
In every situation – all through the day, victory today is mine.

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+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Janice Ladd

Sending Forth

MCC General Conference 2010 Video

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Worship

Sunday, 9 & 11 am / Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Children & Youth Worship

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 one month through three 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

Community Gathering

6:00 - 6:30 pm | Activities Building
bring a brown bag or enjoy a light snack
while you meet new friends.

Wednesday Worship

6:30 - 7:00 pm | Activities Building
spiritual encouragement, song, and prayer

Life Development Offerings

7:00 - 8:30 pm | Activities Building



The Sanctuary Choir would like to invite interested singers to sing *Hallelujah* from *Messiah* on Easter Sunday, April 4.

Singers need to attend the following rehearsals:
March 23 & 30 from 7 - 8:30 pm.

Please contact Steven Ponder if interested:
everettsponder@yahoo.com



Friday Night OUT March 26, 7 pm

Join us for dinner this month at
Cavatore Italian Restaurant!

2120 Ella Blvd
713-869-6622

www.cavatoreitalianrestaurant.com

Join our group on Facebook: Resurrection MCC Friday Night Out
RSVP to FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org

New Members' Class

Tuesday, April 13

6 - 9 pm

Chapel / Dinner Served

Join us to discuss the mission, vision, and values of Resurrection MCC, to discover our connection to the world through our affiliation with the Metropolitan Community Churches, and to join this family of faith in purpose, service, and fellowship!

To register, contact Jason Wood,
Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org
or 713-861-9149 x105.

Download the Spiritual Gifts Assessment
from www.ResurrectionMCC.org



Thanks to those who
made a donation,
participated in the walk,
raised funds and prayed!

Our team has raised over \$10,000 of our \$15,000 goal, and there is still time for us to achieve our goal!

You can still donate to our team. Please visit
www.ResurrectionMCC.org
and click on the AIDS Walk Houston link!

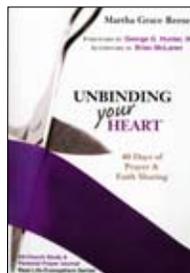
Lent

February 24 - March 31

Connection Groups

Please join us for an
exciting 6-week adventure!

February 24 - March 31



Join us for a very special, all-church study of *Unbinding Your Heart*. "This book is about untying the knots that keep us from living exciting lives" ... with God and with each other. "It's about unbinding the Good News that God adores us and everyone else, that God has shown this to us through Jesus Christ." It's also a prayer journal with many forms of classic Christian prayer included in the daily prayers that accompany the study.

We are calling this rich small group experience an 'E-vent' and we would love to have you as part of one of these groups. You can share in the group experience with no pressure to "do" anything other than read each week's chapter, do the daily prayer exercises and attend six meetings.

People in churches across the country are excited about what is happening in their congregations through their 'E-vents': deeper relationships with God, a rich, meaningful personal prayer life, and a new sense of God's activity in their lives. People are saying they can be more 'real' with others as their relationship with God grows ... and that this extends to relationships within their families and with people in every area of their lives.

We hope to have everyone connected in this study during Lent: February 24 - March 31. We will have groups available every Wednesday night, many throughout the city at different times, and even an online group. Stop by the Gathering Place to sign up for a group.

IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

**Saturday, April 3
3 - 4:30 pm, Gathering Place**

This group is open to ALL, and requires no prior experience with drumming. Join us!

For more information, contact Denise Junious.
DrumCircle@ResurrectionMCC.org
www.meetup.com/DrummingCircle

Drum Circle is hosted monthly on the first Saturday.

Bingo Night at Big Tex Bingo!

**Saturday
April 10, 7:30 pm**

Bring your friends and family and join Resurrection for a night of fun! Over \$5,000 given away nightly (bingo prizes and pull tabs). Big Tex offers a full service snack bar, daily food specials, beer, margaritas and more.

*Resurrection MCC & Pride Charities
are two of the organizations who share in the profits!*

13030 Veterans Memorial Dr, Houston
www.bigtexbingo.com 281-586-0700

LGBTQ AND FREE IN THEE!

Adventuring OUT in
Christian Discipleship

**Saturday, April 11
1 - 5 pm, Chapel**

In his book *Don't Be Afraid Anymore* Rev. Troy Perry shares how he, like so many of us, had to wrestle with the questions "What does the Bible say about homosexuality?" and "What did Jesus say?" He writes, "They were questions that had to be answered with absolute correctness, but I needed to return to my Bible before I could give an adequate answer. Therefore, in that instant I said to myself, 'Troy, you know God loves you without a shadow of a doubt. You know you're God's child. You know God called you to the ministry and you know God told you to start this work. Now be able to defend what has been given you to do.'" During this foundational Life Development offering for those seeking to reconcile their experience of God with their understanding of Scripture, we will engage the Bible through the lens of our personal faith experience as we consider the six "clobber passages" in light of current scholarship and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Facilitated by Rev. Kristen. All are welcome.

**ya es hora
¡HAGASE CONTAR!**

Volunteers Needed!

**Saturday, March 27, Noon - 5 pm
Plaza Americas, 7500 Bellaire Blvd, Houston**

Our Equality Ministry is partnering with HRC to help achieve a full Census count in the Latino/a community! This is a great opportunity for civic engagement and to expand our community and visibility.

As a member of the ya es hora coalition, please join HRC at the following Census community assistance forum where you can help members of the Latino/a community complete their Census forms.



Spanish fluency is helpful, but not necessary. Participation at a Web-based volunteer training is required on Wednesday, March 24, 1 pm.

If interested, please RSVP by tomorrow to Paul Guillory, HRC Houston Diversity Co-Chair, at paul.w.guillory@gmail.com with your contact info and t-shirt size.

VICKIE SHAW & JENNIE MCNULTY **ALL STAR TEXAS COMEDY TOUR**

★ SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 7:00 PM ★

HOUSTON NATIVE AND STAND-UP COMEDIAN VICKIE SHAW IS TEAMING UP WITH FELLOW COMIC JENNIE MCNULTY FOR A FANTASTIC NIGHT OF STAND-UP COMEDY AND IMPROVISATION. YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THESE FUNNY WOMEN, BOTH RECENTLY VOTED TO THE
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Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting **TODAY!** 12:30 pm, Sanctuary

Semi-Annual Congregational Reports packets are available at Sanctuary entrances today.



Fishers Net Prayer Ministry: *A Dialogue with God*

To be, or not to be, that is the question.

Of all his many writings, this is most likely Shakespeare's most frequently referenced quote. It is a question many ask themselves,

Looking at this question from a spiritual rather than a physical level, "to be, or not to be" can shake up our personal relationship with Christ: are we allowing our spiritual side to diminish when we are preoccupied with "doing"? It is when we unbind our heart, open our mind and soul to the realities of the spiritual consequences of our choices we find that "To do, or to be, that is the question." We are human beings not human doings, yet we often allow our lives to be filled with such distraction! It becomes harder to be intimate with God and ourselves when the doing for God and others takes its toll upon our being.

This week, take a breath, relax and just be. Feel God's ever-loving Grace fall upon you. Allow yourself to relax to hear the voice of God within. Breathe in the Spirit of God and allow the wonderful feeling of 'just being' engulf you. Reflecting upon Matthew 6:34 to start: "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Dear Mother Father Sustainer God, I invite you into my being, my own self today and always. When distractions good or bad turn me into a human-doing and not a human-being, remind me, and allow me to feel Your being within me. Help me feel comfortable with my own self so that I can truly 'be with you.' Oh God, help me be so ecstatically happy within my own self that the distractions of my life will dissipate. In your many names I pray, Amen.

Do you have a prayer request? Send your requests to Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org. Postings are published each week in a Praise and Prayer alert email, where others around the country are praying collectively with you. To sign up for Praise and Prayer alerts, go to our Web site and click on the "In Need of Prayer?" link.

Growing stronger in Christ and realizing our Prayers together.

~ Fishers Net Prayer Ministry ~

Montrose Grace Place

provides a safe, welcoming environment for vulnerable homeless youth of all sexualities and genders, providing nourishment, healthy relationships, and hope for the future.



For one night a week, Montrose Grace Place (located at Grace Lutheran Church) is a place of dignity and of respect, with a good meal, creative activities, referrals to social services, and healing relationships with safe, accepting adults.

Did you know?

- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender teens are coming out to parents as young as 13 and 14?
- 1 out of 4 youth who come out to parents will become homeless as a result?
- LGBT homeless youth are seven times more likely than their heterosexual peers to be the victim of a crime?
- LGBT youth are more at risk for mental health issues, and homelessness only increases this risk?
- Survival sex is often a last resort for homeless youth?
- Many services for homeless youth are non-responsive to LGB youth, and will not serve transgender youth?

How you can help:

- Donate! Money, professional services, toiletries, new underwear, and prayers!
- Bring food! Dinners for 30 people once a year or once a month.
- Volunteer! We need shoppers, grant-writers, table setters, security, and many other positions.
- Teach! Lead a creative and healing class in creative writing, painting, yoga, or a drum circle.
- Take the Leap! Apply to be one of the caring adult volunteers who interact with these youth on a weekly basis. (Background checks are required, and you'll receive 20 hours of training before you start. You'll be asked to make a commitment two nights a month, for one year.)

Grace Lutheran Church Pastor Lura Groen will present information about the program, volunteer opportunities, and answering questions at our next **Equality Meeting on Monday, April 12 at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Place.** Please consider if you can assist in this vital outreach partnership.

HOLY WEEK

WEDNESDAY

A Service of Discipleship

Wednesday, March 31
7 pm, Sanctuary

An open contemplative service of discipleship including a simple invitational washing ritual. Join us for this moving reflection upon Jesus' life of love and his call that we join him in it!

John 13: "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them ..."

And during supper, Jesus, knowing that his Heavenly Parent had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet ... -- John 13:3-5

THURSDAY

A Liberation Seder Celebration

Thursday, April 1
7 pm, Activities Building

A community gathering and ritual meal in celebration of our freedom in God's steadfast love! All are welcome at this table celebration of food, fellowship, and God's liberating faithfulness!

Luke 22: "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it."

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took the cup . . . -- Luke 22:14-17

FRIDAY

A Good Friday Meditation on Jesus' Journey through the Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 2
7 pm, Sanctuary

A reflective journey into the heart of holy compassion, broken open on the path of the cross. Together we bear witness to Jesus' life of "no greater love" — the Way of the Cross...

John 18: "Whom are you looking for ...?"

Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. -- John 18:4-5

Easter

April 4 • 9 & 11 am



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

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

LGBTQ Solutions for Living Well

Professional Services Provided at
Resurrection MCC Wellness Center



Women's Group (full)

Focused on, but not limited to, the coming out process, improving self-esteem, identity clarification and establishing healthy relationships.

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

Call 832-863-8221 for an intake appointment when availability opens.

There is hope for change, empowerment and living authentically!

Connections: A 12-Session Psychoeducational Shame Resilience Curriculum

Tuesdays
6 - 7:15 pm

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.

Connections

A 12-Session
Psychoeducational
Shame-Resilience
Curriculum



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

Young Adult Group

Tuesdays, 6 - 7:15 pm, begins in May.
Facilitated by Tammy S. Fountain,
LPC, ATR-BC. Call 832-863-8221.

Ages 20 to 30-something

All Sexual Orientations &
Gender Identities Welcome

Focused on, but not limited to, healthy living, goal setting, the coming out process, improving self-esteem, identity clarification and establishing healthy relationships.



Men's Group Therapy

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.

Group open, space limited. Mondays, 6:00 - 7:15 pm
Therapist: Michael Mann, LCSW.
Call 713-446-8034 for an intake appointment.

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

COMMUNITY
OF RESPECT

A NO PLACE FOR HATE® PROGRAM OF THE ADL

By signing this Resolution of Respect (available in the Gathering Place after services today) you are taking personal responsibility for standing up against all forms of prejudice and discrimination and committing yourself to creating a world that is a *Community of Respect*®.

I pledge from this day forward to do my best to combat prejudice and to stop those who, because of hate or ignorance, would hurt anyone or violate their civil rights.

I will try at all times to be aware of my own biases and seek to gain understanding of those who I perceive as being different from myself.

I will speak out against all forms of prejudice and discrimination. I will reach out to support those who are targets of hate.

I will think about specific ways my community members can promote respect for people and create a prejudice-free zone.

I firmly believe that one person can make a difference and that no person can be an "innocent" bystander when it comes to opposing hate.

I recognize that respecting individual dignity, achieving equality and promoting intergroup harmony are the responsibilities of all people.

By signing this pledge, I commit myself to creating a community that is a *Community of Respect*®.

**Please stop by the Equality Ministry table
in the Gathering Place after services next week
to sign the Resolution of Respect Pledge.**

**This is the final step needed to become certified
as a Community of Respect for 2010.**

General
Conference



Now to The One who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine

Registration

To register today, visit our website for more details and further information

Location

Fairmont Acapulco Princess
www.fairmont.com/acapulco
800.441.1414
506.863.6301
Group Name: UFMCC 2010 General Conference

Contact Information

conferences@mccchurch.net
Jennifer Justice, 213.447.2953
Carlos Chavez, 310.489.3899

2010
JUNE 28 - JULY 2



www.generalconference.mccchurch.org

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 first condition of lasting happiness is that a life should be full of purpose, aiming at something outside the self.

~ Hugh Black

Board Members on Duty

Tricia Philips & Vicki Hopper

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

Increase OUR Imagine Campaign Fund



How can YOU increase OUR Imagine Campaign Fund? Here's how...

Simply refer or use my services as your Realtor, to Buy or Sell a home. Once the transaction is complete a donation in your name will be made to the Imagine Campaign.

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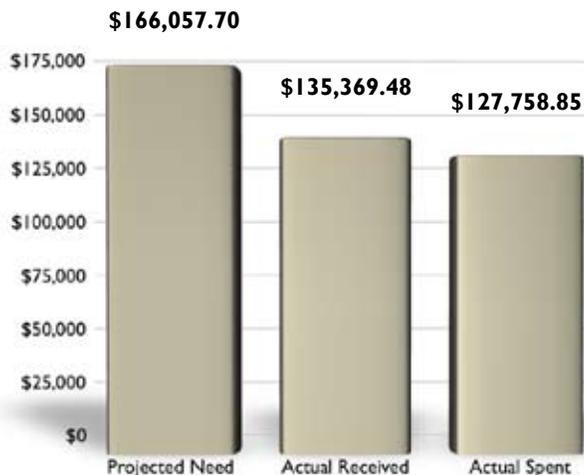
Flowers in the Sanctuary

*In Honor of Jane Winslett, Mother of Jim Winslett. ~Flo & Kimberly
Happy Birthday, Kecia! ~Love, JJ*

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending March 14, 2010

		Week	Year
Tithes & Offerings			
03/14/10 9:00 am	83	\$4,021.00	\$33,806.84
03/14/10 11:00 am	270	\$4,103.00	\$62,786.19
03/10/10 6:30 pm	51	\$59.00	\$1,773.88
Special Services			\$857.75
Online Giving		\$1,278.84	\$15,190.37
Other Contributions		\$865.00	\$11,473.54
Total	404	\$10,326.84	\$125,888.57
Other General Fund Income			
Fundraising			\$2,647.00
Miscellaneous		\$103.56	\$6,833.91
Total Received		\$10,430.40	\$135,369.48
Projected Need per Budget		\$15,955.77	\$166,057.70
Total Exceeded Need / (Did Not Meet Need)		(\$5,525.37)	(\$30,688.22)
Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$936.00	\$24,885.18



This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY MARCH 21

8:00 am	Adeste Praise Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Jason Wood	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome)	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Jason Wood	
12:30 pm	Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room

MONDAY MARCH 22

6:00 pm	Board of Director Training	Gathering Place
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TUESDAY MARCH 23

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

WEDNESDAY MARCH 24

6:00 pm	The Chalice: Community Gathering	Activities Building
6:30 pm	The Chalice: Wednesday Worship	Activities Building
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Unbinding Your Heart	Activities Building

THURSDAY MARCH 25

6:00 pm	Pastoral Search Committee Meeting	Workroom
7:00 pm	Resurrection Singers Rehearsal	Music Room

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED MARCH 26

7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT (see ad, p. 7)	Cavatore's Italian Rest.
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SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED MARCH 27

10:00 am	Lent Cross-Making	Gathering Place
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SUNDAY MARCH 28

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	
12:30 pm	Pastoral Care Ministers Lunch	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room