

Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

May 16, 2010

Prelude

Joel Hammett

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Arr. Farlee

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Mark Eggleston

+ Invocation

Rev. Mona Lopez

+ Exchange of Peace

Hymn

Sent by the Lord



Sent by the Lord am I; my hands are ready now to



make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes.



The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain in -



to a world of love, of justice and of peace. The



task is mine to do, to set it truly free. Oh,



help me to obey; help me to do your will.

+ 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.

We Hear the Word

The last word is love. Jesus does not call for doctrinal unity, organizational unity, or political unity. So often, Christ's prayer for his disciples has been used to sanctify those ends, and even to justify the harsh imposition of artificial unity. Yet this prayer is for unity that grows out of the love of God, received and shared among his followers, leading to an experienced unity in love between Jesus and his followers, and with the one from whom Christ comes. In moments of communion, surely the debates about the nature of God and humanity, the questions of whether divine grace or human will is the means of unity, all of these must fade away, leaving only the burning vision of a cross and the words "For God so loved the world ..."

-- Peter J. Carman
Commentary on
John 17:20-26 in
Feasting on the Word

First Reading

Bill O'Rourke (9 am)
Jules Gauvin (11 am)

Psalm 97

Our God reigns! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness surround The Holy One; righteousness and justice are the foundation of the holy throne. Fire goes before our God, and consumes those who turn from God on every side. God's lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before The Holy One, before the sight of the God of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim God's righteousness; and all the peoples behold God's glory. All who worship mere images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before The Holy One. Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your justice, O God. For you, O God, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

The Holy One loves those who turn from evil; God protects the lives of the faithful; God delivers those who trust from the hand of the wicked. Light dawns for the just, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in Our God, O you people of faith, and give thanks to God's holy name!

+ Second Reading

Marty Williams (9 am)
Marion Kirby (11 am)

John 17:20-26

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, my Heavenly Parent, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. O Heavenly Parent, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Parent, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

God Meant it for My Good by Damien Price

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

One: Love

Making Ministry Happen

Crystal Catalina

Offertory

Gospel Ensemble

Total Praise by Richard Smallwood

Communion

Rev. Janice Ladd

Communion Songs

They Will Know we are Christians by Our Love

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they will know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they will know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they will know we are Christians by our love

Soften my Heart

Soften my heart, Lord, Soften my heart
From all indifference, Set me apart
To feel your compassion, To weep with your tears
Come soften my heart, O Lord, Soften my heart

The Servant Song

Brother, sister, let me serve you
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant, too

We are pilgrims on a journey
We are together on this road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load

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.

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.

Prayer

If you are in need of prayer support, you can find prayer partners available during our time of communion or after worship in the right wing of the Sanctuary. You can also release your prayers to God by placing them in the wailing wall.

Communion Songs

We are Standing on Holy Ground

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around.

Let us praise the Creator now,
We are standing in God's presence on holy ground.

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Postlude

Video

Get Up
by Mary Mary

Pentecost Sunday – May 23, 2010

Join us next week for worship as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday and "Releasing our Prayers" to God. Pentecost is a day to remember the birth of the Church and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It is a celebration of newness, of recreation, of renewal of purpose, mission, and calling as God's people. It is a celebration of God's ongoing work in the world and a recognition that God's work is done through us, the people of God, anointed by the presence of the Holy in our lives. "Releasing our Prayers" will mark a new tradition for Resurrection MCC. We will take all the prayers from our wailing wall located in the wing of the sanctuary and lift them to God in a ritual based on Acts 2:1-21: the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church.

Our guest preacher is Rev. Dr. Edgard Francisco Danielsen-Morales, Associate Pastor at MCC of New York. You will be blessed by Rev. Edgard's charisma and touched by his pastoral presence. His work in the wider community of Metropolitan Community Churches is in the areas of queer theology and preaching, and education and training of clergy and laity. He has participated in a myriad of projects such as teaching the Intensives In The Ministry; leading retreats and training for lay and ordained leaders in Latin America; spiritual direction for pastors; supervision of future clergy; workshops on the integration of spirituality and sexuality; and multiculturalism and the church.



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Worship
Sunday, 9 & 11 am
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 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 & 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 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. We embrace four core values:

Core Values

Inclusion

Love is our greatest moral value and resisting exclusion is a primary focus of our ministry. We want to continue to be the conduits of a faith where everyone is included in the family of God, and where all parts of our being are welcomed at God's table.

Community

Offering a safe and open community for people to worship, learn and grow in their faith is our deep desire. We are committed to equipping ourselves and each other to do the work that God has called us to do in the world.

Spiritual Transformation

Providing a message of liberation from the oppressive religious environment of our day or to those experiencing God for the first time is what guides our ministry. We believe that when people are invited to experience God through the life and ministry of Christ, lives will be transformed.

Social Action

Working to talk less and do more, we are committed to resisting the structures that oppress people and standing with those who suffer under the weight of oppressive systems, being guided always by our commitment to Global Human Rights.

**What's General Conference?
Who's going?
Why?**

For these answers and more information,
please join the Lay Delegates for

**General Conference Forum I
TODAY!
12:30 pm, Gathering Place**

Unbinding Your Soul

**Wednesdays, June 2 - June 23
7 - 8:30 pm, Activities Building**

Unbinding Your Soul is an incredible 4-week small group study that provides the foundation in Christian friendship, discussion, prayer, and community. The purpose of the small group is to create a fun, safe place for everyone to have significant conversations and think about some big questions – Is there a God? How can I know? How do you pray? What's true about the world? How can we live together best? How should I spend my life? How can I talk with God, every day, and learn and grow in my faith?

“We trust that God will bless our lives and take us to the next deeper level if we'll talk honestly with each other, listen carefully and respectfully to each other, study bits of the Bible and pray. God can, and will, do amazing things in our lives and through us if we'll just pay attention and follow.”

~ from *Unbinding Your Soul* by Martha Grace Reese

If you are interested in participating or facilitating, or if you need more information, contact Rev. Janice at RevJanice@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x104.

YES WE CAN!

Please Support Our Food Pantry

Non-perishables Needed:
**Canned Meats,
Vegetables, Fruit, Soup,
Pasta, Rice, Beans,
Spaghetti Sauce**

Please drop off food donations into shopping cart in Welcome Area.

Food available by appointment
713-861-9149 x103



Pastoral Search Committee Update

May 13, 2010

Application packets have been sent!

For those of you who attended our open meeting on May 6, thank you so much for your time, interest, support, and questions! We are pleased to announce that our Senior Pastor Application Portfolio and Invitation to Apply have been sent to a select list of candidates. Applications will only be considered if all requested application materials are received by June 30, 2010.

Without a doubt, the greatest opportunity for Resurrection MCC this year is the process of electing a new Senior Pastor! God is calling someone to us!! However, calling a pastor to Resurrection MCC will only be successful if God works not only in the hearts and lives of the Pastoral Search Committee, but also in the hearts and lives of every Resurrection MCC congregant. Our entire pastoral search process must be immersed in prayers. As such, please pray that God will lead our next Pastor to us and pray for your Pastoral Search Committee. Pray for our patience; pray for our discipline as a committee and as individuals; and, most especially, pray for our wisdom and discernment to nominate the right person for election to Resurrection MCC Senior Pastor.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the pastoral search process, please feel free to contact us at PastoralSearchCommittee@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Faithfully,
Resurrection MCC
Pastoral Search Committee

**"Second Sunday"
Friend-Raiser Brunch**

**TODAY!
Breezeway 12:30 pm**

**Enjoy burgers and hotdogs
and meet some new friends.**



Proceeds benefit Resurrection General Fund

Flamin' Flapjacks!

**NEXT Sunday, May 23
Gathering Place, 8:30 am - 12:45 pm**

Enjoy pancakes, bacon or sausage
with juice and coffee.

Proceeds will help support our
Lay Delegates at General Conference.



**Landscape & Facilities
Work Day**

**Saturday, June 5
9 am - 3 pm**

Join in service as we beautify our campus. Projects include gardening and selected interior work, carried out in an atmosphere of great fellowship. Lunch available in Inspirations.

RSVP & Questions to
Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org

SEASON OF SERVICE
Sign-Ups & Spiritual Renewal
Sunday, May 23
12:30 - 2 pm, Activities Building

Prepare to Share!

Calling all new and returning volunteers for Connections, First Impressions, Life Development, Youth Ministries Program and Altar Ministries!

All volunteers are invited to sign-up and “prepare to share” their gifts...

- Teachers, Assistants, Nursery Angels
- Welcome Team, Ushers, Concierge, Inspirations
- Communion Servers, Prayer Ministers, Scripture Readers

Join Rev. Janice, Rev. Kristen, and ministry team leads for sign-ups, ministry updates, and a time of spiritual renewal as we commit our time and talents to God's peoples for this Spring!



General Conference

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

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2010 Resurrection MCC Special Anniversary Offering

The seeds for Resurrection MCC were planted in the winter of 1971. These seeds took root in December of 1972, when meetings were started on a regular basis in a rented apartment in Preston Villa. Nearly 40 years later, we are a congregation of over 600 members holding two weekly Sunday services, and various mid-week offerings, on a church campus that includes a 25,000 square foot church building and a 12,000 square foot activity center, situated on a 9-acre tract in the beautiful Heights area of Houston.

As you may already know, Resurrection MCC celebrated its 38th anniversary on April 25. This is a tremendous milestone to which we can look forward in thankfulness to and appreciation of our gracious God who has led us over the years. In honor of this auspicious occasion, I'd like to announce the **2010 Resurrection MCC Special Anniversary Offering** entitled **"We're 38 ... Help Keep Us Great!"** The purpose of this campaign is to celebrate the 38th anniversary of the church, as well as to generate income for the general fund to not only reduce our budget variance, but also build a cash reserve.

In keeping with the **"We're 38 ..."** portion of the theme: **The campaign goal is \$38,000.** We are asking that you prayerfully consider making an **"over and above"** offering in either denominations of \$38 (i.e., \$38, \$380 or \$3,800) or increments of \$38 (e.g., \$38, \$76, \$114, \$152, etc.) to commemorate the church's 38th anniversary. "Special Anniversary Offering" envelopes will be available at all entrances to the Sanctuary to make your giving as convenient as possible. All you need to do is to place your offering in the envelope provided and drop it in the beautifully decorated "Special Anniversary Offering" donation box.

The donation box will be placed at the front of the Sanctuary during the Sunday services, and your offering

may be placed in the box this Sunday through Sunday, May 23. You may also make your special anniversary offering online by going to the home page of our Website and clicking on the 38th Anniversary link. While everyone may not be able to give such an offering, we do want to provide the challenge to the entire congregation and friends of Resurrection MCC, and then leave it in the hands of God to provide the funds that we so desperately need to stabilize our church. We look forward to announcing the results during this six-week campaign and sharing in the victory that is ahead!

In keeping with the **"... Help Keep Us Great!"** part of the theme: Proceeds from this special anniversary offering campaign will be used to reduce our budget variance of over \$17,000 (see Page 11 of the bulletin). As you can see, total income received as of May 9 is \$17,271.70 less than what was projected for this 19-week period, primarily as a result of lower than expected general tithes and offerings. In fact, giving is down 11% from December 31, so that any benefit we may have realized from an income perspective as a result of the reduction in salaries and wages due to the departure of our Senior Pastor has been cancelled out due to the lower giving. Any campaign proceeds above and beyond the value of our budget variance will be placed in a cash reserve to be used on an as-needed basis. As we are basically living check-to-check -- or, more specifically, weekly giving-to-weekly giving -- a cash reserve is essential to the financial stability of Resurrection MCC.

Nearly 40 years ago, the first members of Resurrection MCC had the audacity to imagine that a church of Resurrection MCC's magnitude was possible from such humble beginnings. Through mature faith and commitment, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the grace of God, Resurrection MCC has experienced both numerical and spiritual growth. Resurrection MCC remains committed to its long standing mission to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christian action, where inclusivity is a nonnegotiable value to be practiced daily. Together, we can continue to do what is necessary to help make our church home a facility that is reflective of the greatness of Jesus Christ.

We're 38 ... Help Keep Us Great! Please join us in the 38th anniversary celebration of Resurrection MCC and make a special anniversary offering now, or on or before Sunday, May 23.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!

Yours in Christ,

Elisa J. Vega-Burns
Treasurer, Resurrection MCC Board of Directors

The Chalice

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Community Gathering

6:00 - 7:00 pm | Activities Building

*Bring a brown bag or purchase a light meal
from Inspirations Coffee Cafe
while you meet new friends.*

Life Development Offerings

7:00 - 8:30 pm | Activities Building

OFFERING ONE

April 28 - May 26

THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE: COMING OUT AS A PATH TO SPIRITUAL INTEGRITY



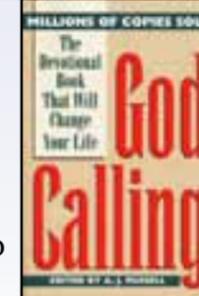
For many LGBTQ Christians, the liberating experience of "coming out" and embracing our true identities as lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgendered or queer brings about another, more painful, "coming out"—a journey away from the churches, beliefs, traditions, and communities that have formed our faith-identities as Christians. What would it mean for us to consider our sexual and gender identities as integral to our Christian identity? To reframe our "coming out" as LGBTQ as rather "coming into" a deeper, more integrated truth of ourselves as faithful disciples of Christ? Grounded in the belief that our Christian discipleship does not preclude, but, in fact, demands, that we live the truth of who we are to the glory of God in Christ, this workshop is designed to facilitate the integration of our sexual, gender, and Christian identities. While a commitment to attend most or all sessions is recommended, you are welcome to attend as you are able.

OFFERING TWO

May 5 - 26

GOD CALLING

In the winter of 1932, two anonymous Christian women – "Two Listeners" – began the simple practice of expectant Listening through companionship with one another and in devotion to Christ. The messages they heard have been formulated into the classic daily devotional *God Calling*. Heed the invitation "Leave Me out of nothing. Love all My ways with you." (May 1) With *God Calling* as our guide, we will devote ourselves to reading the daily messages, to listening for Christ's voice in our heart, and to hearing our own soul reply through prayer and journaling. On Wednesday evenings, we will share our journeys through simple practices of reflection and prayer, in response to God's calling. *Book available at most major bookstores.*



OFFERING THREE

May 12 - 26

RACE: THE POWER OF AN ILLUSION



The division of the world's peoples into distinct groups—"red," "black," "white" or "yellow" peoples—has become so deeply imbedded in our psyches, so widely accepted, many would promptly dismiss as crazy any suggestion that "race" is an illusion. Yet, that is exactly what *Race: The Power of an Illusion* claims. Questioning the very idea of race as biology, this provocative three-hour series suggests that a belief in race is no more sound than believing the sun revolves around the earth.

Originally airing on PBS in the spring of 2003, this open series will be presented over 3 consecutive Wednesday nights as a special video screening and follow-up discussion facilitated by The Center for the Healing of Racism. More information is online at www.pbs.org/race

This series is free and open to the public. Registration is required and limited to the first 60 registrants. RSVP to 713-520-8226 and leave your name and contact information.

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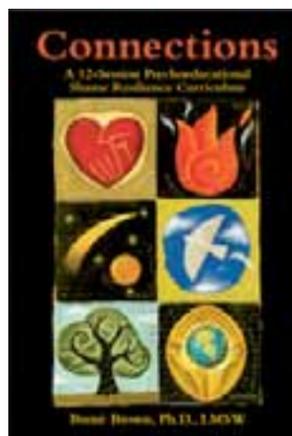
Connections:
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Facilitated by
Tammy S. Fountain,
LPC, ATR-BC

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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.



Friday Night OUT

May 28, 7 pm



Join us for dinner this month at Celsea Grille!

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713-942-9857
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Join our group on Facebook: Resurrection MCC Friday Night OUT
RSVP to FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org

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Fishers Net Prayer Ministry A Dialogue with God by Ron Reeser

Technology is wonderful and I am sure you have heard "there's an app for that." Is there a real app for prayer? An app that would instantaneously send your prayer to God, allow you to feel up-lifted or send the intercessory prayers of the healing power of Jesus to someone in need? Please let me know if there is one. Yes, there are prayer apps or better put one way communicators which will send you a prayer or inspirational text right to your phone or email; but is this prayer. Are we missing the preverbal prayer boat? Prayer is about communication with God and search as I might, I can not find a bible verse which tells me otherwise. The good news is, yes, there is a real app for prayer and is comprised with three main components; your heart, soul and mind. Together, we can feel with our heart, expand, flourish and send forth energy with our soul and articulate with our mind. This particular app takes practice to learn and the instructions have been printed more times than any instructional manual, ever. It is called the Bible or as my friend Clair calls it, Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.

This week, find the instructions to help you use your personal prayer app better. Spend some time in the scriptures and discover all instructions for life are already laid out before you.

Dear Creator Mother Father God, thank you for the technology which keeps me connected to the world around me. Thank you for personal prayer which keeps me connected to you, and thank you for intercessory prayer which keeps me connected to others through you. This week, dear Lord, help me to personally reach out to others. Fill me with your Light and let Grace surround me. In your many names. 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.

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Stewardship Thought for the Week

No one can help everybody,
but everybody can help someone.

~ Anonymous

Board Members on Duty

Dejuana Jernigan & Georgette L. Monaghan

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

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Flowers in the Sanctuary

Consider donating flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special day. Email the date and message to Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org or call 713-861-9149 x106.

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending May 9, 2010

		Week	Year
Tithes & Offerings			
05/09/10 9:00 am	136	\$3,640.00	\$60,911.57
05/09/10 11:00 am	304	\$2,763.00	\$125,229.28
05/05/10 6:30 pm	23	\$28.00	\$2,105.70
Special Services			\$1,388.75
Special Anniversary Offerings		\$2,616.00	\$13,677.60
Online Giving		\$1,368.61	\$28,689.41
Other Contributions		\$1,570.00	\$24,139.42
Total	463	\$11,985.61	\$256,141.73
Other General Fund Income			
Fundraising		\$32.90	\$7,569.85
Miscellaneous		\$20.00	\$12,720.58
Total Received		\$12,038.51	\$276,432.16
Projected Need per Budget		\$15,955.77	\$293,703.86
Total Exceeded Need / (Did Not Meet Need)		(\$3,917.26)	(\$17,271.70)
Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$605.00	\$39,244.86



Women's Group Psychotherapy

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.

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

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SUNDAY MAY 16

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	<i>Chapel</i>
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	<i>Activities Building</i>
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini	
12:30 pm	General Conference Forum I	<i>Gathering Place</i>
12:30 pm	"Second Sunday" Friend-Raiser Brunch	<i>Breezeway</i>
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>

MONDAY MAY 17

No Events Scheduled.

TUESDAY MAY 18

8:00 am	Nonprofit Consulting	<i>Gathering Place</i>
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00 pm	Houston Bar Assoc. Orch. Rehearsal	<i>Activities Building</i>

WEDNESDAY MAY 19

8:00 am	Nonprofit Consulting	<i>Gathering Place</i>
6:00 pm	The Chalice: Community Gathering	<i>Activities Building</i>
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Coming Out	<i>Activities Building</i>
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Race - Power of an Illusion	<i>Activities Building</i>
7:00 pm	The Chalice: God Calling	<i>Activities Building</i>

THURSDAY MAY 20

8:00 am	Nonprofit Consulting	<i>Gathering Place</i>
7:00 pm	Pastoral Search Committee Meeting	<i>Workroom</i>
7:00 pm	Resurrection Singers Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>

FRIDAY MAY 21

OFFICE CLOSED
No Events Scheduled.

SATURDAY MAY 22

OFFICE CLOSED
No Events Scheduled.

SUNDAY MAY 23

8:30 am	Flamin' Flapjacks Pancake Breakfast	<i>Gathering Place</i>
9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dr. Edgard Danielsen-Morales	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	<i>Chapel</i>
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	<i>Activities Building</i>
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dr. Edgard Danielsen-Morales	
12:30 pm	Season of Service Sign-Ups	<i>Activities Building</i>
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>