



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

October 31, 2010

Prelude

Joe Lenhoff

*Life's Path*  
by Michi

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini  
Joy Jolley

+ Hymn

*Welcome (Let's Walk Together)*

E A/B B



1. Let's walk to - geth - er for a while and  
2. Let's talk to - geth - er of a time when  
3. Let's dream to - geth - er of the day when

A B C#m E



ask where we be - gin — to build a world where  
we will share a feast, — where pride and pow - er  
earth and heaven are one, — a ci - ty built of

A B A B E



love can grow and hope can en - ter in, — to  
kneel to serve the lone - ly and the least, — and  
love and light, the new Je - ru - sa - lem, — where our

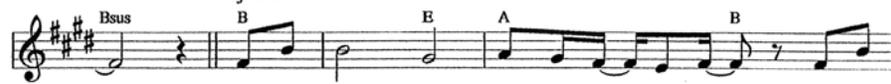
D C#m F#



be the hands of heal - ing — and to plant the seeds of peace, —  
joy will set the ta - ble — as we join our hands to pray, —  
mourn - ing turns to danc - ing, — ev' - ry crea - ture lifts its voice!

*Refrain*

Bsus B E A B



— Sing - ing wel - come,  
— Sing - ing wel - come, wel - come to this place. You're in -  
— Cry - ing wel - come!

B E A/C# B Bm9 E7 Amaj7



vit - ed to come and know God's grace. All are wel - come the

A/C# B F#/A# F#m7 E/G# Amaj7 B



love of God to share — 'cause all of us are wel - come here;

C#m EMaj7/B F#m7 E/G# Asus A E



— all are wel - come in this place. —

+ 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.

This song eloquently announces today's hope for tomorrow's Church. Written by United Methodist Deacon Laurie Zelman and contemporary composer, Mark A. Miller, the lyrics illuminate a vision of the Church as the starting place to model a peaceful and just world. The music, by Mark A. Miller, matches the intention of the lyrics, using stanzas as the necessary preparatory ground that leads to the joyful affirmation that "All are welcome" in the refrain. As Christians, this song holds us accountable to Jesus' message of inclusion and equality.

## We Listen

I have begun to see the commandments in light of an underlying covenant, as essential to the relationship that God is establishing with God's peoples, with us. Any relationship, to remain alive, requires at least two living participants. In this case, a God who does not exist as a convenience ... but a God who simply IS – the ground of being, the great "I Am." And with this God we can come into our own, no longer in fear of "being nothing," but people who can listen, who can change, who can be surprised. Even by a jealous God who loves us enough to care when we stray. And who has given us commandments to help us find the way home.

~ Kathleen Norris:  
*Amazing Grace –  
A Vocabulary of Faith*

### + Invocation

Rev. Pat Farnan

#### First Reading

Trey Dreher (9 am)  
Cody Wells (11 am)

#### *Psalm 119:137-144*

You are righteous, O God, and your judgments are right. You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness. My zeal consumes me because those who are against me forget your words. Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it. I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts. Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is the truth. Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but your commandments are my delight. Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

#### Musical Interlude

#### *God, in Your Grace (Love is Your way)*

Let us stand still, look at each other,  
sister and brother thwarting your will:  
teach us good care, grace to seek pardon,  
reclaim your garden, riches to share.

God, in your grace, God in your mercy,  
turn us to you to transform the world,  
turn to you to transform the world!

### + Second Reading

Alyssa Garcia (9 am)  
Jordan Marshall (11 am)

#### *Luke 19:1-10*

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. Zacchaeus was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So Zacchaeus hurried down and was happy to welcome Jesus. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "Jesus has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to Jesus, "Look, half of my possessions I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a child of Abraham. For the Son of Humanity came to seek out and to save the lost."

**Anthem**

Forever Blest

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*  
medley

**Spiritual Encouragement**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

*Getting Grounded*

**Musical Interlude**

*God, in Your Grace (Love is Your Way)*

Love is your way, love is your nature,  
blessing each creature, lighting each day;  
grace is your sign, gift of forgiveness,  
chalice that changes water to wine.

God, in your grace, God in your mercy,  
turn us to you to transform the world,  
turn to you to transform the world!

**Making Ministry Happen**

Sara Navarro

**Offertory**

The Beall Sisters

*Sheltered in the Arms of God*  
by Dottie Rambo

**Communion**

Nuria Navarrete  
Holly Sportell  
Charlie Sportell

**Communion Songs**

*Obrigado, Senhor (We Are Thankful, O Lord)*

Obrigado, Senhor, Aleluia.  
Obrigado, Senhor, Aleluia  
Obrigado, Senhor, Aleluia.  
Aleluia, Aleluia, Aleluia.  
We are thankful, O Lord, Alleluia.  
We are thankful, O Lord, Alleluia.  
We are thankful, O Lord, Alleluia.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**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.

## 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.

### *Here at Thy Table, Christ*

Here at Thy table, Christ, this sacred hour,  
O let us feel Thee near, in loving power,  
Calling our thoughts away from grief within,  
As to Thy banquet hall we enter in.

Sit at the feast, dear Friend, break thou the bread;  
Fill thou the cup that our souls shall be fed;  
that we may find in Thee pardon and peace,  
And from all bondage win a full release.

So shall our life of faith be full, be sweet;  
And we shall find our strength for each day meet;  
Fed by Thy living bread, all hunger past,  
We shall be satisfied, and saved at last.

Come then, O Holy Christ, feed us, we pray;  
Touch with Thy gentle hand each common day;  
Making our earthly life full of Thy grace,  
Till in the home of heaven we find our place. Amen.

### *There's a Spirit of Love in This Place*

There's a spirit of love in this place, there's a spirit of love in this place,  
you can't see it but its there, just as precious as the air,  
there's a spirit of love in this place.

There's the presence of peace in this room, there's the presence of peace in this room,  
in God's tenderness is found peace that passes human bounds,  
there's the presence of peace in this room.

O, Alleluia, sing alleluia, we bless your holy name. O Alleluia, sing alleluia,  
there's a spirit of love in this place.

There's a space for grace in our hearts, there's a space for grace in our hearts, it's in learning  
to forgive that our sprits truly live, there's a space for grace in our hearts.

O, Alleluia, sing Alleluia we bless your holy name. O, Alleluia, sing alleluia,  
there's a space for grace, there's the presence of peace, there's a spirit of love in this place.

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Nuria Navarrete  
Holly Sportell  
Charlie Sportell

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini



**JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY**  
with Rev. Dr. Mona West  
as guest preacher!

## Executive Team

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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. Metropolitan Community Churches, founded in 1968, is a human-rights movement and ministry operating as a Christian denomination in 22 countries around the world. MCC is an international advocate for vulnerable people in places where religious orthodoxy, sexism, and homophobia can result in violence and death.

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.

# The Chalice

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

## Where Will You Journey?

### COMMUNITY GATHERING

6:00 - 7:00 pm | Activities Building

Bring a brown bag and purchase a drink or snack from Inspirations Coffee Cafe while you meet new friends.

### LIFE DEVELOPMENT OFFERINGS

7:00 - 8:30 pm | Activities Building

several classes, many paths...



"I'm not sure where to begin . . ."

"Is this workshop right for me?"

"I'm looking for something for beginners . . ."

"I need something to challenge me to take the next step . . ."

As we make our way On the Journey of Faith ... we often find that although we frequently travel in one another's company, we step onto the path from individual starting points, we navigate our way by an inner compass unique to our own soul, and we find ourselves drawn in distinctive ways into relationship with God. Beginning this Fall you will find that each of our Life Development offerings is identified by one or more of the following "Path" designations – Seeking, Exploring, Deepening, Serving, Grounding – as a suggestive guide to formulating personal Journey Maps for engaging Life Development offerings which might best "meet you where you are" in your spiritual growth and education journey. Check out the brief descriptions below as guides which you may find helpful in identifying where you are, and planning where you want to go - and grow!

~ Those on the **Seeking Path** are often in motion with their faith! Possibly recovering from faith experiences that no longer fit, possibly rediscovering faith longings buried long ago, discovering whole new possibilities for their life of faith, those on the Seeking Path are often interested in trying this, trying that, letting go of old stuff, trying out new stuff, questioning, experimenting, and just generally enjoying the faith adventure!

~ Those on the **Exploring Path** are often diving into their faith! Possibly alight or "on fire" with new or renewed experiences of the Divine, those on the Exploring Path often desire passionate engagement with the principles and practices of faith, are learning new ways to pray and read Scripture, and are exploring more fully who Jesus is for them and what it might mean for them to get up close and personal with God!

~ Those on the **Deepening Path** are often being called to new depths of practice in their faith! Possibly responding to a challenging or renewed sense of God's Presence or Call in their lives, those on the Deepening Path are often already engaged in regular disciplines of prayer, study and service – but find they are suddenly restless for more: more intimacy with God, more authenticity within themselves, more surrendered love for others ... more deepening into the Way of discipleship!

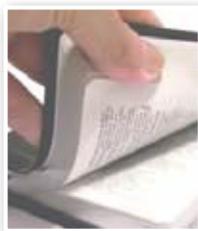
~ Those on the **Serving Path** are often practicing servant-ministry as the heart of their faith! Possibly also travelers on the Seeking, Exploring or Deepening Paths at times, those on the Serving Path often discover God, come into relationship with God, or experience faithfulness to God most vividly in the practice of serving others, and as such their preferred Path is one of servant-ministry: becoming transparent for the Presence of God in loving service to God's children!

~ Those on the **Grounding Path** are sowing and strengthening the Foundations of their faith! Possibly already traveling on any of the other Paths, or maybe preparing the way before they venture forth, those stepping onto the Grounding Path are often engaging "the basics" of the "God-stuff" (who is God and what does that mean in my life?), the "me-stuff" (what do I believe and how do I live true to that?), and the "we-stuff" (what is MCC all about and how does that shape Resurrection?) as they map their spiritual journey of faith!

### OFFERING ONE

4 Weeks - Open to All

## Braving the Book: Bible 101



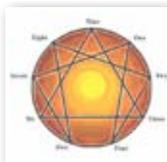
October 27 - November 17

This offering is for those of us who have steered clear of the Bible through confusion, fear, anger, intimidation or the like – but who are now in a place where we would welcome an opportunity to start (or start over!) with a beginner-friendly exploration of The Good Book! Join us for this 4-part "Bible 101" introduction – and you just might discover some Good News for yourself! Open to all; created especially for those on the **Seeking** and **Exploring** Paths in their Journey of Faith!

### OFFERING TWO

4 Weeks - Open to All

## Just My Type: Discovering Your Spiritual Personality Type through the Enneagram



October 27 - November 17

Enneagram means "nine points" and refers to a system describing nine personality types which can be engaged as a tool for greater self-understanding. The healthiest characteristics of our personalities become accessible to us as we work on ourselves. As we gain clarity, awareness and integration regarding the positive potentials in all nine types, we become increasingly available and present in our relationships with God, ourselves and others. Join Spiritual Director Cathleen Sheil, Sue Schreiber and Rev. Kristen for this 4-part introductory series open to all, especially oriented toward those on the **Seeking** and **Exploring** Paths in their Journey of Faith!



## Fishers Net Prayer Ministry

*A Dialogue with God by Ron Reeser*

**Acknowledgment – We hear you – We are praying for you.**

- We acknowledge...there is pain among us
- We acknowledge...there are addictions
- We acknowledge...there are parents who do not love us
- We acknowledge...there are heartaches, separation and divorce
- We acknowledge...disease is trying to take control
- We acknowledge...our children do not love us as we love them
- We acknowledge...a tight job market
- We acknowledge...hatred, misunderstanding and bigotry
- We acknowledge...depression: mentally, chemically and spiritually
- We acknowledge...loneliness
- We acknowledge...self-destruction
- We acknowledge... not truly knowing what God wants from us

The Fishers Net Ministry Team collectively and individually acknowledges these situations and feelings as we also felt, dealt and are dealing with this same list. We hear your prayers, acknowledge your need and respect your dignity. When dealing with the "valleys" in life, remember to keep an open communication with God. Asking, yelling, crying, questioning. Prayer is communication and God is always with us and promises this to us over and over again throughout the scriptures. In Psalm 23:4, NIV, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you [God] are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

Join us each Sunday in the Chapel between services or near the Prayer Wall after our 11 am Worship service for one-on-one personal prayer. You can also send your requests to [Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org). Requests are immediately prayed over by the Fishers Net Prayer members and published each week in a Praise and Prayer email (unless your request is to remain anonymous). 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 ~*

# Children's Choir Rehearsal

This Sunday, the children will rehearse in the Music Room of the main building from 10:30 - 10:55 in preparation to join in singing the opening hymn and the music interludes for the 11 am service.



Please email questions to [ChildrensChoir@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:ChildrensChoir@ResurrectionMCC.org).

# CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN RECEPTION

AFTER 11 AM SERVICE

Stop by the Gathering Place after Worship, see the tricked-out Haunted House Cake, and grab a treat to go!



## EQUALITY MINISTRY MEETING



**Monday | November 1**

**6:30 pm | Gathering Place**

Join team lead Ryan Rolston, as we discuss recent accomplishments and exciting upcoming activities!

Questions or to Sign up:  
[Equality@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Equality@ResurrectionMCC.org)

## IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE



**Saturday  
November 6**

**3 - 4:30 pm  
Music Room**

Gaining popularity across the country, some drum circles celebrate heritage, customs, and ethnic traditions, but all are outlets for people expressing a primal urge that drives their spirit, as they drum amidst camaraderie and fun. Drumming is not only fun, it induces deep relaxation, lowers blood pressure, and reduces the stress which contributes to nearly all disease and life-threatening illnesses. Drumming puts the mind, body and spirit in a place of rest and strengthens wellness! The drum circle is open to ALL, and requires no prior experience with drumming. Join us! If you want more information, contact Denise Junious, [DrumCircle@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:DrumCircle@ResurrectionMCC.org), or visit [www.meetup.com/DrummingCircle](http://www.meetup.com/DrummingCircle)

*Imani Vida Drum Circle meets on the first Saturdays of each month*

## IT GETS BETTER PROJECT AT RESURRECTION MCC



ACTIVITES BUILDING

- Wednesday, November 3, 6 - 7 pm

- Sunday, November 7, 2 - 3 pm

- Wednesday, November 10, 6 - 7 pm

Share your story of how life has gotten better and provide countless young adults with the inspiration and hope that you wish you had while growing up.



We'll video record your story and upload it to YouTube for posting on [www.itgetsbetterproject.com](http://www.itgetsbetterproject.com)

# SEASON OF SERVICE

## Sign-Ups & Spiritual Renewal

**Sunday | November 7 | 12:30 - 2 pm | Activities Building**  
**No Experience Required!**

Come and see all the ways you can get involved in ministry and then step out and try it on for three months! 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 people this Fall!

All new and returning volunteers are invited to sign-up and share their gifts...

- Children & Youth Teachers & Assistants, Nursery Angels
- Welcome Team, Ushers, Concierge, Inspirations
- Communion Servers, Prayer Ministers, Scripture Readers
- Landscape and Facilities

Lunch will be provided so please RSVP to [Connections@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Connections@ResurrectionMCC.org).

## STRENGTHEN YOUR FINANCES and ESTABLISH A LEGACY

**Sunday | November 7 | 12:30 - 4 pm | Chapel**

You are cordially invited to attend a financial seminar hosted by Prudential Financial Services Associates and Tricia Phillips, Resurrection MCC Board Member. You will receive information on how to grow your finances, protect your wealth, and establish a legacy at Resurrection MCC. A few of the topics to be discussed include annuities, life insurance, long term care insurance, and disability income insurance.

You will be afforded an opportunity to schedule a confidential appointment with Prudential FSA to develop a strategy to evaluate your current financial needs and goals, and address your unmet financial needs. Please RSVP to [LegacyGifts@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:LegacyGifts@ResurrectionMCC.org).



## FRIDAY NIGHT "FRIENDS BY THE FIRE"

**Friday, November 12, 7 - 9 pm, Outside**

Join us for our first ever "Friends by the Fire," sponsored by our Landscape and Facilities Team. Bring a chair and blanket and join us as we share stories, laughs, and "s'mores". Hot chocolate will be provided.

RSVP to [Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org)  
(gotta make sure we have enough marshmallows!)

All are welcome. See you there!



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
for some excellent  
**GUEST PREACHERS**  
for the month of **NOVEMBER!**



### November 7 – Rev. Dr. Mona West



Rev. Mona is the Director of Formation and Leadership Development for MCC. She writes and speaks about spirituality and Queer Biblical Studies and has edited two books: "Take Back the Word: A Queer Reading of the Bible" and "The Queer Bible Commentary."

### November 14 – Rev. Dr. Cindi Love



Rev. Dr. Love currently serves as the Executive Director of SOULFORCE. Throughout its 12-year history, SOULFORCE has used the principles and practices of Mohandas Gandhi's and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's relentless nonviolent resistance and direct action to bring attention to and achieve freedom from religious and political oppression of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning people.

### November 21 – Rev. Carolyn Mobley



Rev. Carolyn has more than twenty years with MCC. She joined Resurrection MCC in 1990. During her 15 years at Resurrection MCC, she was the Director of Christian Education, the Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, Outreach, and Community Partnerships. Rev. Mobley has now returned to the Atlanta area to be with her partner of 12 years, Adrain Bowie, a recent MDiv graduate at Candler Theological Seminary. She is a gifted singer and pastoral leader and a living legacy to Resurrection MCC!

# GOLD for GOD

*Not sure what to do with that broken gold bracelet?  
Given up looking for the mate to that one gold earring?  
Want to put that old gold ring or chain to work for God?*

On Sunday, November 14, the Resurrection MCC fundraising committee will be hosting *Gold for God*, a gold for cash exchange event. The event will offer several ways for participants to contribute to Resurrection MCC:

1. Between now and November 14, place your unwanted gold, platinum or silver in one of the *Gold for God* envelopes. At the event, your items will be tested for purity and value and exchanged for cash, which will be donated to Resurrection MCC. *Gold for God* envelopes are available at all entrances to Sanctuary. Donations may be placed in the offering baskets during services or given to a staff member.
2. Bring your unwanted gold, platinum, or silver items to the event and have them tested and valued. Participants have the option of:
  - Doing nothing. There is no obligation to sell or donate items.
  - Exchanging your items for cash and keeping all proceeds.
  - Donating a part of your cash exchange to Resurrection MCC.
  - Donating the entire cash exchange to Resurrection MCC.

*The Gold Refinery will donate 10% of all proceeds to Resurrection MCC.*

Moses said to the whole Israelite community, "This is what the LORD has commanded: From what you have, take an offering for the LORD. Everyone who is willing is to bring to the LORD an offering of gold, silver and bronze..."

So, get out that unwanted gold and pick up a donation envelope, or mark your calendar and plan on joining us for, *Gold for God!* Light refreshments will be served.

## WORSHIP ARTS

Resurrection MCC is so blessed to have a number of groups to minister at our worship services. Auditions are not required, but a desire to worship and share is. Feel free to visit any rehearsals to see which group might be the right place for you to serve.

### GOSPEL ENSEMBLE

Tuesdays • 7 pm

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

### SANCTUARY CHOIR

Tuesdays • 7 pm

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

### HEAVENSOUND HANDBELLS

Sundays • 1:30 pm

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

If you have interest in any of these groups, please email our interim Director of Worship, Cassandra White, [Cassandra@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Cassandra@ResurrectionMCC.org)

## Get Connected to a First Impressions Ministry

### Concierge Desk

**Donna McRoberts**

[Concierge@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Concierge@ResurrectionMCC.org)

*Do you like to help people feel welcome and included?*

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

### Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop

**Kecia Bullock**

[Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org)

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

### Ushers

**Milton Ressmann**

[Ushers@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Ushers@ResurrectionMCC.org)

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

### Welcome Team

**Donna McRoberts**

[Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto>Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org)

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

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

*If you have questions or would like to join any of these teams, email the team lead (listed above) or contact Rev. Janice at [RevJanice@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevJanice@ResurrectionMCC.org) or 713-861-9149 x104.*

# imagine ...REALITY

Thank you for your contributions to our Imagine Capital Campaign. Some of the results from your commitment have been...building improvements, audio/video expansion, life development offerings and debt reduction...but we're not done yet...

Please join us in the final phase of our **Imagine... REALITY** Capital Campaign from now until December 2011! There are several ways you can financially support the campaign...finish your initial pledge, make a new commitment for this segment or contribute to a specific project (see pledge card).

Prayerfully consider your part in our **Imagine... REALITY** Capital Campaign as we continue to dream...believe...give...live.

Kecia Bullock  
**Imagine...REALITY**  
Co-Chair



Janetta Ross  
**Imagine...REALITY**  
Co-Chair

## Care For Our Environment



by recycling newspapers, magazines, catalogs and junk mail in the containers in our parking lot.

We now have two collection bins as this program grows. We receive cash based on the weight collected.

## ADOPT A BED

Recent Work Days have beautified our campus! There are a few beds that need to be adopted so they'll stay maintained.

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



### Board Members on Duty

Wayne Wiggins & Debbie Skelly

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

### 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 October 24, 2010

|                                  |            | Week               | Year                |
|----------------------------------|------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>    |            |                    |                     |
| 10/24/10 9:00 am                 | 151        | \$5,210.00         | \$151,841.85        |
| 10/24/10 11:00 am                | 606        | \$5,729.36         | \$265,078.67        |
| 10/20/10 6:30 pm                 | 34         | 60.00              | \$3,349.71          |
| Special Services                 |            |                    | \$1,388.75          |
| Special Anniversary Offerings    |            |                    | \$19,491.60         |
| Online Giving                    |            | \$2,264.00         | \$69,041.92         |
| Other Contributions              |            | \$1,340.00         | \$52,298.92         |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>791</b> | <b>\$14,603.36</b> | <b>\$562,491.42</b> |
| <b>Other General Fund Income</b> |            |                    |                     |
| Fundraising                      |            | \$737.00           | \$18,073.41         |
| Miscellaneous                    |            | \$270.00           | \$52,428.91         |
| <b>Total Received</b>            |            | <b>\$15,610.36</b> | <b>\$632,993.74</b> |

### Stewardship Thought for the Week

*There is no greater joy nor greater reward than to make a fundamental difference in someone's life.*

~ Sister Mary Rose McGeady

|                                       |                   |                    |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Total Imagine Capital Campaign</b> | <b>\$1,258.00</b> | <b>\$72,768.40</b> |
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**Kara N. Poole**  
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**Cathleen Sheil, MA**  
Certified Spiritual Director  
[sacredjourney2@aol.com](mailto:sacredjourney2@aol.com)  
713-304-9913




## YES WE CAN!

**Please Support Our Food Pantry**

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Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC  
832-863-8221  
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## Women's Group Psychotherapy

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

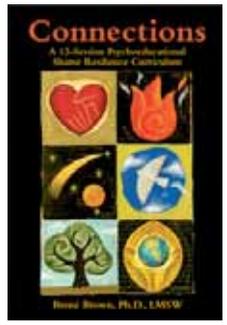
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# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 31

**9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini**  
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*  
 10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal *Music Room*  
**11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini**  
 After Service Children's Halloween Resurrection *Gathering Place*  
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

## MONDAY NOVEMBER 1

6:30 pm Equality Ministry Meeting *Gathering Place*

## TUESDAY NOVEMBER 2

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

## WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 3

6:00 pm The Chalice: Community Gathering *Activities Building*  
 7:00 pm The Chalice: Braving the Book: Bible 101 *Activities Building*  
 7:00 pm The Chalice: Enneagram *Activities Building*

## THURSDAY NOVEMBER 4

No Events Scheduled

## FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED NOVEMBER 5

No Events Scheduled

## SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED NOVEMBER 6

6:00 am Timbergrove Manor Civic Club Rummage Sale *Outside*  
 9:00 am Dialogue: Racism *Gathering Place*  
 1:00 pm Praise Dancers Rehearsal *Sanctuary*  
 3:00 pm Imani Vida Drum Circle *Music Room*

## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7

**9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dr. Mona West**  
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*  
 10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal *Activities Building*  
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*  
**11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dr. Mona West**  
 12:30 pm Season of Service Sign-ups *Activities Building*  
 12:30 pm Establish a Legacy Financial Seminar *Chapel*