



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

December 26, 2010

Prelude

Joel Hammett

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Harry Knox
Rev. Michael Diaz

+ Hymn

As with Gladness Those of Old



As with glad-ness those of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
As with joy-ful steps the sped to that low-ly man-ger bed,
As they of-fered gifts most rare at that man-ger plain and bare,
Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day keep us in the nar-row way;



As with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
There to bend the knee be-fore One whom heaven and earth a-dore;
So may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
And when mor-tal things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last



So, true Morn-ing Star, may we ev-er-more your splen-dor see.
So may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek your mer-cy seat.
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds your glo-ry hide.

We Prepare

As the prelude begins, the congregation is invited to be in an attitude of expectation for the worship of God.

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.

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Listen

We cannot move forward unless we are willing to leave something behind. The central stories in both the Jewish and Christian scriptures witness repeatedly to this closure. Abraham and Sarah heed God's call to gather up their belongings, close the door to what they have known, and go forth into nomadic territory. None of the healing and teachings of Jesus would have blessed others had he been unwilling to depart from the security of Nazareth and risk setting out for new territory in public ministry. There is a spiritual necessity for closing doors; shutting a door gives us entrance into another space while it also closes us out from the area we have left behind.

~ Joyce Rupp: *Open the Door: A Journey to the True Self*, adapted

+ One: Light Within and Beyond, we open the door of our hearts to You:

**All: Open our minds to remember Your Presence
Open our mouths to speak of Your Presence
Open our hearts to receive Your Presence
Open our hands to embody Your Presence
Open our lives to make real Your Presence**

One: Open our worship as we rejoice in Your Presence.
Open the door of our hearts to You.

Response

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

First Reading

Eli'jah Carroll (9 am)
Carlos Rivera (11 am)

Isaiah 63:7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of Our God, because of all that God has done for us; the great favor to the house of Israel that has been shown according to God's mercy, according to the abundance of God's steadfast love. 'Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely' said Our God, becoming their savior in their every distress. It was no messenger or angel but God's presence that saved them; in holy love and pity God redeemed them; the Holy One lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Response

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the response. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). It features a melodic line with a long slur over the first six measures. The lyrics 'Glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!' are written below the notes. The bottom staff is also in treble clef with the same key signature and time signature, mirroring the melody of the top staff. The lyrics 'Glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!' are written below the notes.

Matthew 2:13-23

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.' When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.' When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

Anthem

Eli'jah Carroll

Close Every Door

by Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tim Rice

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

**Open the Door:
Closing the Door**

Response



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet — and a light un-to my path.

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Making Ministry Happen

Joy Jolley

Offertory

Cassandra White

God Help the Outcast

by Alan Menken and Stephen Schwartz

Communion

Rev. Harry Knox

**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.

Communion Songs

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.

We Remember You

As we drink this cup, we worship you;
As we eat this bread, we honor you;
As we offer you our lives as you have offered yours for us.
We remember your covenant with us;
We remember the light into the world.

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Shine on Us

Lord, let your light, light of your face shine on us.
Lord, let your light light of your face shine on us
That we may be saved, that we may have life;
To find our way in the darkest night,
Let your light shine on us.
Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand fall on us.
Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand fall on us
That we may be saved, that we may have life;
To find our way in the darkest night,
Let your face fall on us.

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Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world, you stepped down into shadows,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
Hope of a life spent with you.
Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

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Arise, Shine

Arise, shine, for thy Light is come. Arise, shine, for the light is come:
And the glory of the Lord is risen, the glory of the Lord is come,
The glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
Arise, shine, for the Light is come.
Arise, shine, for the Light is come:
And the glory of the Lord is risen,
The glory of the Lord is come,
The glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

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+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Harry Knox

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Postlude

Joel Hammett

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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 - 17 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.

ADVENT CONNECTION GROUPS

7:00 - 8:30 pm | Activities Building

OFFERING ONE

6 Weeks - Open to All

ADVENT CONNECTION GROUPS

Wednesdays

December 1 - January 5

OPEN THE DOOR

"The full person God created us to be contains more than we can imagine, but most of us dwell within only a small portion of the superb castle of ourselves. Opening the door of our heart allows us entrance to the vast treasure of who we are and to

the divine presence within us. We have an immeasurable amount of love and tenderness in us if only we open the door to discover it. The same is true with the multitude of our other qualities and virtues. Each door we open helps us grow into the fullness of who we are. Each discovery moves us to contribute love in our world."

~ Open the Door: A Journey to the True Self by Joyce Rupp

You are invited to participate in the upcoming 6-week small group study. During the season of Advent, Connection Groups will gather once a week to share their experience with the incredible book entitled: "Open the Door: A Journey to the True Self." In this book beloved author and spiritual guide, Joyce Rupp, explores the rich image of the door as an invitation to growth and awareness and leads readers to search more deeply for their authentic selves in fuller union with God. The book provides a structure of daily reading, scripture, prayer, reflection, and meditation and the Advent Connection Groups will provide encouragement and companionship throughout the journey.

Mark your calendar to meet each Wednesday from December 1 to January 5 when we will have Advent Connection Groups on site in the Activities Building. Sign up today and purchase your book at the Inspirations Coffee Café and Bookstore or download the book to your Kindle through Amazon.

If you need more information, contact
RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x105.

OPEN THE DOOR ADVENT SERMON SERIES

SUNDAYS, 9 & 11 AM

JANUARY 2 - Beyond the Door - Rev. Harry

8 Weeks - Open to All

BULLETPROOF FAITH

BULLETPROOF FAITH A Spiritual Survival Study Guide for LGBTQ Christians

Wednesdays | 7 - 8:30 PM | January 12 - March 2

This Life Development offering is especially for those on the **Exploring** and **Deepening** Paths in their Journey of Faith.

As Christians we're told in Ephesians 6:13-17 to put on "the whole armor of God." That armor includes righteousness, truth, peace, salvation, and Spirit. It's no coincidence that faith is our shield to "quench all the flaming arrows" that come our way. It's only when we develop the heart knowledge of God's unconditional and enduring love for us that we can become bulletproof—calm and assured even when arrows are flying and emotions are high.

Join us for this 8-week "Spiritual Survival" book study designed by Rev. Candace Chellew-Hodge to guide us through the minefield of condemnation and persecution faced by many LGBTQ Christians, to an undeniable faith that powerfully proclaims the reality of God's love for one and all!

Contact Rev. Kristen for more information:
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

9 Weeks - Open to All



FOLLOWING JESUS Discipleship 101

Wednesdays | 7 - 8:30 PM | January 12 - March 2

This Life Development offering is especially for those on the **Exploring** and **Deepening** Paths in their Journey of Faith.

What would happen if I came to experience Christianity as a way of life; something more than a set of understandings or beliefs? What would it really mean for me to grow as a follower of – rather than a believer in – the way of Jesus? These questions form the core of this 9-week study by MCC-based Found Pearl Press.

They challenge us to: engage the words of Jesus and other key passages in Scripture directly for ourselves; form our own thoughtful conclusions in exploration and discussion with our siblings; put into practice a living and increasingly authentic faith. That is, to practice discipleship!

Contact Rev. Kristen for more information:
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



Fishers Net Prayer Ministry

A Dialogue with God by Ron Reeser

"Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all God's holy people." ~ Ephesians 6:18

Shopping for me is not enjoyable, so when I go to a store, I have a plan. I know exactly what to purchase, so I never have to return an item. Recently though, I purchased a lot of items for a project, but when the project fell through, I had no choice but to return the items for a refund. Upon entering the store, the line was close to 50 people deep! I sighed but took my place in line, repeating to myself, "This line WILL move fast." Then I noticed three overhead signs above me indicating, "Purchases only, this line." I then moved to the customer service area, only to be told that "Returns" were to be made in the same line as "Purchases." Naturally, I wasn't just mad, but fuming! Then, I changed my thoughts as God reminded me that the workers were just enforcing the store's rules and that no matter the rules, they were also children of God. With that, I started to send love to all the employees and customers in front of me. Within minutes, a security guard approached me, guiding me to an open register and moments later, I was out the door!

I give thanks for being reminded to always pray for others and to see the good in them, even when I feel slighted.

Dear Mother-Father-Creator God, I thank you that I am surrounded by your children, even when I cannot see them. Thank you for the constant reminders that ALL people are your children. Thank you for taking me out of my box, so that I may see good in others. Amen.

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. 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



Sundays

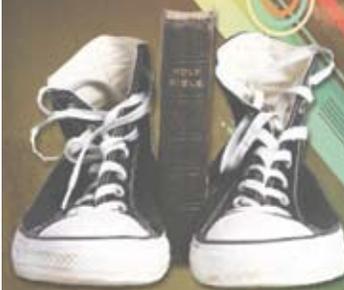
Activities Building
Room 104

10:30 am - 11:00 am

3rd - 7th grades
welcome

Please email questions to ChildrensChoir@ResurrectionMCC.org

NEW TEEN GROUP 13-17 years



Youth Ministry also includes:

SPROUTS • 4 - 6 years

FAITH BEGINNINGS • 7 - 9 years

FAITH EXPLORERS • 10 - 12 years

Sign up in Activities Building
starting at 10:45 am

The SUNDAY BASICS SERIES

TODAY • 12:30 - 2 pm • Activities Building



What do people here believe about Jesus?

Why do we stand when we read certain parts of the Bible during worship?

Can I become a member here even if I don't agree with a lot of the Bible?

Got questions? We got ... questions too!

How do we understand, experience, and engage "the basics" – Jesus, Worship, The Bible – in a theologically diverse community of faith which claims "Inclusivity" as its central Core Value? Join Rev. Kristen as we explore together the riches – and challenges – of what it means to be a truly inclusive Christian community of faith!

Un-Deck the HALLS

Christmas Clean-Up

TODAY!

12:30 pm, Sanctuary

Join us for lunch, fellowship, and fun as we put away the Christmas decorations and prepare the Sanctuary for the next season.

IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE



Friday, December 31
8 – 10:30 pm, Gathering Place

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, or visit www.meetup.com/DrummingCircle

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

new MEMBERS CLASS

Saturday,
January 8
9 am - Noon
Gathering Place
Breakfast Served

Join us to discuss the mission, vision, and values of Resurrection MCC as you discover your connection to the world through our affiliation with Metropolitan Community Churches. We welcome you to join our family of faith in purpose, service, and fellowship! Please RSVP to RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x105.

*Join us in a
Celebration of Family, Community & Culture*
Saturday • January 1 • 6 pm • Activities Building



Saturday • January 1 • 6 pm • Activities Building

Join us for a meal and time of celebration.

RSVP today: Kwanzaa@ResurrectionMCC.org

Kwanzaa

A Celebration of Family, Community & Culture

by Elisa Vega-Burns

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Since its founding in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, Kwanzaa has come to be observed by more than 18 million people worldwide. Join us for this rich cultural celebration, as together we commit ourselves to our highest ideals for 2010.

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

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

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

LGBT AND FREE IN THEE!

ADVENTURING OUT IN CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

JANUARY 9

1 - 5 PM • CHAPEL

“What does the Bible say about homosexuality?” and “What did Jesus say?” These questions are at the heart of this foundational Life Development offering for those seeking to reconcile their experience of God with their understanding of Scripture. Together 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. Open to all, this offering can provide Grounding for All Paths in the Journey of Faith!



Lunch will be served. RSVP and questions to RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org.



FRIDAY NIGHT “FRIENDS BY THE FIRE”

Friday, January 14, 7 - 9 pm, Outside



Join us for our “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
(gotta make sure we have enough marshmallows!)
All are welcome. See you there!

EQUALITY MINISTRY MEETING



Monday, January 10

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

Kids Communicate God's Love Every Fifth Sunday!



Come allow your kids to experience the joy of giving! Sign up your kids to serve at the Fifth Sunday services in the Sanctuary today. Every fifth Sunday our students will have the opportunity to serve as ushers, greeters, and eucharistic ministers. Experience the greatness of our kids!

Sign them up on Sundays in the Activities Building after Children's Church, or email Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org

We Can Do It!



I Want You!

Do you have a smile, a hello, and 20 minutes a month? That's all it takes to be a part of the Welcome ministry.

Contact Donna at: Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org

ADOPT A BED

Landscape & Facilities Work Days continue to beautify 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!



FOOD PANTRY

Open by Appointment:
713-861-9149 x103

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

Please place donations in the shopping cart located in the Welcome Area.



Board Members on Duty

Mary Wagner & Dejuana Jernigan

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

In remembrance of Paul Heroux Sr.
We Love you Dad.

~ Paul and Richard Heroux - Poole

Financial Report

For the Week and YTD Ended December 19, 2010

Tithes & Offerings & Capital Giving	Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Total	YTD Average Per Person
Amount Needed	530	\$16,534.62	\$843,265.38	\$31.20
Amount Received	493	\$13,716.80	\$788,130.00	\$30.11

Bottom Line:

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Ministry Plan for 2011

Amount Needed	671	\$21,762.54	\$1,131,652.00	\$32.43
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