

# Resurrection

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Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church

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Prelude

Joel Hammett

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Janice Ladd & Mark Eggleston

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Processional Hymn

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

## *Come Ye Thankful People Come*

Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, Raise the song of har-vesthome:  
All the world is God's own field, Fruit un-to God's praise to yield;  
For the liv-ing God shall come, And shall take the har-vesthome;

All is safe-ly gath-ered in, Ere the win-ter storms be-gin;  
Wheat and tares to- geth-er sown, Un-to joy or sor-row grown;  
From the field shall in that day All of-fens-es purge a-way;

God, our Ma-ker, doth pro-vide For our wants to be sup-plied;  
First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap-pear:  
Give the an-gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,

Come to God's own tem-ple, come, Raise the song of har-vest home.  
Grant, O har-vest God, that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.  
But the fruit-ful ears to store In God's gar-ner ey-er more.

+ Invocation

Rev. Bernie Barbour

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

## We Prepare

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

## We Worship

This hymn represents the joining of two Thanksgiving hymns by nineteenth-century poet, Henry Alford, and eighteenth-century poet, Anna Laetitia Aiken Barbauld. The creator of this combined form, which appeared early in the twentieth century, is not known.

## We Hear the Word

In both Jewish and Christian Bibles, the book of Malachi concludes the Prophets. In the three-part organization of the Jewish Bible, it is followed by the Writings, while in Christian canonical order (where the Prophets appear at the end of the Old Testament in order to emphasize their foreshadowing of Jesus), Malachi is followed by the Gospel of Matthew. The book gives no information about its author. Even the name Malachi, which means 'my messenger,' may have been taken from the figure described in the third chapter.

2 Thessalonians was originally believed to be Paul's second letter to the Thessalonian people. However, in more recent years scholars have given evidence that this letter was probably written and attributed to Paul to honor him, even though he most likely did not write it. This passage contains three exhortations: Avoid those who do not follow the Pauline tradition, avoid unruliness and avoid those who will not obey the letter.

This spiritual references the parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25. It reminds us to keep alert until our work is done!

## Ministry in Dance

Praise Dancers

### *Washed Away*

By Kirk Franklin

## Hebrew Reading

Lorraine Schroder (9 am)

TerriAnne Fitch (11 am)

### *Malachi 4:1-3*

"Count on it: The day is coming, raging like a forest fire. All the arrogant people who do evil things will be burned up like stove wood, burned to a crisp, nothing left but scorched earth and ash - a sad day. But for you, sunrise! The sun of righteousness will dawn on those who honor my name, healing radiating from its wings. You will be bursting with energy, like colts frisky and frolicking."

## Anthem

Allen Hanks

### *I Cannot*

Words & Music by Allen Hanks

## + Epistle Reading

Rev. Bernie Barbour

### *2 Thessalonians 3:6-13*

Our orders - backed up by Jesus - are to refuse to have anything to do with those among you who are lazy and refuse to work the way we taught you. Don't permit them to freeload on the rest. We showed you how to pull your weight when we were with you, so get on with it. We didn't sit around on our hands expecting others to take care of us. In fact we worked our fingers to the bone, up half the night moonlighting so you wouldn't be burdened with taking care of us. And it wasn't because we didn't have a right to your support; we did. We simply wanted to provide an example of diligence, hoping it would prove contagious.

Don't you remember the rule we had when we lived with you? "If you don't work, you don't eat." And now we're getting reports that a bunch of lazy good-for-nothings are taking advantage of you. This must not be tolerated. We command them to get to work immediately - no excuses, no arguments - and earn their own keep. Friends, don't slack off in doing your duty.

## Special Music

Sanctuary Choir

### *Keep Your Lamps*

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
The time is drawing nigh.

Children don't get weary, children don't get weary,  
Children don't get weary 'till your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over,  
Christian journey soon be over,  
Christian journey soon be over,  
The time is drawing nigh.

**Spiritual Encouragement**

Rev. Dr. Sharon Bezner

*Missing the Point*

**Making Ministry Happen**

Rev. Bernie Barbour

Offertory

Allen Hanks

*I'm Guiding You*

Words & Music by Allen Hanks

**Communion**

Rev. Janice Ladd

Introduction

Consecration of the Elements

Prayer of Consecration

Prayer that Jesus Taught

Invitation to the Feast

Songs During Communion

**Communion Meditation**

Allen Hanks

*What Sin?*

Words & Music by Morgan Cryar

**Communion Songs**

*I Will Come and Bow Down*

I will come and bow down at your feet, Lord Jesus.

In your presence is fullness of joy.

There is nothing, there is no one

Who compares with you.

I take pleasure in worshipping you, Lord.

Words & Music by Martin Nystrom

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*Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, the son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, the son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"

Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what

The Lord has done for us."

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"

Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what

The Lord has done for us."

Give thanks.

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**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... visitor, friend, or member, may receive.

**We Sing**

This praise and worship song was written by Martin Nystrom who also wrote *As the Deer*. Martin was a student at Christ for the Nations in Dallas, Texas, when many of his choruses were written. He later was the Director of Music at their school in Long Island, New York.

# We Honor God

We stand at the end of our communion service to honor God and to celebrate the open table. Please remain seated until the chorus of the final song (indicated by the +) so that we rise in unison to offer our thanksgiving.

## Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you,  
 All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love;  
 My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;  
 Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

+ Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
 Power and majesty, praises we bring,  
 Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.  
 I sing for joy at the work of your hands, forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand;  
 Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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+ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sharon Bezner

+ Benediction Response

I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God,  
 You call me friend. I am a friend of God.  
 I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God, You call me friend.  
 You call me friend. You call me friend!

Postlude

Joel Hammett





## *Sacred Reading*

While I know myself as a creation of God, I am also obligated to realize and remember that everyone else and everything else are also God's creation. This is particularly difficult for me when my mind falls upon the cruel person, the batterer, and the bigot. I would like to think that the mean-spirited were created by another force and under the aegis and direction of something other than my God. But since I believe that God created all things, I am not only constrained to know that the oppressor is a child of God, but also obliged to try to treat him or her as a child of God.

~ Maya Angelou, *Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now*, 34.

Character begins with gratitude. And the great challenge for America is that gratitude and wealth are sometimes at odds. The more we have, the less grateful we may be. The easier our lives become, the more we may forget how lucky we are to be free. Our parents struggled to make certain our lives would be better than theirs. But, by giving us more, they may have prepared us less for those moments when our bank account will not help us.

In my first year at New School University, I observed that international students come to the United States with more gratitude and enthusiasm than native-born students. The immigrant students are less likely to be burdened by the presumption of entitlement. Most of them do not begin with a demand that we do everything for them. As a consequence, they do more for themselves and more likely to find happiness as a reward for their labor.

~ Bob Kerrey, *The Challenge of Freedom*.

Be thankful for the smallest blessing, and you will deserve to receive greater. Value the least gifts no less than the greatest, and simple graces as especial favors. If you remember the dignity of the Giver, no gift will seem small or mean, for nothing can be valueless that is given by the most high God.

~ Thomas A. Kempis

## *Spiritual Maturity & Application*

Thursday's reading from Luke 22: 14-23 is the account of the Passover Meal that Jesus shared with his beloved community and chosen family. On Thanksgiving Day, juxtapose this meal with the meal you share with your beloved friends, family, or church community. How does the Passover Meal that Jesus shared, your Thanksgiving Day Meal, and Resurrection MCC's weekly Communion Meal interconnect? Journal your thoughts and/or share your ideas with spiritual friends.

~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Part of the natural cycle of life is the way friendships and relationships go through shifts and changes. Our lives are living legacies of those who have impacted us in different ways. Invite God to bring someone to mind who you've not thought of in awhile. Make a "thanksgiving" call to that person this week - or send them a note or card. Not sure what to say or write? Seek insight from the Holy Spirit.

~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Maya Angelou challenges us "to realize and remember that everyone else and everything else are God's creation." The next step is to actually praise and thank God for difficult people, places, or predicaments. Stretch your spiritual maturity by writing a Thanksgiving Prayer that includes a point of difficulty in your life.

~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson

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Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Children & Youth Worship

Sunday, 11:00 am

Nursery

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

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www.ResurrectionMCC.org

## Welcome!

If you are visiting 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.



*Creating a Life that Matters...Creates a Church that Matters!*

Please stop by the **Concierge Desk**

located next to **Inspirations**, our coffee café and gift shop, to receive a welcome gift. 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.

## 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.



The **Mission** of Resurrection MCC is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christian action.

The **Vision** of Resurrection MCC is to **ATTRACT** people into a relationship with God through radical **INCLUSION** into God's family, transform them to Christ-like **MATURITY**, and **MOBILIZE** them for their life purpose.

At Resurrection MCC, every member and friend is a minister of the church. We envision a Christian community that values diversity and is as diverse and all-encompassing as creation. Through salvation, service, study, and tithing, each member and friend will live and grow in faith and be spiritually fed. To that end, we embrace five core beliefs:

**We believe in** *God's unconditional love for everyone.*

**We believe in** *the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.*

**We believe in** *including everyone and excluding no one.*

**We believe in** *joyfully providing access to Christ-centered spiritual nourishment and Biblical truths.*

**We believe that** *each of us will discover our spirituality through active participation in the work of God and in the pursuit of health, wholeness, and justice for everyone.*

*Again, welcome!*

# COMMIT...It Does a Body Good.

by Resurrection MCC - Stewardship Team

The stewardship team gathered together to review the results of the "My Key to Our Abundance" stewardship drive. The goal of the stewardship team is to educate the congregation to be "good stewards" of the resources we have as a body of Christ. We are a team of individuals who firmly believe that giving our lives and resources is not a requirement but an opportunity for spiritual growth.

So we had to ask ourselves, why did only 1/3 of our congregation complete a commitment card? The cards that came in were a true blessing in that 172 people committed in various ways to be present, to pray, to serve and to give their lives as a resource to the body of Christ. Knowing that 172 people are committed to the work of God is a powerful result. We also noticed that this 1/3 is pledging to meet 1/2 of our weekly financial need. Clearly, they are a group that is stretching themselves to grow.

So what about the other 2/3 of the congregation? Why was the 4-part sermon series, individual testimonies, bulletin articles, drama skit, and inspirational music and worship throughout the month of October not enough to inspire everyone to participate in this spiritual growth opportunity. We decided we must not have fully educated the congregation or properly communicated the importance of the commitment. Below is a question and answer series that we hope will help you become "the key to our abundance."

## Why is it important to complete the commitment card?

Formalizing your commitment to be present, pray, serve, and give is a statement of faith and an act of accountability. When you put your commitment to God in writing, you are allowing yourself to be vulnerable and accountable to the Body of Christ. This is a real growth opportunity. Once you set a goal in life, it becomes more real when you share it with your friends and family. Keeping your giftedness secret is a safety net. As long as we convince ourselves that "it's between God and I" we will never fully open ourselves to the community God gives us to serve. This is the "release" and "surrender" part of our faith. Also, we can work together more effectively and efficiently when we come together and openly share our resources.

## What does the church do with these commitments?

The stewardship team will send you a letter itemizing your areas of commitment so you can have a record of your faithfulness. Your financial commitment is noted to help the leaders of Resurrection make high quality and informed decisions based on accurate estimates. When you formalize your financial commitment it is not a legal agreement and you will not receive an invoice or request for payment. We realize that life circumstances can alter your ability to give the amount pledged and you can adjust your pledge at any

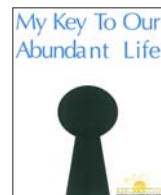
time. Again, you will not be billed or invoiced or harassed in any way.

## I am already actively participating and giving to the ministries. Why do you need me to complete the card?

Our spiritual gifts are an evolving and moving aspect of our spirituality. You should make it a practice to complete a spiritual gifts inventory every year or so to see how God is shaping you (you can download this tool on our Web site). Renewing your commitment gives you an opportunity to hear a fresh word from God about your calling. You may be asked to give less in certain areas, so God can stretch you to give more in other ways. Or you may need a Sabbath (a period of rest) to revitalize your ministry. Financial gifts will also evolve and move in much the same way. Take the commitment card and sit and listen to what God holds for you. Completing your commitment card then becomes a valuable spiritual practice.

## When does the commitment begin?

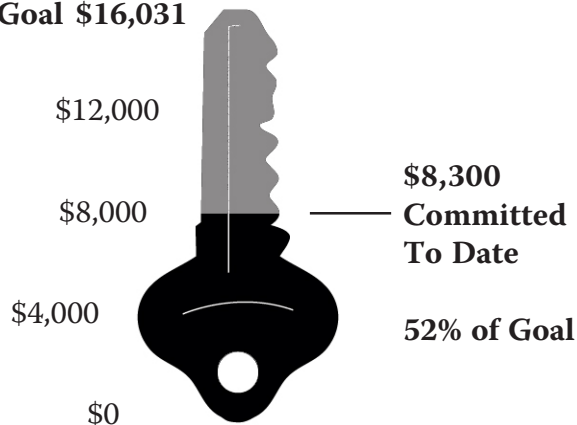
The commitment begins when you turn in the card (please mail or bring to church) and will last until you complete a new card. The stewardship team conducts this commitment drive annually, typically in the fall. Therefore today's commitment will last until the fall of 2008. All we ask is that you put in writing what you are able to commit right now in terms of time, talent, and resources. You can update your commitment at any time.



The stewardship team is praying for you and each is available to answer any further questions and concerns you may have. We will wear our name badges each Sunday to help you find us: Kedric Brown, Kecia Bullock, Joy Jolley, Ben Julian, Jennifer Riley, Wayne Wiggins, Rev. Dwayne Johnson, and Rev. Janice Ladd.

Imagine what God can do when we join our voices to say, "Yes - I am the key to God's abundance!"

## Tithes & Offerings Weekly Goal \$16,031







## Red Ribbon Toy Drive

*Drop items off in Welcome Area  
Collections End: Sunday, December 2*

Since 1995, AFH has collaborated with local medical and social service providers and has collected and distributed more than 25,000 toys to children and families affected by HIV/AIDS. Last year, over 1,200 children (ages birth to 17) who receive medical care and social services from AFH, Harris County Hospital District, Texas Children's Hospital, UT Health Science Center and UTMB Galveston, had a brighter holiday due to the generous donations from the Houston community.



## Singles Movie Night

Saturday, November 24  
7:00 pm, Chapel

**Bring your favorite  
movies and we'll pick  
one to watch!**

To join our new singles group or learn about our upcoming outings, email Brandon at [Singles@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Singles@ResurrectionMCC.org)

## Wills? Power of Attorney? Second Parent Adoption? Custody Litigation?



If you have questions, here's your chance to ask attorneys  
Connie Moore & Debra E. Hunt!

**November 29th, 6:30 pm  
Gathering Place**

Moore & Hunt have been serving the Houston community since 1987. The firm focuses on matters involving second-parent adoptions, donor insemination & surrogacy, collaborative family law, contested custody litigation, wills, trusts, powers of attorney, advanced estate and disability planning, probate & trust litigation, and relationship dissolution.

## World AIDS Day

Saturday, December 1 &  
Sunday, December 2  
9 am - 5 pm

**9 Panels on Display,  
Multimedia Presentation,  
Signature Quilt**



**Quilt Panel Workshop:  
Saturday, December 1, 12 - 4 pm**

We need volunteers to assist during display times, as well as setup. This is an opportunity for Resurrection MCC to show to the community our commitment to these memories. Please consider giving an hour or two. To volunteer or donate, please contact:

Rose Wall at [Community@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Community@ResurrectionMCC.org) or  
Charles Clark II at [Yarnweh@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Yarnweh@ResurrectionMCC.org).

Details on all the events going on in Houston at  
[www.WorldAIDSDayHouston.org](http://www.WorldAIDSDayHouston.org)

## Parents Group

**Parents, Parents-To-Be,  
or those interested in  
becoming parents,  
are invited to join us!**

If you'd like to receive information about future events for Parents, email [Parents@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Parents@ResurrectionMCC.org)



## Thanksgiving Potluck & Worship Service

**Thursday, November 22  
12 - 2pm, Activities Building**

Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish, and give thanks for all the blessings given to our Resurrection family this year.

## Karaoke Café & Game Night

**Bring your favorite  
cards, dominoes, and  
board game**

**Friday  
November 30  
7:30 - 10:00 pm  
Gathering Place**

*Everyone is Welcome! Bring your friends and kids!*

# Get Connected!

[www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org)

## Second Family Care Partners

**Kristia Ammerman**  
SecondFamily@ResurrectionMCC.org

This care team acts as extended family and friends, offering emotional, practical, and spiritual support. If you would like to receive a care visit, or are interested in becoming a care visitor, please contact Jason at JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org or call 832-971-0354.

## Loaves & Fishes

**Robert Sliepka**  
LoavesAndFishes@ResurrectionMCC.org

*Do you like cooking, serving, and providing nourishment to others?*

This group provides food for those in need due to a funeral, a special need, as well as for occasional church events.

## Care Callers

**Karen Cruse**  
**Terry Talley**  
CareCallers@ResurrectionMCC.org

*Do you have a friendly, loving attitude and enjoy speaking with people on the phone?*

Our care callers make phone calls to our first time visitors and follow up on congregational care needs.

## Volunteer Receptionist

**Fabiola Cruz**  
**Carole Wiseman**

Reception@ResurrectionMCC.org

*Do you like answering the phone and helping out around an office?*

We need people to help answer our phone each day from Sunday through Friday.

Training can be done immediately. Please contact Jason Wood for additional information, or to sign up.

## Concierge Desk

**Leslie Jackson**

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 will help welcome new visitors, provide them with a free gift, and help them get connected.

## Ushers

**Kecia Bullock**  
**Dave Mathis**

Ushers@ResurrectionMCC.org

We need ushers for 9 & 11 am Sunday Worship Services.

There are 10 exciting teams!

Each team ushers one service a month, at either the 9 am or 11 am Service.

Remember, "No one is JUST an usher."

## Inspirations Coffee Cafe

**Travis Ochoa**

Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org

*Do you enjoy coffee, gifts, and fellowship?*

We need enthusiastic volunteers to serve before and after both Sunday Worship Services.

Volunteers are also needed during the week to help with restocking inventory, cleaning, and general maintenance.

## Welcome Team

**Flo Perry**

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 will be positioned at every door and sidewalk, greeting people with a smile and kind word, offering directions or answering questions.

## H.O.M.E. Groups

Attend One This Week!

These small groups meet regularly, throughout the Houston area, for prayer, study, fellowship, and outreach.

To attend a HOME Group, please visit our Web site at [www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org) for a list of locations.

If you are interested in starting a new group, please contact Jason Wood at JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org



## ATTENTION: EXCEL OF THE ARMADILLO GRADUATES

On Sunday, December 2, at 12:30 pm in the Workroom, the Excel of the Armadillo team will be taking applications for those who would like to join us in forming a new EXCEL team or being a friend for 2008!

Please pray on this next journey and consider exploring your possible participation by attending this recruitment meeting to discuss about team and friends membership. We invite you to consider becoming a member of the Excel of the Armadillo team or a friend in 2008 and sharing the Excel message of "Living In Union With God" with other sisters and brothers next year.

**EXCEL needs you to share the blessings !**

## Christmas Baskets

Sunday, December 2 & 9  
Food & Cash Donations  
Received in Gathering Place

Saturday, December 15  
Baskets Assembled in  
Activities Building



## Shopping List

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

To volunteer or for questions, email Robert Sliepka at [LoavesAndFishes@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:LoavesAndFishes@ResurrectionMCC.org)





Concert  
**Celebrate the Season!**  
 Sunday, December 9  
 7 pm

The Resurrection Music Ministry is partnering with the Houston Pride Band to bring the city of Houston a celebration of the music of the season. This concert will have secular and sacred carols including a time of carol singing for the audience. Invite your friends. Admission is free. An offering will be taken, with all proceeds going to benefit the Resurrection MCC General Fund.

### A.A. Recovery Group

Every Tuesday, 7 pm - 8 pm  
 Wellness Center

This is an open meeting of  
 Alcoholics Anonymous.

For more information, please call  
 Jason Wood, Director of Connections, at 832-971-0354.



### O.W.L.S.

*Outreach, Wisdom, Laughter, Support: A Seniors' Ministry*

**Luncheon will not be held this Tuesday.  
 Instead, bring your favorite dish for  
 the Thanksgiving Potluck & Worship  
 Service, Thursday, November 22,  
 12 - 2 pm in the Activities Building.**

#### Board Members on Duty

Brian Long & Terry Talley

## Food Pantry Monthly Food Drive

3rd Sunday of each month

### TODAY!

Welcome Area

Forgot your donation?  
 Cash is always welcome.



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

#### What is a Sacristan?

Sacristans are the people that prepare the communion for us each Sunday morning at both services. Currently, we are seeking more people to service in this way.

If you are interested, please contact Steven Couch at  
 SCouch@ResurrectionMCC.org or  
 713-861-9149 x109 at the church.

#### Communion Server

This is an important task. For many that visit our church, the only contact they have with another queer Christian is when they take communion on Sunday morning. If you have interest in serving in this capacity, please contact Steven Couch at SCouch@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x109 at the church

#### What can you do for our church?

Teams are forming so that we can have in-house security for our community of faith. If you are interested in this ministry please contact Karen Cruse at Security@ResurrectionMCC.org.

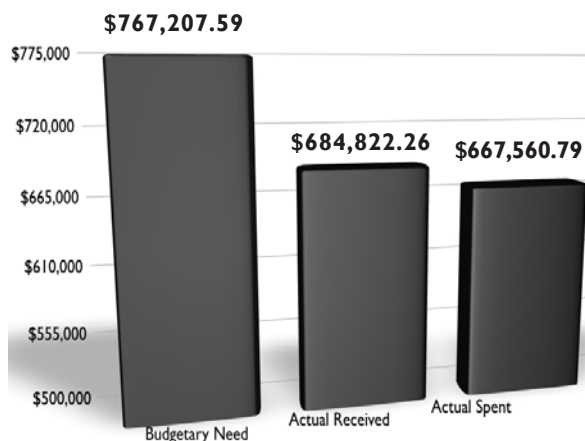
#### Flowers for the Sanctuary

Please consider donating flowers for the Sanctuary.  
 Sign up on the Flower Chart in the Welcome Area.

## General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending November 4, 2007

Tithes & Offerings		Week	Year to Date
Mid-Week			\$12,184.52
11/11/07 9:00 am	133	\$3,123.50	\$193,658.82
11/11/07 11:00 am	315	\$5,702.05	\$255,547.70
Special Services			\$4,457.67
Gift of Love Campaign			\$14,440.30
Other Contributions		\$1,540.00	\$121,021.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>\$10,365.55</b>	<b>\$601,310.69</b>
<b>Other General Fund Income</b>			
Fundraising			\$25,027.15
Miscellaneous		\$681.32	\$58,484.42
<b>Total Received</b>		<b>\$11,046.87</b>	<b>\$684,822.26</b>
<b>Budgetary Need</b>		<b>\$16,884.63</b>	<b>\$767,207.59</b>
<b>Total Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>(\$5,837.76)</b>	<b>(\$82,385.33)</b>



# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dr. Sharon Bezner	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	Chapel
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dr. Sharon Bezner	
11:15 am	Children & Youth Worship Service	Activities Building
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary

## MONDAY NOVEMBER 19

6:30 pm	JustUs Rehearsal	Chapel
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## TUESDAY NOVEMBER 20

7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Open)	Wellness Center
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Chapel

## WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 21

6:30 pm	Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal	Activities Bldg #202
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## THURSDAY THANKSGIVING NOVEMBER 22

12:00 pm	Thanksgiving Potluck & Worship	Activities Building
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## FRIDAY NOVEMBER 23

Office Closed.

## SATURDAY NOVEMBER 24

11:00 pm	Baptism	Chapel
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## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 25

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	Chapel
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson	
11:15 am	Children & Youth Worship Service	Activities Building
12:30 pm	youthLife!	Activities Building
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary

## Eternal Life Celebrations

11/07/93 David White	11/15/94 Franklin Berry
11/07/92 Patrick Fetske	11/19/93 Shawn M. Francis
11/09/88 Loren Puffer	11/19/93 John Chris Humbert
11/10/97 Alex Garcia	11/20/89 Gene French
11/11/98 Marla Beere	11/20/95 Gary-John Crarey
11/11/90 Arturo Sanchez	11/21/88 Michael McNulty
11/12/93 Bill Allen	11/21/93 Dennis Paul McDonald
11/14/92 Ron Nordman	11/25/98 James Babin
11/14/01 Robert Berry	11/28/01 Barbara Pyle
11/15/90 Alan Brown	

## Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry

*Fisher's Net offers personal prayers on Sundays at 10:15 am in the Chapel, and at the Altar after the 11:00 am Worship Service. Please email your prayer request or praise report to FishersNet@ResurrectionMCC.org*

### Prayers of Concern for

Dick Twogood, who is being moved to hospice care.  
Elroy Forbes, who is recovering from a kidney transplant.  
Mel and her family.

Rev. Steven Pace, Cheryl Jordan, Ronnie Johnson and all the other staff and clients of AIDS Interfaith Network.  
Those who are fighting cancer in any form.

All people fighting respiratory issues.  
All veterans who have protected our freedom, those living and those gone on to their reward, and Jim Makshanoff, who died last year.

Our church's stewardship campaign.  
Those who have lost loved ones - that their grief turns to comfortable memories and peace.

Parents and those who want to become parents.  
Mary Beth, her family, and friends. Her father, Bill, passed away on Saturday, November 3.

*Due to the sensitive nature of the prayer list, please sign up for our online prayer ministry at [www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org)*

## November Birthdays

MaVelle Williams	01	David Cuff	16
Don Willis	01	Georgia Dismukes	16
Larry Criscione	02	Ray Hall	17
John Davis	02	Ignacio Hernandez	17
Henry Pula	03	Jennifer Ayala	19
Susan Valencik	03	Anjay Garcia	19
Claude Lovell	06	Paula Russell	19
Melissa Crumley	07	Suzette Cotto	21
Wendi Orlando	07	Jackie Doval	21
Phil Smith	07	Johnny Peden	21
Larry Watchorn	07	Gordon Hagendorf	22
Sandra Geisler	08	Julia Hashaw	22
Jackie Marshall	08	Leland McKinney	22
Jim Davis	09	Pepe Zuniga	22
Ron Drumm	09	Michael Campbell	23
Zachary Gibson	10	Ricardo De Leon	23
Martha Maricevich	10	Len Shelton	23
Ellen Novota	10	Raymond Turner	23
Michael Sevier	10	Margot Perez	24
Bill Thompson	10	Suzanne Vaughn	24
Peggy Turner	10	Alexis Aikins	25
Julie Venis	10	David Hoffman	25
CJ Fetsch	11	James Taylor	25
Cathleen Sheil	12	Rose Wall	25
Phil Villagomez	12	John Fiscus	26
Wade Cox	13	Shirley Pettis	26
Belinda Fuhr	13	Kenneth Tolbert	26
Diana Garza	14	Clint C.J. Young	27
Kenneth Wicks	14	Debbie Krumnow	28
Kedric Brown	15	Catalina De La Garza	29
Marcus Carter	15	Rev. Vicki Anderson	30
Sue Dreher	15	Aaron Holland	30
Gerald Adkins	16	Gregory Kelly	30
Carolyn Carey	16	Tammy Musgrove	30

*If your birthday falls within this time period and is not listed here, please contact Mark Eggleston at 713-861-9149 x106 or [MEggleston@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:MEggleston@ResurrectionMCC.org).*