



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

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Prelude

Joel Hammett

Lobe Den Herren
by Lani Smith

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Rev. Janice Ladd

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Processional Hymn

LOBE DEN HERREN

Sing Praise to God



Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sus - tains all cre -
 Praise God, our guar - dian, who lov - ing - ly of - fers cor -
 Sing praise to God, with sin - cere thanks for all your suc -
 Sing praise my soul, the great name of your high God com -

a - tion! Sing praise, my soul, in pro - found and com -
 rec - - tion, Who, as on ea - gle's wings, saves us from
 cess - - es, Mer - ci - ful God ev - er, loves to en -
 mend - ing. All that have life and breath join you, their

plete ad - o ra - tion! Glad - some re - joice or - gan and
 sin - ful de jec - tion. Have you ob - served, how we are
 cour - age and bless us. On - ly con - ceive, what god - ly
 notes sweet - ly blend - ing. God is your light! Soul, ev - er

trum - pet and voice join - ing God's great con - gre - ga - tion.
 al - ways pre served by God's pa ren - tal af - fec - tion?
 strength can a - chieve: strength that would touch and car - ess us.
 keep this in sight: a - men, a - men nev - er end - ing.

+ Invocation

Rev. Mona Lopez

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Prepare

The prelude is designed to set the tone for the worship service. It is also an offering from one of our gifted musicians. Many wish to listen and meditate during this time.

We Worship

The text of this hymn was written by German writer, Joachim Neader. He develops this theme with majestic words inspired by a reading of Psalms 103 and 150. It is an unbroken outpouring of praise to God as the one who heals, sustains, and loves us. Praise is given to God not only when joy abounds, but even when evil rages. With an abiding sense of God's providence, the believer trusts in "God as a mother" who like an eagle spreads "the wings of grace" over her children in loving care.

We Hear the Word

In an impressive and momentous challenge to God's people, Joshua reminds them of the divine saving acts that have brought them to the point where they need to decide on their religious loyalties. His speech summarizes the salient elements of their history, and fits well at the end of the conquest story, beginning just prior to their arduous task of living in the land. The main body of Joshua's speech reviews the people's history, but notably omits the giving of the Law at Sinai. The speech ends with an exhortation and a personal resolve to be faithful to God.

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors -- Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor -- lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your parents Abraham and Sarah from beyond the River and led them through all the land of Canaan and made their offspring many.

"Now therefore revere God, and serve God in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve God. Now if you are unwilling to serve God, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

The people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is God who brought us up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did great signs in our sight. We were protected along all the way we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve God.

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for God is a holy God who will be jealous and not forgive your transgressions. If you forsake God and serve foreign gods, harm will come to you." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord to serve. And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Response

An-cient words, ev-er new, chang-ing me and chang-ing you. We have come with o - pen hearts, O let the an-cient words im - part. + An-cient words, ev-er new, chang-ing me and chang-ing you. We have come with o - pen hearts, O let the an-cient words im - part. We have come with o - pen hearts, O let the an-cient words im - part.

Community Prayer

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ Gospel Reading

Leslie Jackson (9 am)
DeJuana Jernigan (11 am)

Matthew 25:1-13

"The realm of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! There will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

Bless the Lord Oh My Soul
Words & Music by Glenn Burleigh

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dr. Mona West

Choosing Matters

Making Ministry Happen

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Offertory

Forever Blest

Love Lifted Me/Yes I Know
Arranged by Mojo Johnston

Communion

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

One: God be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to God.
One: Let us give thanks to God.
All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Sanctus

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te - a dor - a! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: San - to er - es Se - nor!
heart knows how to say to - you: Ho - ly - are you, Lord!

**We Hear
the Word**

These verses tell the parable of the ten bridesmaids. Two groups of bridesmaids demonstrate the consequences of being ready or not ready for Jesus' return. The parable cautions and encourages disciples to be ready.

We Listen

Forever Blest is one of Resurrection's newest groups. They minister with music from the southern gospel tradition using arrangements created by their director, Mojo Johnston, and/or their accompanist, Kenny Cole.

Music During Communion

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.

Simply come forward as the ushers direct. We use grape juice for the cup. After you are served you will receive a blessing from the server. If you are in need of further prayer, our Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry team is 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.

God, open us to your living presence through your life at this table.

Receive the living grace of this spiritual nourishment.

All We Like Sheep

All we, like sheep, have gone astray,
Each of us turning our own separate way,
We have all sinned and fallen short of your glory;
But your glory is what we desire to see
And in your presence is where we long to be.
O Lord, show us your mercy and grace, take us to your holy place;
Forgive our sin and heal our land,
We long to live in your presence once again.

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Draw Me Close

Draw me close to you, never let me go,
I lay it all down again to hear you say that I'm your friend.
You are my desire, no one else will do,
'Cause nothing else could take your place; to feel the warmth of your embrace.
Help me find the way, bring me back to you.
You're all I want, you're all I ever needed.
You're all I want - help me know you are near.

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Think About God's Love

Think about God's love, think about God's goodness,
Think about the grace that's brought us through.
For as high as the heavens above, so great is the measure of our Savior's love.
Great is the measure of our Savior's love.

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Who Can Satisfy My Soul Like You?

Who can satisfy my soul like you?
Who on earth could comfort me and love me like you do?
Who could ever be more faithful, true?
I will trust in you, Lord, I will trust in you, my God.
+ There is a Fountain who is my all,
Victorious Savior and God of great and small.
My Rock, my Shelter, my very own,
Blessed Redeemer who reigns upon the throne!

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+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Mona West

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Joel Hammett

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Worship

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Children & Youth Worship

Sunday, 11:00 am

Nursery

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

The Chalice: Mid-Week Spiritual Deepening
Wednesday, 6:30 pm

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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.

Make sure to visit the Concierge Desk, located next to Inspirations, our coffee café and gift shop, to receive a gift from us. You will find friendly volunteer hosts waiting to greet you.

Worship Services

Resurrection MCC is proud to offer a variety in our worship services. Our two Sunday services, at 9 & 11 am, are identical in form, however they contain different elements from diverse religious traditions each week.

A Special Welcome to our First-Time Families!

Our nursery staff would love to meet you and your infants & children aged 1-3 years! The nursery is located to the right of the Sanctuary entrance and is open during both the 9 am & 11 am services.

Children & Youth aged 4-12 years are invited to join our Youth Ministries Program during the 11 am service in the Activities Building (located across the breezeway from our main parking lot). Sign-in begins at 10:45 am. All children must be registered and signed-in to attend. Parents are welcome to join the children for Communion at 12 noon in the Activities Building. Snack & sign-outs begin at 12:15 pm.

About Us...

Resurrection MCC is a Christian church with a primary outreach to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community. We are a part of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, founded by Rev. Troy D. Perry in Los Angeles, California on October 6, 1968. Metropolitan Community Churches are on a bold mission to transform hearts, lives, and history. We are a movement that faithfully proclaims God's inclusive love for all people, and proudly bears witness to the holy integration of spirituality and sexuality.

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.

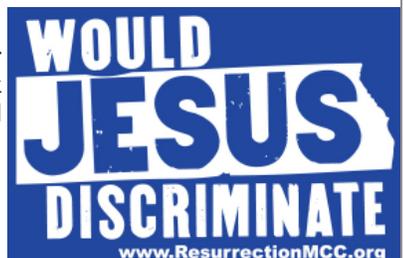
We believe in the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

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!





Forty Years of Faith, Hope and Love!

Theologies Team

Fostering a New Era of Reflection and Engagement

For the past 40 years MCC has been making theology happen. Simply put, theology is 'God talk' and the primary way we know and talk about God is through lived experience and we in MCC have lived through a lot. From answering the question that one can be gay and Christian, to working for equal rights for LGBT people, to living with HIV/AIDS, our particular lives have produced many theologies, many ways of understanding God in our midst. *(continued on back)*

"For four decades MCC has been building a global denomination and movement composed of people drawn together from diverse religious backgrounds..."

From Left to Right (upper):

*Rev. Robert Griffin, Rev. Dr. Mona West, Rev. Belva Boone,
Connie Meadows, Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson,*

*Rev. Axel Schwaigert, Rev. Dr. Edgard Danielsen-Morales,
Rev. Dr. Jim Burns, (lower): Skip Chasey, Rev. Kharma Amos*



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This ministry is made possible, in part, by the partnership in tithes invested by MCC churches—your churches. We hope that you will be inspired and your faith will be nourished hearing these stories of the life-changing work MCC is doing to say "no" to discrimination and "yes" to ministries of inclusion and justice. Thank you for giving so generously to your churches.

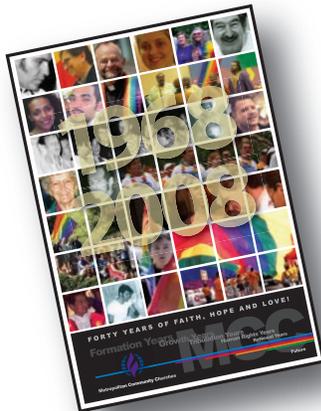
Theologies Team *(continued)*

The Theologies Team has been brought together to help facilitate the articulation and sharing of those theologies within MCC and with the larger world. We believe there is an incredible opportunity to share our 40 year experience during this time of new openness in mainline churches and the academy with regard to issues of sexuality and spirituality. For four decades MCC has been building a global denomination and movement composed of people drawn together from diverse religious backgrounds—Roman Catholic, Pentecostal, and diverse main-line Protestant traditions, among others. We believe that our proven ability to intentionally engage our theological differences within a context of unity is one gift we have to offer others.

Since its inception in 2007 the Theologies Team has already made an enormous impact on MCC:

- At our initial meeting at Lancaster Theological Seminary in December of 2007 we drafted a purpose statement and work plan, then introduced ourselves to the denomination;
- We hosted 'Theological Cafes' at General Conference in Arizona;
- We drafted and conducted a denomination-wide survey to gauge interest in theological discussions and topics;
- We are hosting workshops at Regional Conferences in 2008-2009 that model constructive ways to have theological conversations among ourselves;
- We are planning a Theological Conference in late 2009 that will provide an opportunity for MCC folk to come together to continue our theological conversations and to present papers on a variety of topics;
- We are soliciting proposals for an anthology that will be published which will feature a variety of MCC theologies.

A theological conversation is a Holy Conversation and we look forward to all the Holy Conversations we will have in this anniversary year and to the ways our speaking and living will make God manifest in this 'unfinished world and unfinished calling' of Metropolitan Community Church!



Forty Years and Today

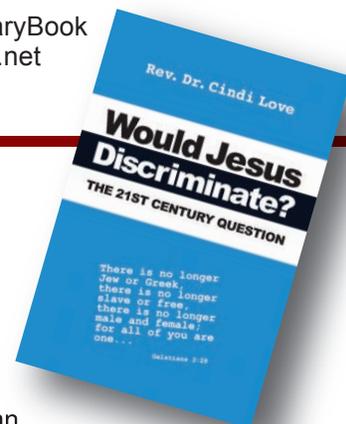
MCC can be proud of its history and all we have done in response to God's call to build a church that bears witness to God's fully inclusive love in the world. While we celebrate the blessings and victories of those forty years, we also press on. This bulletin insert series will feature six programs where MCC's mission and ministries are changing the world today.

The 40th anniversary book, *Forty Years of Faith, Hope and Love*, is being mailed to each MCC church.

To purchase individual copies of this MCC history for \$17.95* go to:

www.MCCchurch.org/40thAnniversaryBook
or email: franklincalvin@mccchurch.net

**plus shipping*



Would Jesus Discriminate?—the 21st Century Question

The Would Jesus Discriminate Campaign has been selected by Moderator Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson and the Board of Elders as a key focus for the year-long calendar of events marking this significant time in our history.

All churches in the fellowship, with our friends and allies, are invited to participate in the campaign as one way to collectively express our common belief in the inclusive gospel and the right of every human being to live in dignity, free from discrimination. We salute the churches who have led the way with dynamic programs in their communities.

Blessings, MCC—for making the world a better and safer place for all;

Blessings, MCC—for resisting bigotry and violence;

Blessings, MCC—for changing the policies that hurt us and those we love;

Blessings, MCC—for tearing down walls and building up hope, everywhere we are.

Happy 40th Anniversary, MCC!

MUSIC MINISTRY

Resurrection MCC is so blessed to have a number of music groups to minister at our worship services. Solo or professional quality voices are not necessary to be a part of these groups. Below is a list of the groups and when they meet. Please take some time to consider being a part of Resurrection MCC's music ministry.

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

Tuesday, 7 pm

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

Resurrection Singers

Thursdays, 7 pm

This is our newest group. Reading music would be very helpful and being comfortable on a separate microphone. This group is directed by Steven Couch.

Angels in Motion

Saturdays, 1 pm

This group is a dance troupe that ministers through dance and movement. Led by Marcus Carter & Leslie Jackson, this group has its own choreographers. Experience in dance is not necessary, if one has the willingness to learn.

HeavenSound Handbells

Sundays, 12:30 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.

Resurrection Orchestra

Weekly rehearsal day has not been determined. We currently have about 6 people interested in beginning this new group, however, we need a few more to have a balanced instrumentation. Reading music is essential, as is having your own instrument (other than percussion).

If you have interest in any of these groups, please email Steven@ResurrectionMCC.org or call 713-861-9149 x109



Ray Boltz

IN CONCERT

SUNDAY
NOV. 16 • 6 PM
\$10 TICKETS AVAILABLE
IN INSPIRATIONS

Award-winning Christian Artist Ray Boltz has had many popular number one songs in the Christian Music Industry over the years. Most popular were his *Thank You* and *Watch the Lamb*. Ray has recently come out and has partnered with MCC on the *Would Jesus Discriminate* campaign. He has also written a song specifically for the campaign entitled *Who Would Jesus Love*.

This is to be Ray's first appearance in the Houston area since the announcement of his coming out. Mark your calendars now to be here!

DRUMMING CIRCLE

Saturday, November 15, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Many people have already expressed interest in the Drumming Circle. Therefore we will be partnering with the Percussion Center on November 15, from 3:00-4:30 pm, for a workshop to get it started. If you have percussion instruments of any kind, feel free to bring them with you. There will also be some brought in by the Percussion Center for those that do not have an instrument quite yet. Please RSVP to DrummingCircle@ResurrectionMCC.org if you plan to attend. Come and have fun!

GUEST PREACHER TODAY!

We are honored to have Rev. Dr. Mona West preach for us on November 9. Rev. Mona has been a part of the MCC movement since 1988. She holds a doctorate in Old Testament, and is a published



author, preacher and teacher. Mona will be bringing the message *Choosing Matters* at both the 9 & 11 services.

www.monawest.com

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Resurrection's 5th Annual Christmas Craft Bazaar is Coming Soon!

Do you have a craft or an art that you would like to sell?
Do you needlepoint, crochet, design jewelry?
How about stained glass, woodwork, hand-sewn items?
Food items also welcome (cookies, cakes, breads, ciders, etc...)

For those of you who are looking for unique Christmas gifts or who want to financially support the ministries of Resurrection you are encouraged to come and browse while fellowshiping with others in a holiday atmosphere!

Come take a walk down Candy Cane Lane or Snowflake Alley... you never know what you'll find!

When: Sunday, December 7
Where: Activities Building
Time: 2 pm - 6 pm
Booth Fee: \$10.00

Also, VOLUNTEERS are needed to help with booth layout, decorate and assist with set up/cleanup.

To sign up for a booth or for volunteering, please visit the Christmas Craft Bazaar Table in The Gathering Place after Sunday services through November 30.

For more information on this event, contact Billy Stevens & Charles Clark II at CraftBazaar@ResurrectionMCC.org



Thank you!!!!

What an incredible feeling to have your church family extend such love! Thank you all for celebrating with us as we await the arrival of our two children. Your blessings, gifts, incredible food cake, and physical and spiritual presence made us realize how blessed we are to have a church home to bring in new life. Thank you for honoring us as your chosen family!

Lezlie & Rev. Janice

Food Pantry Ministry

Open Mondays & Wednesdays
by appointment
Team Lead: Marty Williams

Food Pantry fund is very low.
Please make a donation today.
Write "Food Pantry" on your check
or giving envelope.

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



The Chalice

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

The Promise of the Cup:
Seeking the Presence of God
we become that which we seek.

Community Meal – 6:00-6:30 pm – open to all

Spiritual Deepening – 6:30-7:00 pm
new & ancient practices
of prayer, meditation & worship

Life Development Offerings – 7:00-8:45 pm
three classes, many paths ... where will you journey?

The Chalice: Offering One

OPEN TO ALL

Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something, right here, right now, and anybody can be a part of it. Wherever he went, whatever he did, Jesus started discussions about what matters most, because for Jesus, God is always inviting us to open our eyes and join in ...

The Open Door Discussion Series

A facilitated open discussion using the short NOOMA films as a jumping-off place for personal reflection and shared engagement with our journeys of faith.

The Open Door - This Week: "Dust"

Believing in God is important, but what about God believing in us? Believing that we can actually be the kind of people we were meant to be. People of love, compassion, peace, forgiveness, and hope. People who try to do the right thing all of the time. Who act on the endless opportunities around us every day for good, beauty, and truth. It's easy for us to sometimes get down on ourselves. To feel "not good enough" or feel like we don't have what it takes. But maybe if we had more insight into the culture that Jesus grew up in and some of the radical things he did, we'd understand the faith that God has in all of us.

The Chalice: Offering Two

Session Full

Ministry ...To Go!

Pastoral Care Ministries Training Series: 11.05/12/19

"Training Every Member to Be a Minister!"

Connections Director Jason Wood facilitates this 3-part Lay Ministry Training, equipping God's people to carry God's love out in community!

The Chalice: Offering Three

Session Full

CREATING A LIFE



THAT MATTERS

SESSION II: 11.05-12.17 '08

My Self: We will explore the influences that have shaped us & investigate ways to create a self we will want to live with, others will want to relate to, & God will be able to use in the service of all that is Sacred.

Spring CLM Dates Coming Soon!

Get Connected to a First Impressions Ministry

Stop by the Gathering Place after the services and find out more about exciting volunteer opportunities!

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

Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop

Marcus Carter & Dan Lindquist

Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org

Provide outstanding customer service in an atmosphere of fellowship for people to make connections.

Second Family Care Partners

Kristia Ammerman

SecondFamily@ResurrectionMCC.org

This care team acts as extended family and friends, offering emotional, practical, and spiritual support.
Meets for lunch 1st Sun. at 12:30 pm.

Security Team

Karen Cruse

Security@ResurrectionMCC.org

Provides safety throughout the building and parking lots during worship services and special events. A law enforcement or correctional institute background is recommended for this ministry.

Ushers

Dave Mathis

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

Jason Sowders

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 Jason Wood at Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org or 832-971-0354.

*Connections First Impressions &
Life Development Youth Ministries Programs*

Winter "Season of Service"

Volunteer Training Day

Saturday, November 22, 10 am - Noon

Share Yourself & Get Connected!

First Impressions Volunteers Needed:

- Welcome Team
- Usher Team
- Concierge Desk Hosts
- Inspirations Gift Store

Youth Ministries Programs Teachers Needed:

- Join a 3-Person Teaching Team
- Serve 1 Sunday a Month for 3 Months (Dec-Feb)
- All Age Groups Available (Infants-Teens)
- Training & Teaching Materials Provided

Whether you are...

"Wise & Experienced"

or

"Brand New & Excited"

... this Volunteer Training is for You!

First Impressions Volunteers RSVP to
Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org
713-861-9149 x105

Youth Ministries Volunteers RSVP to
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org
713-861-9149 x107

*Teachers may choose to remain from
Noon - 1 pm and prepare their lessons.

Thanksgiving Potluck & Worship Service

Thursday, November 27
12 - 2 pm, Activities Building

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



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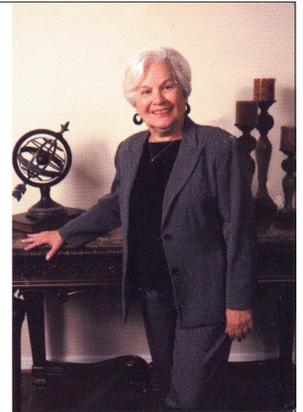
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Outreach, Wisdom, Laughter, Support:
A Ministry for Seniors & Friends

November 13, Noon
GLBT Community Center
401 Branard St

Bring a dish and join our SPRY friends for a
Thanksgiving Luncheon! (No meeting on November 18)

RSVP & Questions to Pat Walker, Team Lead, at
OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org

A.A. Recovery Group

Every Tuesday, 7 pm - 8 pm
Chapel

This is an open meeting of
Alcoholics Anonymous.

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



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Baptism? Yes!

Baptism is a high moment in the
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At Resurrection MCC, we consider
it a sacred honor to baptize infants,
children, and adults.



For more information and to schedule a baptism during
a Sunday worship service, contact Jason at Jason@
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Board Members on Duty

Eve Messina & Goldie Brown

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

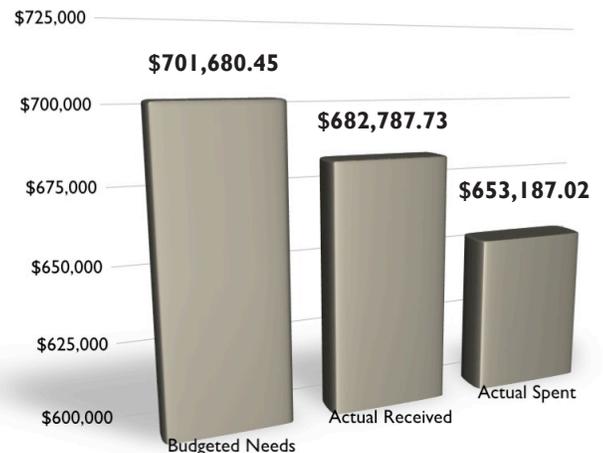
Flowers in the Sanctuary

Please Consider Donating Flowers to Beautify Our Sanctuary
Sign up on the chart in the Welcome Area.

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending November 2, 2008

		Week	Year
Tithes & Offerings			
11/02/08 9:00 am	139	\$5,610.50	\$208,447.44
11/02/08 11:00 am	378	\$9,196.59	\$292,955.46
10/29/08 7:00 pm	31	\$111.51	\$1,335.56
Special Services		\$0.00	\$5,833.44
Online Giving		\$845.00	\$58,126.26
Other Contributions		\$1,091.00	\$77,045.58
Total	548	\$16,854.60	\$643,743.74
Other General Fund Income			
Fundraising		\$281.00	\$14,353.50
Miscellaneous		\$2,540.62	\$24,690.49
Total Received		\$19,676.22	\$682,787.73
Budgeted Need		\$16,315.57	\$701,680.45
Total Surplus / (Deficit)		\$3,360.65	(\$18,892.72)



Total Imagine Capital Campaign **\$2,567.00** **\$227,753.07**

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Mona West**
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*
 10:15 am Lay Delegates Meeting *Activities Building #108*
 10:45 am Children & Youth Worship *Activities Building*
11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Mona West
 12:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*
 2:00 pm EXCEL in Faithfulness *Workroom*

MONDAY NOVEMBER 10

No Events Scheduled

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11

- 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous *Gathering Place*
 7:00 pm EXCELLERATORS *Workroom*
 7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Music Room*
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Chapel*

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12

- 6:00 pm The Chalice: Mid-Week Spiritual Deepening**
 6:00 pm The Chalice: Community Meal *Activities Building*
 6:30 pm The Chalice: Spiritual Deepening *Sanctuary*
 7:00 pm The Chalice: CLM (full) *Gathering Place*
 7:00 pm The Chalice: The Open Door *Sanctuary*
 7:00 pm The Chalice: Pastoral Care Training (full) *Chapel*
 7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13

- Executive Team Off-site for Working Retreat*
 6:45 pm Houston Pride Band - Ensemble Rehearsal *Chapel*

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14

- Executive Team Off-site for Working Retreat*
 7:00 pm EXCEL Reunion *Activities Building*
 8:00 pm Houston Pride Band Concert *Sanctuary & Gathering Pl.*

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15

- Executive Team Off-site for Working Retreat*
 1:00 pm Angels in Motion Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*
 10:45 am Children & Youth Worship *Activities Building*
11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson
 12:30 pm Equality Ministry Meeting *Activities Building*
 12:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*
 12:45 pm First Impressions Team Lead Meeting *Act. Bldg. #104*