

Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

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Prelude

Steven Couch

God Rest Ye Merry Gentle Souls

Arranged by Geolleme

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Processional Hymn

Angels From the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

A musical score for three voices (SATB) and piano. The vocal parts are in soprano, alto, and bass. The piano part is in the bass clef. The lyrics describe angels descending from heaven to earth.

An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid-ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
Saints be - fore the al - tar bend-ing, watch-ing long in hope and fear,

A continuation of the musical score for three voices and piano. The lyrics describe the birth of Christ and the arrival of the Magi.

You who sang cre a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light:
Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend-ing, here a - mong us shall ap - pear:

A continuation of the musical score for three voices and piano. The lyrics invite people to worship Christ.

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, give thanks and sing.

+ Invocation

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ 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 comes from the Christmas stories told in Luke 2 and Matthew 2. The hymn is considered by many to be one of the best of the Christmas hymns. Well-organized and emotionally moving, the text tells the story of the angels, shepherds, and magi. Originally entitled *Nativity*, this hymn was written by the Scotsman James Montgomery for publication in the Christmas Eve, 1816 edition of his *Sheffield Iris*.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

In light of all this, here's what I want you to do. While I'm locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere. And mark that you do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences.

You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and "Creator" of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness.

+ Community Prayer

Jason Wood

Gospel Reading

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Luke 2:22-40

When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

We Hear the Word

This Epistle reading is from *The Message*. Created by Eugene S. Peterson, *The Message* is a paraphrase of the Bible in contemporary language.

Following close on the heels of the birth of Mary's child, a combination of events unfold, some expected and ordinary (circumcision, naming, presentation), and others extraordinary (prophetic responses from Simeon and Anna). These events weave together the Law and Holy Spirit such that Jesus is recognized and acclaimed as God's agent of salvation, and the nature of that salvation is shown to be the universal reach of God's redemptive project.

Anthem

Changamano
(Join Together - Swahili)
Words & Music by Sally K. albrecht and Jay Althouse

Gospel Ensemble

Spiritual Encouragement

A "Gift" Wrapped

Denise Junious

Making Ministry Happen

Rev. Janice Ladd

Offertory

JustUs

No Christmas Without You
Words & Music by John P. Kee

Communion

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

Communions Songs

Cassandra White

Come as You Are

Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, your name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us; your name is called Emmanuel.

Words & Music by Bob McGee
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Jesus, Name Above All Names

Jesus, name above all names;
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.

Emmanuel, God is with us;
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Words & Music by Naida hearn
© 1974, 1978 Scripture in Song (admin. by Maranatha! Music)
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We Listen

Changamano is Swahili for Join Together. The other texts in the song reference "coming together, mixing with people, one by one, be united, join together, connected all together, all of us, strike up a song, a small part of anything.

About our

Speaker

Denise Junious is a member of Resurrection MCC, the author of *Unleash the Power of Personal Advantage*, and a certified life coach.

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.

Music During Communion

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, let all we are and all we do proclaim your redemptive love through the gifts of your bread and cup.

With humility and joy let the light of Christ dwell within you.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the joys of highest heaven.
No ear may hear Christ's coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

Words by Phillips Brooks, Music by Lewis H. Redner

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Tune: ST. LOUIS

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Words anonymous, Music by James R. Murray

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Tune: AWAY IN A MANGER

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

+ Benediction

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

+ Benediction Response

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in common time, treble clef, and C major. The lyrics "Gloria in excelsis Deo!" are written below the notes. The melody is simple, with eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

Postlude

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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 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 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.

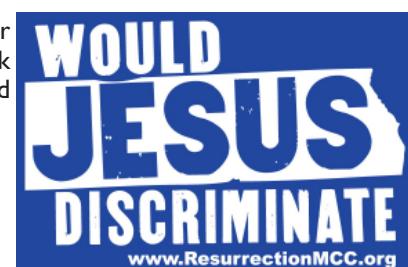
We believe in the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

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!



NEW YEAR

come by your God-Parent's House for a Spiritual Hug!

**New Year's Eve Service
Wednesday • December 31 • 7 pm
Sanctuary**

**Message Delivered by
Chris DeJohn**

Holiday Services & Schedule Changes

Wednesday, 12/31 (New Year's Eve)

New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil, 7 pm, Sanctuary

NO CHALICE OFFERINGS

Thursday, 1/1 (New Year's Day), Offices Closed

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



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Sunday: Doors open 4:30 pm. Bingo starts 6:30 pm.

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Bring your friends and family to enjoy the fun!

Friendly staff, 8-liners, bingo, pull-tabs,
full service snack bar, beer, margaritas, and more!

Beautiful, new hall - come out and see.

Resurrection is one of four organizations who share in the profits!

DRUMMING CIRCLE

Saturday, January 3, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Gathering Place

From a distance, it may sound like music from a car stereo. But as you draw near, you realize that there is no melody, just a pulsating rhythm. Close inspection reveals a group of a dozen or so people playing drums of all kinds: big and little ones, both primitive and high-tech.

This is a drumming circle! Gaining popularity across the country, some circles celebrate Native American customs and heritage or other 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!

Resurrection hosted a drumming circle workshop a few weeks ago and it was a huge success! The drumming circle is open to ALL, and requires no prior experience with drumming. Join us! If you want more information, contact Denise Junious at DrummingCircle@ResurrectionMCC.org or call Steven Couch at 713-861-9149 x109.



**Holy Union
Preparation Seminar
Sunday, February 8, 12:45 - 3 pm
Act. Bldg #104 / Lunch Served**

Are you and your partner thinking about having a Holy Union?

Designed to help couples discuss relationship matters while keeping Christ in the center of their relationship, this seminar is the recommended first step to having a Holy Union performed by Resurrection clergy.

To register, email Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org

New Members' Class

Saturday, January 10

9 am - 12 noon

Gathering Place / Breakfast Served

Join Rev. Janice, Rev. Kristen, and Jason to discuss the mission, vision, and values of Resurrection MCC, to discover our connection to the world through our affiliation with the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, and to join this family of faith in purpose, service, and fellowship!

To register, contact Jason Wood,
Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org
or 713-861-9149 x105.

Download the Spiritual Gifts Assessment
from www.ResurrectionMCC.org,

UPCOMING CHALICE OFFERING:

A book-study exploration of spiritual awakening with A New Earth: Awakening to Your Life's Purpose

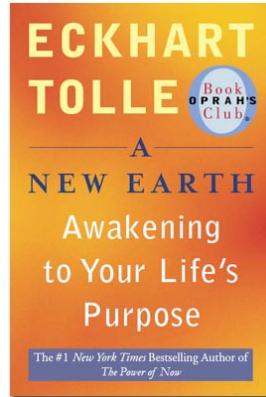
In the Gospel story of Mary and Martha, Jesus says to Martha, "You are anxious and troubled about many things, but only one thing is needful." (Luke 10:41)

Quoting this Scripture, author of the bestselling A New Earth Eckhart Tolle says, "I only ever write or speak about one thing: Spiritual awakening."

Join Spiritual Director Cathleen Sheil as she facilitates this open 7-week study and conversation with Eckhart Tolle's bestselling book, A New Earth!

Gather with others in this compelling exploration of the spiritual path through The Chalice on Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8:30 pm! Come to one, many, or all of these exciting book study discussions offered over 7 weeks, beginning Wednesday, January 7!

Begin the New Year with A New Earth – pick up the book then pick up the discussion! Open to all ...



The Chalice

opening...receiving...offering

Life in Fullness

No Chalice Services will be held on...
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve / Dec 31 - New Years Eve

JANUARY 7

- Community Meal – 6:00-6:30 pm – Open to All
Spiritual Deepening – 6:30-7:00 pm
Life Development Offerings – 7:00-8:45 pm

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

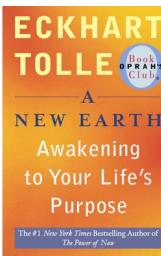
A facilitated open discussion using the short NOOMA films as a jumping-off place for personal reflection and shared engagement with our journeys of faith.

The Open Door - January 7: "Rich"

There's a popular bumper sticker that reads "God Bless America," but hasn't America already been blessed? It's easy for us to fall into a mindset of viewing "our" world as "the" world, because it's all we generally see. We're constantly bombarded with images of the latest styles and models of everything, and it can easily leave us feeling like what we have isn't enough because we see people that have even more than us. But how does what we have compare to what most people in the world have? Maybe what we have is enough; maybe it's more than enough. Maybe God has blessed us with everything we have so we can bless and give to others.

The Chalice: Offering Two

OPEN TO ALL



A New Earth: Awakening to Your Life's Purpose

Join us for one, many, or all of these book study discussions offered over seven weeks. Explore together what awakening *your* life's purpose looks like in 2009.

Everyone welcome! Get your book at bookstores everywhere.

The Chalice: Offering Three

Session Full

CREATING A LIFE



THAT MATTERS

SESSION III: January 7 - February 11

My Passion: Our passion make us most ware of our personal power, energy and joy. In these six sessions, we explore ways to manage internal and external factors, and discover what gives us power, energy, and joy as we serve the Sacred through the church.

Spring 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

Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org

Looking for new friendly faces and volunteers for this ministry!

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

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 Sowers

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.

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

Tuesdays • 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. This group has its own choreographers. Experience in dance is not necessary, if one has the willingness to learn.

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.

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

D.I.V.A.S

CONCERT

DIVINELY INSPIRED VOICES OF ANGELS

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 1, 2009
4:00 PM

JACQUELINE CHAMBERS, PIANO
JOAN HUBERT, SOPRANO
BARBARA TUCKER, SOPRANO
CASSANDRA WHITE, SOPRANO

DIVAS performing classics
including opera, jazz,
gospel, and spirituals.

Tickets available online at
www.ResurrectionMCC.org

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Two blue t-shirts are displayed. The top one has a small logo on the chest and the text 'Resurrection' on the sleeve. The bottom one has a larger graphic with the text 'WOULD JESUS DISCRIMINATE?' and a website address 'www.ResurrectionMCC.org'.

Would Jesus Discriminate?
T-shirts

**Available in
Inspirations Today!**

Resurrection
Inspirations
Coffee Café & Gift Shop

**50% ALL
Merchandise**
(except t-shirts)

Volunteers are needed to assist this ministry.
Please contact Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org

Do you Have a Need? Pastoral Care Ministers Available to Listen & Pray!

In his excellent book, *Can the Pastor Do it Alone*, Melvin Steinbron asserts emphatically that "there is no way we can build a staff large enough to put love with skin on for every one of our members if we continue to proceed in the traditional way."

One method by which God's love can be given concretely, specifically and continually to all of our members is through recruiting, training, and commissioning a sizable team of Pastoral Care Ministers.

At Resurrection we believe that building up the body of Christ in love is central to the purpose of the church. In order to facilitate this goal, 20 people have been trained and commissioned to care for our congregation.

At the conclusion of their training these ministers began developing flock care lists. The Pastoral Care Ministers are committed to praying regularly for the people on their flock list, to being available to helping or assisting them in appropriate ways, and to contacting the members of their flock regularly to encourage them.

The Pastoral Care Ministers officially began their ministry this month. They will begin to make contact with their flock list to make congregants aware of their availability. As our ministry grows the goal is to reach out to every person in our expanding community of faith. In the meantime, Pastoral Care Ministers are available to pray with and encourage anyone who would like to receive ministry. If you have not yet been contacted directly, but would like someone to talk or pray with you, please email or give us a call. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

From Jesus the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and build itself up in love, as each does its work (Eph. 4:16)

If you have questions, ask! You will see the Pastoral Care Ministers wearing a button indicating they are Pastoral Care Ministers. If you need someone to talk or pray with you, please let them know. That is what they are available for. If you would like a minister to come and visit you in the hospital or at home please feel free to call our 24-hour prayer and care line at 713-861-9149 x105 or email Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org

In Christ Love and Care,
Jason Wood, Director of Connections



Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor replaces Share Card

The new Neighbor to Neighbor program (which is replacing the Share Card) launched on May 1, 2008 and allows Resurrection MCC the opportunity to earn a portion of \$1 million that will be donated annually. The program earning period is May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009.

To participate in the program, simply take this printed page on your next shopping trip and have the cashier scan it at the beginning of the order.

Below are a few frequently asked questions of the program:

Can a household “link” their Kroger Plus Card to more than one organization at a time?

No, the system allows for one organization per household. To change organizations, you must present your KrogerPlus Card and the new organization's barcode to the cashier.

Do I have to enroll each program year?

Yes, all organization's and participants must re-enroll for each new enrollment period. The current Neighbor to Neighbor Program is effective May 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009.

Do I have to scan the organization letter each time I shop?

No, once the barcode is scanned with your plus card, you are enrolled for the remainder of the program year, ending on April 30, 2009.

How much can my organization earn?

The Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program will donate \$1 million annually. Each organization will earn a percentage of the \$1 million equal to the percentage of total earned contributions attributable to that organization.

Additional information available at www.krogerneighbortoneighbor.com

RESURRECTION METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH



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Kroger cashier: Please scan customer's KrogerPlus Card at the beginning of the order, and then scan the above barcode. The customer's KrogerPlus Card is now enrolled in the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program.

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



Tuesday
January 6, 11 am
Field Trip!

Meet at church and caravan to Brookwood Community, a God-centered educational, residential, and entrepreneurial community for adults with functional disabilities located in Brookshire, just west of Houston.

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



Singles Group

Friday, January 9
7 pm, Harlow's

www.harlowsrestaurants.com 3839 Weslayan

Join us for dinner at Harlow's, and then a movie at Edward's Cinema!

To be notified of upcoming events for our singles, or for any questions, please email Mike at Singles@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Friday Night OUT
January 23, 7 pm



Join us for dinner at El Paraiso. Later, we'll head over to Chances!

El Paraiso Mexican Restaurant
2320 Crocker St (at Fairview)

For more information, or to join the email list for the group, email NightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org



Care for our environment by recycling newspapers, magazines, catalogs, and junk mail in the container in our parking lot.

We receive cash based on the weight of the paper collected!

Why Become a Legacy Giver?



- To stimulate our worship experience through audio/visual enhancements.
- To forge new friendships through a revitalized, enlarged Welcome Center.
- To design a space that will transform lives by converting the Activities Building into the Life Development Center.
- To create committed leaders for tomorrow through expanded children and youth programs.
- To inspire adults to vitality and wholeness through increased education, wellness, community involvement, and spiritual growth opportunities.
- To reach millions with the *Would Jesus Discriminate?* billboard and marketing campaign.
- To impact the lives of those oppressed through further partnerships with organizations focused on social justice.
- To create financial health and long-term stability through increased payments on our debt.

**Commitment cards may be picked up at
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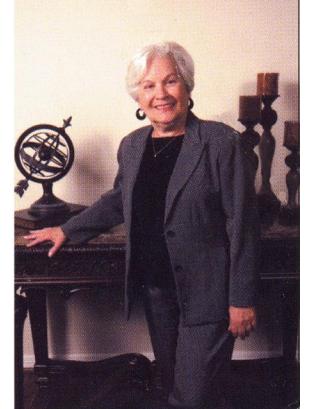
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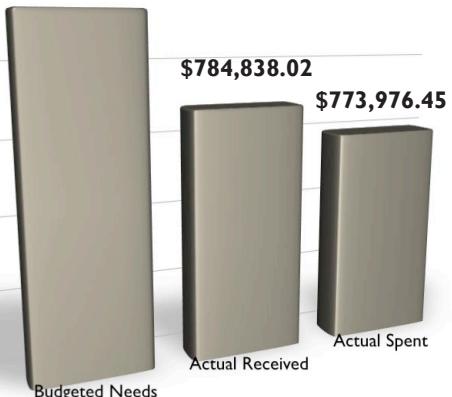
Flowers in the Sanctuary

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

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending December 21, 2008

		Week	Year		
Tithes & Offerings					
12/21/08 9:00 am	131	\$3,706.76	\$230,798.85	\$825,000	\$815,889.43
12/21/08 11:00 am	348	\$6,653.09	\$343,137.99		
12/17/08 7:00 pm	30	\$20.00	\$2,318.35		
Special Services		\$0.00	\$8,092.25	\$800,000	
Online Giving		\$2,775.16	\$68,311.30		
Other Contributions		\$557.00	\$85,803.58		
Total	509	\$13,712.01	\$738,462.32	\$775,000	
Other General Fund Income					
Fundraising		\$767.00	\$17,406.00	\$750,000	
Miscellaneous		\$199.00	\$28,969.70		
Total Received		\$14,678.01	\$784,838.02		
Budgeted Need		\$16,315.57	\$815,889.43	\$725,000	
Total Surplus / (Deficit)		(\$1,637.56)	(\$31,051.41)	\$700,000	
Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$8,023.59	\$252,010.00		



This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY	DECEMBER 28	
9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Denise Junious	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	Chapel
10:45 am	Children & Youth Worship	Activities Building
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Denise Junious	
MONDAY	DECEMBER 29	
NO EVENTS SCHEDULED		
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 30	
7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Music Room
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 31	
7:00 pm	New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil / Chris DeJohn	
THURSDAY	NEW YEAR'S DAY	JANUARY 1
OFFICE CLOSED		
FRIDAY	JANUARY 2	
OFFICE CLOSED		
SATURDAY	JANUARY 3	
1:00 pm	Angels In Motion Rehearsal	Sanctuary
SUNDAY	JANUARY 4	
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
10:45 pm	Faith Explorers	Activities Building #104
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson	
12:30 pm	Second Family Care Partners Luncheon	Act. Bldg. #108
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room