



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

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Prelude

Joel Hammett

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Mark Eggleston

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Processional Hymn

DIX

As with Gladness Those of Old



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



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



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

+ Invocation

Rev. Janice Ladd

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

This is a hymn for Epiphany celebrating the coming of the Magi as told in Matthew 2:1-12. The hymn poetically invites the worshiper to participate in this ancient story. Each stanza pictures briefly the actions of the Magi: they saw the star; they hurried joyfully; they offered gifts; then, with the repeated phrase "so may we," it invites us to imitate them.

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

Epistle ReadingRose Wall (9 am)
Terry Smith (11 am)***Ephesians 3:1-12***

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles --for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to the holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of the Spirit's power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that has been carried out in Christ Jesus, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in the Christ.

Community Prayer

Jason Wood

+ Gospel Reading

Rev. Janice Ladd

John 1:1-16

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through this one, and without whom not one thing came into being. What has come into being through the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was one sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that everyone might believe. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

The Word was in the world, and the world came into being through the Word; yet the world did not know this one. Though the Word came to its own realm, the Word's own people didn't accept it. But to all who received, who believed in this name, were given power to become children of God. They were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of humankind, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen divine glory, the glory of God's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to this one and cried out, "This was the one of whom I said, 'The one who comes after me ranks ahead of me because this one was before me.' ") From this one's fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

**We Hear
the Word**

The writer (possibly Paul) assumes the point of view of Paul's biography. Two aspects of mystery are now revealed: The Gentiles are included among God's chosen, and the church is to make God's wisdom known. The passage links the imprisoned Paul to Gentile churches for which he suffers. The revelation spoken of is Paul's authority which comes from a special calling from God.

For the Gospel of John, the beginning is not a particular event in time like Jesus' birth (as in Matthew and Luke) or the start of Jesus' ministry (as in Mark). Instead, the beginning is outside the normal calculations of time, in the cosmic preexistence of the Word with God. This beginning focuses the reader's attention immediately on the meaning of what follows --the Gospel story is about the very character of God and how God makes Godself known to the world through the life and death of Jesus.

Anthem

Siyahumba
Traditional South African Hymn

Sanctuary Choir

Spiritual Encouragement

*It's About All of Us:
Our Words*

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Making Ministry Happen

Jason Wood

Offertory

Communion

Rev. Janice Ladd

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

Communions Songs

We Remember You

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

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Shine on Us

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

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We Listen

Siyahumba is a traditional South African hymn that has been used in the US frequently in the last 15 years. We sing it here in the traditional Zulu as well as in English, proclaiming the Light of God.

We Receive

All Congregations in MCC practice an open communion. We believe that communion is a visible sign of Christ's presence and God's grace that each one of us, friend or member, may receive. Simply come forward as the ushers direct. 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.

Here I Am to Worship

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

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Arise, Shine

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

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+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Postlude

Steven Couch

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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: 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.

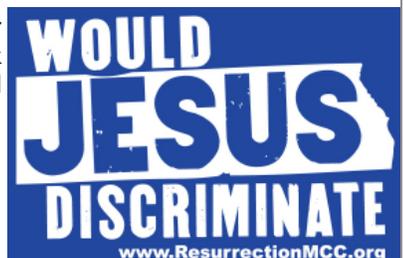
We believe in the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

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!



DRUMMING CIRCLE

Saturday, February 1, 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.

Drumming Circle is hosted monthly on the first Saturday.



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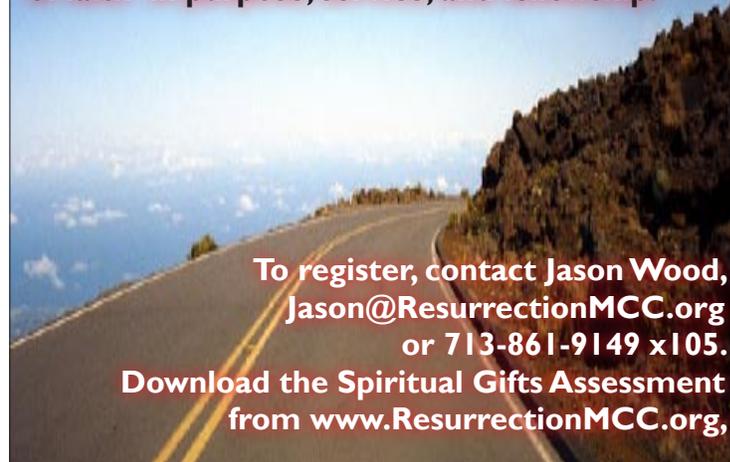
New Members' Class

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,

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



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

**STARTING THIS WEEK!
NEW CHALICE OFFERING:
A book-study exploration
of spiritual awakening with
A New Earth: Awakening to
Your Life's Purpose**

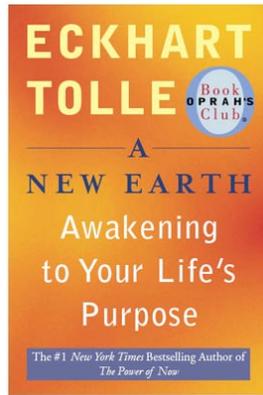
In the Gospel story of Mary and Martha, Jesus says to Martha, "You are anxious and troubled about many things, but only one thing is needful." (Luke 10:41)

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*

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

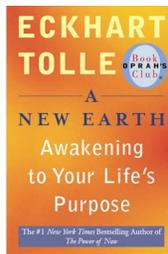
A facilitated open discussion using the short NOOMA films as a jumping-off place for personal reflection and shared engagement with our journeys of faith.

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 passions make us most aware 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!

EVERYONE IS INVITED

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHALICE OFFERING

**DISCOVERING MY MINISTRY
SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

PRESENTED BY JASON WOOD

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS | JANUARY 21 & 28

7 PM - 8:30 PM | CHAPEL

As the body of Christ, the church functions, "...as each part does its work." (Ephesians 4:16b)

As a community we are interrelated and interdependent. Finding our part in the body comes from discovering and utilizing our spiritual gifts.

Jason will facilitate this class to help each person discover and develop their spiritual gifts; place members in a meaningful ministry that best suits their unique gifts and abilities; and stimulate creativity in gifted people for developing new ministries. Join us as we find our unique fit in the body of Christ and build up our community.

This class, offered quarterly, will change your life! If you would like to RSVP or find out more information about this offering e-mail me at Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org.

In Christ's Love,

Jason Wood, Director of Connections
Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org
713-861-9149 x105

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 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.

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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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 assist 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



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Discriminate?
T-shirts**

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Inspirations Today!**

Resurrection

Inspirations

Coffee Café & Gift Shop

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Merchandise**
(except t-shirts)

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



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 Kroger Plus 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



Kroger cashier: Please scan customer's Kroger Plus Card at the beginning of the order, and then scan the above barcode. The customer's Kroger Plus 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 Wesleyan

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



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- 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 The Concierge Desk and Sanctuary entrances. They may be returned in the offering basket or by mail.

Board Members on Duty

Jerry Reitz & Georgette L. Monaghan
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General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending December 28, 2008

		Week	Year
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>			
12/28/08 9:00 am	108	\$2,581.02	\$233,379.87
12/28/08 11:00 am	305	\$6,714.25	\$349,832.24
12/24/08 7:00 pm		\$0.00	\$2,318.35
Special Services	578	\$9,257.70	\$17,349.95
Online Giving		\$765.00	\$69,076.30
Other Contributions		\$7,909.00	\$94,964.58
Total	991	\$27,226.97	\$766,921.29
<i>Other General Fund Income</i>			
Fundraising		\$52.00	\$16,226.00
Miscellaneous		\$50.00	\$29,019.70
Total Received		\$27,328.97	\$812,166.99
Budgeted Need		\$16,315.57	\$832,205.00
Total Surplus / (Deficit)		\$11,013.40	(\$20,038.01)
Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$14,160.33	\$266,170.33



This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY JANUARY 4

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	<i>Chapel</i>
10:45 am	Children & Youth Worship	<i>Activities Building</i>
10:45 pm	Faith Explorers	<i>Activities Building #104</i>
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson	
12:30 pm	Second Family Care Partners Luncheon	<i>Act. Bldg. #108</i>
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>

MONDAY JANUARY 5

7:00 pm	Lesbian Health Initiative Meeting	<i>Gathering Place</i>
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TUESDAY JANUARY 6

12:00 pm	OWLS Luncheon (see ad, page 10)	<i>Brookwood Community</i>
7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	<i>Gathering Place</i>
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
7:00 pm	Krewe of Olympus Rehearsal	<i>Activities Building</i>
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<i>Chapel</i>

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 7

6:00 pm	The Chalice: Community Meal	<i>Activities Building</i>
6:30 pm	The Chalice: Spiritual Deepening	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00 pm	The Chalice: CLM (Full)	<i>Gathering Place</i>
7:00 pm	The Chalice: New Earth Book Study (Open)	<i>Music Room</i>
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Open Door (Open)	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00 pm	Houston Pride Band Rehearsal	<i>Activities Building</i>

THURSDAY JANUARY 8

7:00 pm	Krewe of Olympus Rehearsal	<i>Activities Building</i>
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FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED JANUARY 9

7:00 pm	Singles Group (see ad, page 10)	<i>Harlow's Restaurant</i>
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SATURDAY JANUARY 10

9:00 am	New Members Class	<i>Gathering Place</i>
1:00 pm	Angels In Motion Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>

SUNDAY JANUARY 11

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	<i>Chapel</i>
10:45 am	Children & Youth Worship	<i>Activities Building</i>
10:45 pm	Faith Explorers	<i>Activities Building #104</i>
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson	
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
2:00 pm	EXCEL in Faithfulness Meeting	<i>Workroom</i>