



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

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**Prelude**

Joel Hammett

**Our Community Gathers**

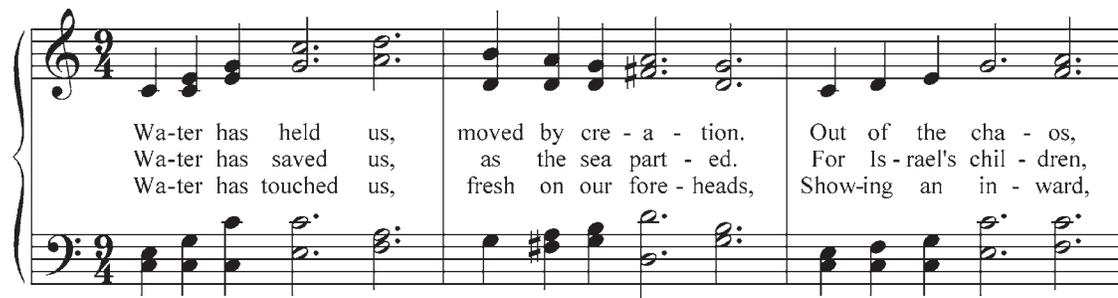
Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Steven Couch

**+ Exchange of Peace**

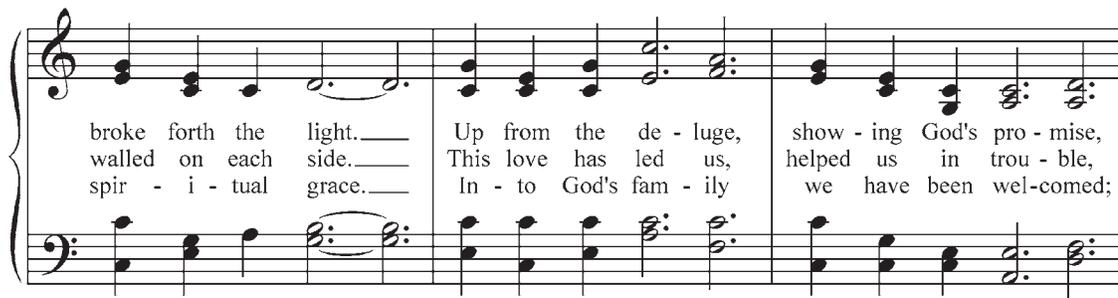
**+ Processional Hymn**

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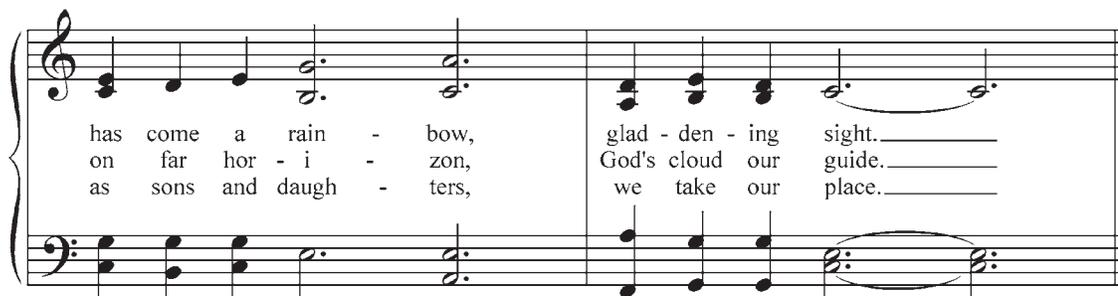
## *Water Has Held Us*



Wa-ter has held us, moved by cre - a - tion. Out of the cha - os,  
 Wa-ter has saved us, as the sea part - ed. For Is - rael's chil - dren,  
 Wa-ter has touched us, fresh on our fore - heads, Show-ing an in - ward,



broke forth the light. — Up from the de - luge, show - ing God's pro - mise,  
 walled on each side. — This love has led us, helped us in trou - ble,  
 spir - i - tual grace. — In - to God's fam - ily we have been wel - come;d;



has come a rain - bow, glad - den - ing sight. —  
 on far hor - i - zon, God's cloud our guide. —  
 as sons and daugh - ters, we take our place. —

**+ 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

The text for this hymn was written by R. Deane Postlethwaite. It is used specifically for baptism renewal. The tune is an old Gaelic melody first sung by wandering Scottish minstrels. Many texts have been written to go with this tune. The popularity of the text, *Morning Has Broken*, with pop singers in the 1960s, assured the tune's familiarity in the worship setting today.

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

## We Hear the Word

This was the beginning of Paul's ministry at Ephesus. He begins by preaching in the synagogue, where he has a mixed reception. He continues preaching in the lecture hall of Tyrannus with bold assurance. Like that of Jesus and Peter, Paul's preaching is accompanied by powerful deeds of healing.

John is baptizing the masses from Jerusalem and the rest of Judea with great success, but even he knows that he is not the special one to come. John's clothing and food references may be an allusion to Elijah or to prophets in general.

### First Reading

Carlos Rivera (9 am)  
John Smith (11 am)

#### *Acts 19:1-7*

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied - altogether there were about twelve of them.

### Community Prayer

Rev. Mona Lopez

### + Gospel Reading

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

#### *Mark 1:4-11*

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my own, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

### Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

#### *God Meant It For My Good*

Words & Music by Damian D. Price

### Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

#### *It's About All of Us: Our Baptism*

## Making Ministry Happen

Rite of New Members

Jason Wood,  
Rev. Janice Ladd,  
Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini &  
Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Baptism Renewal

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

One: The Divine Spirit hovered over the waters at the creation of the Earth.

**All: Water has held us.**

One: In leading the Israelites out of Egypt, the Creator parted the waters.

**All: Water has saved us.**

One: Our bodies created by God must have water to survive.

**All: Water has sustained us.**

One: Jesus revealed himself as the Living Water to the woman at the well.

**All: Water has touched us.**

Offertory

## Communion

Rev. Mona Lopez

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

## Communion 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 all you've done for us;

We remember your covenant with us;

We remember the light into the world.

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## We Listen

*Baptism Renewal* is something many faith communities observe on the second Sunday of the new calendar year. This ritual reconnects us with our baptism.

## 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, help us to live from the outside in, and the inside out.

With these gifts know that you are God's own, God's beloved.

### *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 grace fall on us.

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### *Here I Am to Worship*

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

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### *Arise, Shine*

Arise, shine, for 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.  
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. Mona Lopez

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

**Postlude**

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: Spiritual Deepening

Wednesday, 6:30 pm

## Resurrection MCC

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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.

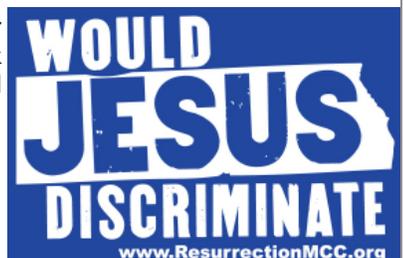
**We believe** in the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

**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!**



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

Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church  
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## DRUMMING CIRCLE

Saturday, February 7, 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](mailto:DrummingCircle@ResurrectionMCC.org) or call Steven Couch at 713-861-9149 x109.

*Drumming Circle is hosted monthly on the first Saturday.*

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

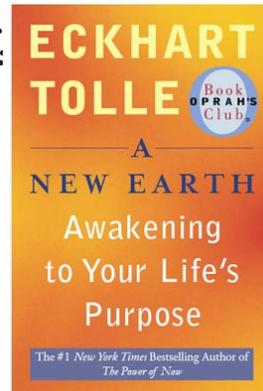
In the Gospel story of Mary and Martha, Jesus says to Martha, "You are anxious and troubled about many things, but only one thing is needful." (Luke 10:41)

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, from January 7 to February 18.

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



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](mailto:Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org).

In Christ's Love,

Jason Wood, Director of Connections  
[Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org)  
713-861-9149 x105

# The Chalice

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

**JANUARY 14**

**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

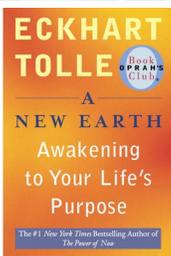
A facilitated open discussion using the short NOOMA films as a jumping-off place for personal reflection and shared engagement with our journeys of faith.

## The Open Door - *Breathe*

With everything that we've got going on every day, how many of us ever think about our breathing, about the meaning of breathing? Yet, for thousands of years, people have understood that our physical breath is a picture of a deeper spiritual reality. In the Bible, the word for "breath" is the same as the word for "spirit." There's an inherent dilemma at the core of what makes us human. We've all been created in the image of God and possess immense power and strength. And at the same time our lives are incredibly vulnerable and fragile. Maybe if we had more insight into the meaning of breathing, we would better understand how God created us as human beings.

## 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!**

# A Sip from The Chalice

## **January Spiritual Deepening: Lectio Divina**

*Lectio Divina*, or contemplative reading, is an ancient practice common to most religions. It begins with reading a short passage of scripture or other inspirational writing, and then quietly reflecting upon it – not analyzing or trying to figure out the meaning – but rather allowing it to quietly work on you, as leaven in the bread, as water on a stone, as sunlight rising and softly filling your window in the morning. The key is to read slowly, to “listen” to the words with your heart, and allow them to quietly nourish your spirit.

Choose one of the following selections from the Psalms. For 3 minutes read it over and over, like a stream of running water: gentle but constant, flowing. Let the words move through your awareness, over and over. Listen for the “voice” within the words, as you might listen to the “song” in the sounds of the waters of the stream.

When 3 minutes have passed, close your eyes and rest quietly, open of mind, heart, spirit – listening.

After another minute or two, write any reflections you may have received.

*Psalm 116*

*I am filled with love when Yahweh bends down to hear me*

*What return can I make for God's generosity to me?*

*Psalm 37*

*Stay quiet before Yahweh*

*Wait longingly for God.*

*Psalm 52*

*I put my trust in God's faithful love*

*I shall praise You forever for what You have done!*

*Psalm 143*

*I stretch out my hands to you, my heart like a thirsty land*

*Let dawn bring word of your faithful love, for my trust rests wholly in You.*

## 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

[Concierge@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Steven@ResurrectionMCC.org) or call 713-861-9149 x109

## 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](mailto:Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org)



## Would Jesus Discriminate? T-shirts

Available in  
*Inspirations Today!*

Resurrection

# Inspirations

Coffee Café & Gift Shop

# 60% ALL Merchandise

(except t-shirts)

Volunteers are needed to assist this ministry.  
Please contact [Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto: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 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](mailto: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 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](http://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 20

Activities Building

RSVP & Questions to Pat Walker, Team Lead, at  
[OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org)



### A Season of Service Fulfilled

Rev. Charli Merchant has served as the team lead for our sacristy and communion servers for two years. As we begin 2009, Charli has been called by Spirit to concentrate her gifts in new ministry areas.

Charli has brought incredible organization and spiritual grounding to this area and has worked faithfully to grow this ministry with great vision. Please take a moment to thank Charli for all she has offered with her “Seasons of Service” and wish her well as she follows God’s call in other areas of ministry here at Resurrection!

### 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](mailto: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 The Concierge Desk and Sanctuary entrances. They may be returned in the offering basket or by mail.**

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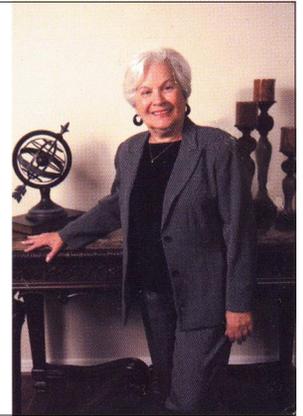
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### Board Members on Duty

Eve Messina & Len Shelton

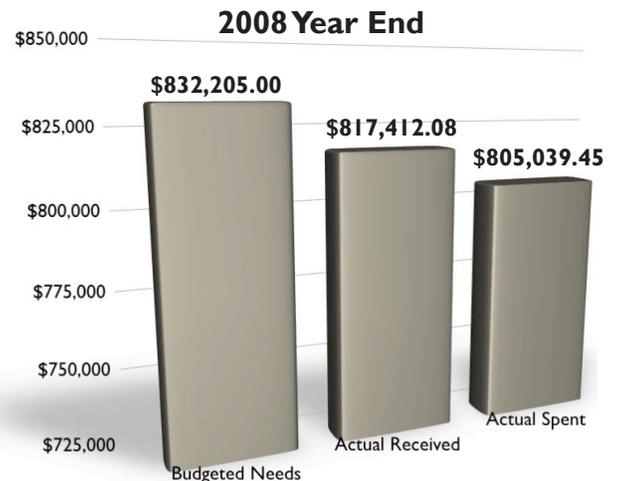
Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

### 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

		January 4	2008 Year End
<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>			
1/4/09	9:00 am	119	\$2,509.00
1/4/09	11:00 am	407	\$8,877.00
	7:00 pm		\$0.00
	Special Services		\$0.00
	Online Giving		\$0.00
	Other Contributions		\$25.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>\$11,411.00</b>
<b>Other General Fund Income</b>			
	Fundraising		\$0.00
	Miscellaneous		\$0.00
	<b>Total Received</b>		<b>\$11,411.00</b>
	<b>Budgeted Need</b>		<b>\$11,415.38</b>
	<b>Total Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>(\$4.38)</b>
	<b>Total Imagine Capital Campaign</b>	<b>\$875.00</b>	<b>\$268,562.92</b>



# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

## SUNDAY JANUARY 11

- 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 *Unbinding the Heart* Planning Meeting *Act Bldg #104*
- 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*
- 2:00 pm EXCEL in Faithfulness *Workroom*

## MONDAY JANUARY 12

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

## TUESDAY JANUARY 13

- 6:00 pm Krewe of Olympus Rehearsal *Activities Building*
- 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous *Gathering Place*
- 7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Music Room*
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Chapel*

## WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14

- 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: New Earth Book Study (Open) *Music Room*
- 7:00 pm The Chalice: Open Door (Open) *Sanctuary*
- 7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*

## THURSDAY JANUARY 15

- 6:00 pm Krewe of Olympus Rehearsal *Activities Building*
- 6:00 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Music Room*

## FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED JANUARY 16

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

## SATURDAY JANUARY 17

- 8:30 am EXCEL Meeting *Gathering Place*
- 1:00 pm Angels In Motion Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

## SUNDAY JANUARY 18

- 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**
- 12:45 pm Pastoral Care Ministers Lunch *Activities Building #104*
- 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*