



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

June 21, 2009

**Our Community Gathers**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Mark Eggleston

**+ Exchange of Peace**

**+ Opening Worship**

ANTHEM

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling seas.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chast'ning rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our people sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;  
Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last  
Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who hast by thy might, Led us into the light,  
Keep us for ever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee,  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
Shadowed beneath thy hand, May we for ever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

## We Sing

This hymn is known as the African American National Anthem. It places emphasis on the history of people of African descent, inclusive of their many triumphs and struggles. This great song is known across the world, but the history behind the song's creation and first performance is often unknown.

Publicly performed first as a poem as part of a celebration of Lincoln's Birthday on February 12, 1900 by 500 schoolchildren at the segregated Stanton School in Jacksonville, Florida.

Principal James Weldon Johnson wrote the words to introduce its honored guest, Booker T. Washington.

The poem was later set to music by Mr. Johnson's brother, John, in 1905. Singing this song quickly became a way for African Americans to demonstrate their patriotism and hope for the future.

## We Reflect

One day my soul just  
opened up  
and things started  
happenin'  
things I can't quite  
explain  
I mean  
I cried and cried like  
never before  
I cried tears of ten  
thousand mothers  
I couldn't even feel  
anything because  
I cried 'til I was numb.

One day my soul just  
opened up  
I felt this  
overwhelming pride  
what I was proud of  
only God knows!  
Like the pride of a  
hundred thousand  
fathers  
basking in the glory of  
their newborn sons  
I was grinnin' from  
ear to ear!

One day, my soul just  
opened up  
and I decided  
I was good and ready!  
I was good and ready  
To surrender  
my life  
to God.

So, with my soul wide  
open,  
I sat down  
wrote Her a note  
and told her so.

~ Gemmia L. Vanzant  
from *One Day My  
Soul Just Opened Up*  
by Iyanla Vanzant

## Invocation & Giving Thanks for Fathers Near and Far

Rev. Mona Lopez

One: Oh God,  
We thank you for fathers near  
Fathers with strong arms  
And fathers with feeble knees  
Present at table and at bathtub and at bedtime for prayers.

**All: Thank you, God, for fathers near.**

One: We thank you, O God, for fathers far away  
Fathers who ache for their families  
Fathers absent because of war,  
Or disease,  
Or despair,  
Fathers who are present and absent at the same time.

**All: Thank you, God, for fathers far away.**

One: We thank you, O God, for caring communities  
Where mothers fill in for fathers  
And fathers fill in for mothers  
And grandparents put on the apron and the towel.

**All: Where aunts and uncles, and those who are absolutely no kin at all  
Make our communities a home  
Fit for habitation.  
Amen.**

## Hebrew Reading

Marty Williams (9 am)  
Elisa Vega-Burns (11 am)

### *Psalm 9:9-14*

<sup>9</sup> O God, you are a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

<sup>10</sup> Those who know your name trust in you, for you have never forsaken those who seek you.

<sup>11</sup> Sing praise to God enthroned in Zion; declare God's work among the nations! <sup>12</sup> For the One who avenges blood remembers them, and doesn't ignore the cry of the afflicted.

<sup>13</sup> Have mercy on me, O God. See what I suffer from those who hate me! Lift me up from the gates of death, <sup>14</sup> that I may recount all your praises - that in the gates of the Daughter of Zion I may rejoice in your deliverance.

## Sung Response

**All:** Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord.  
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord.  
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord. Amen!

**2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

<sup>1</sup> As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup> For God says through Isaiah, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

<sup>3</sup> We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup> but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup> beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup> by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup> truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup> in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute.

We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup> as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see - we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup> as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; and having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup> We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you.

<sup>12</sup> There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup> In return - I speak as to children - open wide your hearts also.

**Anthem**

Gospel Ensemble

***Souled Out***

Words & Music by Estee Bullock & Nate McNair

**Spiritual Encouragement**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

***Souled Out***

**Making Ministry Happen**

Marcial Renteria

Offertory

HeavenSound Handbells

***Canon/ Simple Gifts***

by Pachelbel, Quaker Hymn  
Arr. Winslett

**Communion**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Introduction to Communion

One: God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise to our God.**

## We Hear the Word

In 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Paul exhorts that salvation is not merely about individual deliverance.

It is about communal reconciliation.

Through Christ's ministry of self-denial for the well-being of others, God is reconciling the entire world - all of humanity.

Paul challenges the cultural values the Corinthians appear to esteem. He implies that ministries that claim divine authority based on appearances of success are flawed.

This should cause us to question the validity of some of the most popular Christian movements.

Having thousands of followers is not the same as having validity in ministry.

People should rightly question the authenticity of Christian churches and organizations that claim authority - in the name of Christ - to oppress and silence those whom they deem to be less than human.

This is not to say that sincere persons of faith cannot disagree. However, absolute certainty has never been the mark of a Christian understanding of revelation.

~ *Out in Scripture*  
for Year B,  
June 21, 2009,  
adapted.

## 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. If you desire intercessory prayer, our Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry team is available following both services to pray with you.

You are connected.  
You belong.  
Now, reach out in love.

## 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.

## We Go Forth

God's love cannot be contained within the walls of this Sanctuary. Take the love of Christ from this place into your homes, neighborhoods and communities.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

### *Fill My Cup, Lord*

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.  
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

Invitation to the Feast

### Communion Songs

#### *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after thy will,  
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!  
Power, all power, surely is thine!  
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.  
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see  
Christ only, always, living in me!

#### *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

#### *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

There's a sweet sweet spirit in this place,  
and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise,  
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **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

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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 and 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!**







### Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry A Dialogue with God

Praise God! Thank you Almighty Creator for making me, ME! "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." Psalms 139:13

Dear Mother Father God, today, this day, this week as millions around the globe are celebrating Pride, let me be full of pride of you in my life, myself as a child of You oh God and my friends and family who love and support me, just for being ME! I also pray for those who are against me, for I know, oh God, as written in Psalms 3:1-8, that many may rise against me and many are my enemies, but you my God are a shield around me and by following you, You will bestow glory upon me and lift my head high. Yes, Lord, be with me and my enemies during all my days.

Would you like to become connected? If you already receive the Mobilizer, simply open the most recent one and click on "Update profile / Email Address" at the bottom of the Mobilizer. Then make sure the box next to "Prayers and Praises" is checked. Click Save Profile Changes and you'll be set.

If you don't receive the Mobilizer, we don't have your email address in our system. Simply enter your email address on the home page of our Web site ([www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org)) under "Sign Up for Our Email Newsletter." Make sure to check both boxes on the next page to sign up for the Mobilizer, as well as the Prayers & Praises email.

Once you do, you will soon begin receiving prayer requests and can join in the dialogue with God and with each other.

Growing stronger in Christ and realizing our Prayers together.

~ Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry ~

Need Prayer?  
[Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org)



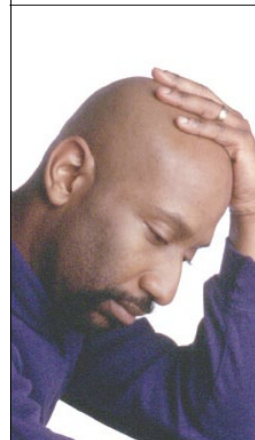
### Adopt a Bed!

The recent workday has beautified our campus! There are a few beds that need to be adopted so they'll stay maintained.

Email [Craig@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Craig@ResurrectionMCC.org)  
if you would like to help!

### GLBT Solutions for Living Well

*Professional Services Provided at Resurrection MCC*



#### Coping with Transitions

Wednesdays, 5:15 - 6:15 pm  
Resurrection Wellness Center  
\$30 weekly. Begins July 1.

Ongoing group for 4-8 individuals struggling with life changes such as grief, job loss, break-up.

Therapist:  
Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC

#### Couples Group

Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
Resurrection Wellness Center  
\$55 per couple weekly

10-week closed group for 5-6 couples focused on improving communication, conflict resolution, empathy and intimacy. Begins when group is filled.

Co-Therapists:  
Takis Bogadanos, LPC-I  
Theresa Allen, LPC-I



Individual, family and couples therapy available with Michael Mann, LCSW or Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC. Request MCC Rates.

Call 832-863-8221 for more information.

## Summer in the Spirit Worship Series

### WEDNESDAYS

Each Wednesday evening in the summer months we are calling the Spirit to move among us in new and wonderful ways ...

During the months of June, July and August you are invited to our *Summer in the Spirit* Worship Series!

On Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 join us in the Chapel for a creative worship experience imagined, fashioned and facilitated by Worship Teams led by members of our community in discernment for the ministry!

Each week a different theme, a different team, an exciting Summer evening in the Spirit!

Artists and musicians, dramatists and liturgists, contemplatives and evangelists, wise ones and witnesses – all are invited into collaboration with one another and the Spirit in the spiritual adventure of Worship!

If you are interested in joining a *Summer in the Spirit* Worship Team contact Rev. Kristen at RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

### Beginning again in September and running through May

**The Chalice** midweek offering is a time to...

- Gather in community for a Simple Supper
- Experience spiritual Deepening with new and old practices of prayer, meditation and worship
- Stretch, learn and grow through one of several Life Development offerings

Thanks to ALL who brought us an amazing Fall and Spring *Chalice* at Resurrection:

35 Wednesdays filled with good food, deepening faith and incredible spiritual adventuring!

Looking forward to lifting *The Chalice* with you again in September – have a wonderful *Summer in the Spirit*!

– Rev. Kristen

## Pride Houston Parade



**NEXT Saturday, June 27**

**8:45 pm - 11:00 pm**

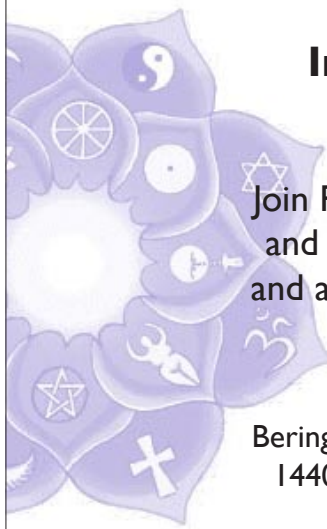
Join your Resurrection friends and family for the most visible Outreach project of the year!

Our theme is *Would Jesus Discriminate?* Be part of the answer to that question, showing Houston the diverse faces of Resurrection MCC!

RSVP to Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org

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

## Pride Interfaith Service TODAY! 7pm



Join Rev. Dwayne, Rev. Kristen, and over a dozen welcoming and affirming faith traditions in celebration of Pride!

Bering Memorial Methodist Church  
1440 Harold St, Houston, 77006  
[www.beringumc.org](http://www.beringumc.org)



**Snuggle an adorable fussy infant...  
Pour a Sippee Cup of juice for a  
delightful thirsty toddler...  
Put together a puzzle with a  
bright little 3-year-old...**

Every once in awhile our wonderful Nursery staff has more love-bugs than usual and they can use a little assistance. Nursery Angels are "day-of" volunteers who are willing to offer an extra pair of eyes, hands and wings when our Nursery is brimming with little ones!

Any Sunday you would be willing to be "On Call" as a Nursery Angel, just drop by the Nursery about 10 minutes before the 9 or 11 am service, sign in as a Nursery Angel for that service, and pick up your wings!

With our bright Nursery Angel wings on your left or right shoulder, our ushers know they can ask you to fly in to the Nursery for a special offering of service that day if our Nursery staff needs you!

Any Sunday, any service – pick up some wings and let your blessings fly!





## Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor New Enrollment Period for 2009!

The *Neighbor to Neighbor* program allows Resurrection MCC the opportunity to earn a portion of \$1 million that will be donated annually. The program earning period is July 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010.

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 July 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010.

### 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, 2010.

### 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.

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Additional information available at  
[www.krogerneighbortoneighbor.com](http://www.krogerneighbortoneighbor.com)

*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.*

## Vacation Bible School Friday, July 24, 6 - 9 pm Saturday, July 25, 10 am - 2 pm

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School is coming your way! Join us for a weekend full of fun! It all kicks off with a family dinner and movie night on Friday night, July 24 from 6 - 9 pm! On Saturday July 25, our children and youth ages 4 - 12 years are invited to join us in the Activities Building from 10 am - 2 pm as we journey through the Bible with interactive stories brought to life through drama, cooking, song, arts and crafts, puppets and much, much more! Nursery care available for infants through children aged 3 years as well! The fun starts soon! Write it in your memories... Today! To register your infants to 12-year-olds please email Youth Ministries Coordinator Joel Palomares at [Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org)

All parents are encouraged to join together with our extended Resurrection family of members and friends for a half-day adult VBS workshop "The Well is Deep: Our Unquenchable Thirst and the Living Water of Christ" - an introduction to the 12-Steps for those journeying the Christian path, open to all. This workshop will engage both Scripture and 12-Step materials to facilitate personal and spiritual reflection upon those places within each of us that ache with an "unquenchable thirst" - a desire for a sense of ease and wellness within which often feels just out of reach. While many of us find we may soothe our longing with things of this world for a time, we often find our "thirst" eventually returns more fiercely than ever. Many of us seek relief for this ache with food and drink, or spending and relationships, or worry and work - anything which can distract us from our inner emptiness for a time. For those of us who bear this "unquenchable thirst," Jesus beckons: "If you knew the gift of God...you would have asked him and he would have given you living water... Everyone who drinks this water [of the world] will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give will become in you a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4). Drawing near to the well of Living Water one Step at a time will be the practice introduced during this VBS offering. This introductory workshop facilitated by Rev. Kristen is open to ALL! Please join us for family dinner from 6 - 7pm, followed by our initial workshop session from 7 - 9 pm on Friday night; our Saturday session runs from 10 am - 2 pm! To ask questions or register please email Rev. Kristen at [RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org)



### Ginger Routt's Family of the Season!

Congratulations to Ginger Routt's family who attended Children's Worship faithfully throughout this past season! Ginger's two moms have committed themselves to giving Ginger a chance to learn about God's love for her every week. Her teachers say, "Ginger is an athlete, gentle spirit, and very creative."

Ginger loves to make things in Sunday School. Her favorite project was the "fruits of the spirit" t-shirts she created in Ms. Sue's class.

She loves her moms very much. She thinks they are nice and funny. We are proud to recognize them as our family of the season!!!



## Get Connected to a First Impressions Ministry

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

### Concierge Desk

**Eliot Perez**

[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 friends, provide them with a free gift, and help them get connected.

### Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop

**Dawn Ashbrook**

[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**

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

### 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. Reading music is not required for this group, but the ability to match pitch and sing a part separate from the melody is.

### ANGELS IN MOTION

Second & Fourth 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 [Worship@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Worship@ResurrectionMCC.org)

## Rev. Elder Darlene Garner Elected Regional Elder

The Elders Nominating Committee (ENC) is pleased to announce that all of the regional gatherings for Region 6 have been completed and the results tallied. Rev. Elder Darlene Garner has been elected as the Regional Elder.



Rev. Elder Darlene Garner has been a member of the Board of Elders since 1993 and she brings an immense level of passion and dedication to the role of Regional Elder. Currently, she also serves as the MCC Vice-Moderator and she is a beloved pastor, teacher and friend who embodies the vision and ministry of MCC. She is highly regarded throughout MCC as a transformative spiritual leader, pastor and difference maker. Rev. Elder Garner brings all the qualities of pastoral and strategic leadership that will make a difference for the people and churches of her region. We are thrilled and honored to welcome her once again to the ministry of our Board of Elders and ask your prayers for Darlene and her partner Rev. Candy Holmes.

In her statement of call to be a regional elder, Rev. Darlene spoke of her call to MCC ministry, noting, "My joy has continued to increase as opportunities to be of service have expanded. I still experience no greater joy than when working directly with the people and leaders of our local churches as a partner in ministry. As I first believed when I submitted an application in 2002, I continue to affirm: I am called to gather and spread the vision. I am called to empower and to encourage. I am called to comfort and to challenge. I am called to learn and to teach. I am called to preach and to prophesy. I am called to be in partnership and mutual ministry. I am called to be the Elder that serves Region 6."

Rejoice with us! Messages conveying your love, prayers and congratulations may be sent to Rev. Darlene at [RevDarleneGarner@MCCChurch.net](mailto:RevDarleneGarner@MCCChurch.net)

## Equality Ministry Meeting

**TODAY, 12:30 pm**

**Activities Building #108**

*Join us for lunch as we discuss  
our upcoming projects.*

*Questions or to Sign up:  
[Equality@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Equality@ResurrectionMCC.org)*



## Shoe Drive

Consider helping those in need.  
Donate your new or gently used shoes  
in the Welcome Area during June.

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



**Tuesday  
July 7, 11:30 am  
Gathering Place**

**Join us for lunch and fellowship!**

RSVP or Questions?  
[OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org)

**Help End Hunger In Houston  
With "The Sounds & Styles  
Of A Texas Summer"  
With Your Host  
Mr. Tony's Corner Pocket 2009  
James Martinez**

**Saturday July, 18th  
8:00 PM  
Tony's Corner Pocket**

**Reserved Tables ~ \$100  
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## DRUMMING CIRCLE

**Saturday, July 4, 3:00 - 4:30 pm  
Gathering Place**

Come out and celebrate July 4 with the Drumming Circle! This group is open to ALL, and requires no prior experience with drumming. Join us! For more information, contact Denise Junious, [DrummingCircle@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:DrummingCircle@ResurrectionMCC.org).

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



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- 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.  
Please return in offering basket or by mail.**

### Stewardship Thought for the Week

*A happiness that is sought for ourselves alone can never be found; for a happiness that is diminished by not being shared is not big enough to make us happy.*

~Thomas Merton

#### Board Members on Duty

Bryan Long & Vicki Hopper

*Board Minutes Available Upon Request.*

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#### Flowers in the Sanctuary

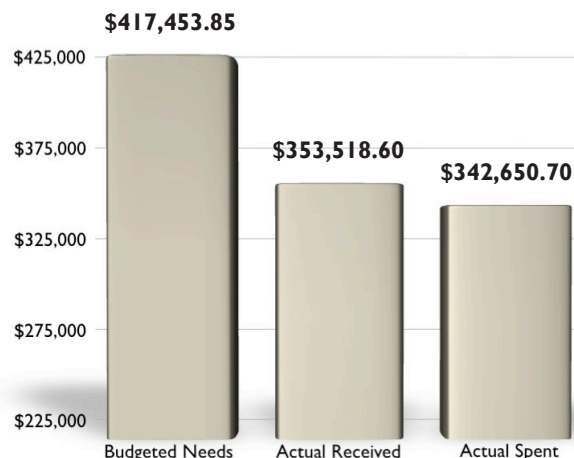
Consider donating flowers in memory of a loved one  
or to celebrate a special day.

Sign up on the Flower Chart in the Welcome Area.

## General Fund Financial Report

**Week Ending June 14, 2009**

Tithes & Offerings			Week	Year
6/14/09	9:00 am	116	\$3,388.90	\$78,257.45
6/14/09	11:00 am	364	\$5,461.45	\$164,590.08
6/10/09	6:30 pm	23	\$20.00	\$3,244.21
Special Services				\$3,966.03
Online Giving			\$625.00	\$25,704.09
Other Contributions			\$1,746.00	\$44,596.73
<b>Total</b>		<b>503</b>	<b>\$11,241.35</b>	<b>\$320,358.59</b>
Other General Fund Income				
Fundraising				\$1,326.43
Miscellaneous			\$170.20	\$31,833.58
<b>Total Received</b>			<b>\$11,411.55</b>	<b>\$353,518.60</b>
<b>Budgeted Need</b>			<b>\$17,653.85</b>	<b>\$417,453.85</b>
<b>Total Surplus / (Deficit)</b>			<b>(\$6,242.30)</b>	<b>(\$63,935.25)</b>
<b>Total Imagine Capital Campaign</b>			<b>\$1,405.00</b>	<b>\$62,650.86</b>



# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

## SUNDAY

JUNE 21

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**  
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome) *Chapel*  
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*  
**11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**  
 12:30 pm Equality Ministry Team Meeting *Activities Building #108*  
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*  
 7:00 pm Pride Interfaith Service (see ad, p. 7) *Bering*

## MONDAY

JUNE 22

- 6:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting *Gathering Place*  
 6:30 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Music Room*

## TUESDAY

JUNE 23

- 7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Music Room*  
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

## WEDNESDAY

JUNE 24

- 6:30 pm *Summer in the Spirit* Worship *Chapel*  
 7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*

## THURSDAY

JUNE 25

- 6:30 pm Budget Committee Meeting *Gathering Place*  
 6:30 pm Forever Blest Rehearsal *Sanctuary*  
 7:00 pm AA Steps Study (Open) *Chapel*

## FRIDAY

OFFICE CLOSED

JUNE 26

*No Events Scheduled*

## SATURDAY

JUNE 27

- 1:00 pm Angels in Motion Rehearsal *Gathering Place*  
 1:00 pm Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*  
 8:45 pm Pride Parade (see ad, p. 7) *Montrose*

## SUNDAY

JUNE 28

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**  
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome) *Chapel*  
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*  
**11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**  
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*