



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

10th Sunday After Pentecost

August 9, 2009

Sung or Silent Call to Worship

EAT THIS BREAD

Eat this Bread, drink this Cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this Bread, drink this Cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini
Mark Eggleston

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Opening Praise & Worship

I'M SO GLAD JESUS LIFTED ME

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

When lies had me bound, Jesus lifted me, When lies had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
When lies had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

GUIDE ME, O MY GREAT REDEEMER

Guide me, O my great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

When I reach the River Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death and all destruction, land me safe on heaven's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

+ Invocation

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Sing to Prepare for Worship

The religious community in Taizé, France, prays together three times a day through repeated sung prayers.

Eat This Bread is one of these sung prayers. Through repetition, we are able to center ourselves, leave the stresses of the world behind and come together to worship our creator in one voice.

We Hear the Word

Let's admit it. There is something within us that likes our gods high and lifted up, distant, exclusively in heaven. We so want religion to be something spiritual, rather than something that is uncomfortably incarnational. Yet here we are with God-in-the-flesh before us saying, "I'm your bread; feed on me!" Our hungers are so deep. We are dying of thirst. We are bundles of seemingly insatiable need, rushing here and there in a vain attempt to assuage our emptiness. Our culture is a vast supermarket of desire. Can it be that our bread, our wine, our fulfillment stands before us in the presence of this crucified, resurrected Jew? Can it be that many of our desires are, in the eternal scheme of things, pointless? Might it be true that he is the bread we need, even though he is rarely the bread we seek? Is it true that God has come to us, miraculously with us, before us, like manna that is miraculously dropped into our wilderness?

--W.H. Willimon
Feasting on the Word
John 6:35; 41-51

First Reading

Carlos Rivera (9 am)
Anne Dittmar (11 am)

Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2

²⁵ So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for evil. ²⁸ Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³² and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ² and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Response to the Word

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE

All praise to the Mother, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

+ Second Reading

Bryan Baughman (9 am)
Jubi Headly (11 am)

John 6:35, 41-51

³⁵ Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹ Those listening began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' ⁴² They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' ⁴³ Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the One who sent me; and I will raise those who believe up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from God comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen God except the one who is from God; he has seen God. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

Break Forth Into Song

by Allen Pote

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Getting Up Close and Personal

Reflection on the Word

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Eat this Bread, drink this Cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this Bread, drink this Cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Making Ministry Happen

Jason Wood

Offertory

Resurrection Singers

Hungry, Falling On My Knees

Communion

Jace Hill

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

Communion Songs

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

When peace, like a river, uphold me each day,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,

Whatever my lot, you have taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin - oh, the bliss of this glorious thought -
my sin - not in part, but the whole -

is placed on the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

O God, speed the day that is filled with your light,
when clouds are rolled back as a scroll;

The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall appear,
"even so" - it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

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.

During Communion you will be offered bread and cup with a brief blessing.

We use grape juice for the cup so that all may participate.

If you desire a deeper partnering in prayer (intercessory prayer), our Fishers Net Prayer Ministry team is available following both services to pray with you.

Receive God's sufficient grace - the gift of freedom in God's 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.

OH, HOW HE LOVES YOU AND ME

Oh, how He loves you and me, oh, how He loves you and me.
He gave his life, what more could He give?
Oh, how He loves you; oh, how He loves me;
Oh, how He loves you and me!

Jesus to Calvary did go,
His love for broken to show.
What he did there brought hope from despair.
Oh, how He loves you; oh, how He loves me;
Oh, how He loves you and me!

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!
Search me and try me, Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now, as in thy presence humbly I bow.

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!

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Eat this Bread, drink this Cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jace Hill

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Singing Forth**

I'M SO GLAD JESUS LIFTED ME

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah, singing glory, hallelujah,
singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

Postlude

Joel Hammett

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.

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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

Wednesdays, 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!



*Connections First Impressions
Life Development Youth Ministries Programs
Worship & Altar Ministries*

Fall "Season of Service"
(September, October, November)

Season of Service WORKSHOPS

Saturday, August 22

Multiple Ministry Opportunities
Offered 10 am - 5 pm
Gathering Place

Workshop: 10 am - Noon

Youth Ministries Programs Volunteers

Teachers & Assistants for a 3-Person Teaching Team

- Serve 1 Sunday a Month for 3 Months
- All Age Groups Available (Infants-Tweens)
- Training & Teaching Materials Provided

Workshop: 1 pm - 3 pm

First Impressions Volunteers

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

Workshop: 3 pm - 5 pm

Worship & Altar Ministries Volunteers

Altar Preparation, Communion Servers, Scripture Readers. All training provided.

0 - 100 years of experience welcome!

**RSVP to Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org
713-861-9149 x105**

Acts of Kindness....



Ever feel "prompted" to bless someone but don't really know what to do? Well, the Inspirations Book Store has one option for you. You can purchase a \$1.50 gift card which can be redeemed at the book store before or after services for a beverage of choice. What a nice thing to do for one of your Church family -- and it's as easy as walking into the Inspirations Book Store, purchasing one or more cards, and handing them out to the individual you'd like to bless. Buy a few to keep on hand -- who knows when you will be "prompted." It's quick, it's easy, it's a way of bringing a smile to someone's face and letting them know that you care, and that Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church is a place where small acts of kindness can be experienced!

EVERYONE IS INVITED

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT "CHALICE" OFFERING

DISCOVERING MY MINISTRY SPIRITUAL GIFTS

PRESENTED BY JASON WOOD

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS | AUGUST 19 & 26
7:30 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 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

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

Second Sunday Friend-Raiser Brunch

TODAY!

Activities Building, 12:30 pm

**Enjoy burgers and hotdogs
and meet some new friends.**

Mark your calendars now.

*Second Sunday Friend-Raiser Brunch
will be held on the Second Sunday of each
month from August to December!*



Proceeds benefit Imagine Campaign

Friday Night OUT August 28, 7 pm



Join us for dinner this month at
Champps Americana!

**1121 Uptown Park Blvd, Houston
713-627-2333
www.champps.com**

Join our group on Facebook: Resurrection MCC Friday Night Out
RSVP to FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org

Food Pantry
Mondays & Wednesdays
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Appointment Necessary:
713-861-9149 x103

**NONPERISHABLES
NEEDED:**

**Canned Meats,
Vegetables, Fruit, Juice,
Soup, Pasta, Rice, Beans**



We Can Do It!



I Want You!

Do you have a smile, a hello, and 20 minutes a month?
That's all it takes to be a part of the Welcome ministry.

Contact Jason at
Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org

**W.C. Woodrow
Memorial Dedication
Sunday, August 16, 10:15 am**

Fishers Net Prayer Ministry will dedicate a memorial tree and marker in honor of W. C. Woodrow's commitment to intercessory prayer. In spite of his life-long health challenges, he remained a passionate prayer beacon on behalf of the members and friends of Resurrection MCC. All are invited to join us after the 9 am service, on the bayou side of the church, near the side door that leads to the Chapel.



**Breakfast with the Board
Sunday, August 23, 9:30 – 10:30 am**

Would you like to sit down and have breakfast with our Board? Here is your opportunity! The board will host a series of breakfasts this year so that you can get to know us better. The first breakfast with the board is open to the first 30 people who RSVP to BoardDevelopment@ResurrectionMCC.org

We will get you in the sanctuary in time for the 11 am service!!



Everyone
Invited!

**Fishers Net
Prayer Ministry Breakfast**

August 30, 10:15 - 11:00 am
Chapel

Learn more about prayer, and discover more ways of how God wants abundance in your life and how we are all connected through Prayer!

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 if you would like to help!



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



We now have two collection bins as this program grows. We receive cash based on the weight of the paper collected.

**Advertise
with us.**

As low as \$25 / week.

Ads@ResurrectionMCC.org

Debbie Skelly
Board of Directors
Co-Director, Board Development



What gift do you want to bestow on this congregation? As I enter my third year of service on the Board, the gift that I want to bestow to the congregation is the desire to learn and the desire to work for the congregation. When I say desire to learn I have stepped out of my comfort zone on more than one occasion to learn as much as I possibly could about the different facets of church life. I am gifted with strong organizational skills and fairly good thinking skills. I decided to put those to use by serving on the by-laws committee as we took on the project of “revamping” and “redesigning” the look of the by-laws. I knew very little about governance at the time but as the committee met, I learned more and got to work with a very dedicated group of individuals on a long-term basis. Much the same can be said of my time in fundraising. My role as one of the golf tournament chairs morphed into helping with two casino nights and last year’s Last One Standing event at Meteor. I found that I had a gift for assisting in spite of the fact that I prefer to lead. Lasting friendships have been formed by my association with our fundraising efforts and I continue to make this one of my priorities.

What motivated you to join the BOD?

My motivation to seek a position on the Board was fueled by my desire to get more involved in Resurrection MCC. My partner, Janetta and I have been members for nine years and have both served in various capacities. I had been approached on several occasions and asked to consider running for the Board. In my real life, I am an administrator at a local high school and have had the opportunity to develop a skills set that would parallel service on the Board. I felt that it was the natural progression in my service to the church to seek a position on the Board. I can honestly say that I have probably gained more than I have given during my two and a half year tenure and I look forward to the eighteen months of service that lies ahead.

What would you suggest potential board applicants do to prepare for joining the Board?

If a member of the congregation is thinking and praying about seeking a position on the Board I would suggest that they get involved in various ministry opportunities. You never know what gifts you have to offer others unless you “step out” and try to discover what your gifts might be. We are in need of so many various little helpers around the church. It takes so little time to usher or to help with the children’s ministry or to serve on a committee. I would suggest taking a small step toward involvement and letting that lead you to considering making bigger commitments along the way. Being open to what God is calling and asking of you allows the doors to open to a variety of ways of service.

What do you want the congregation to know about its BOD? If I could tell the congregation one thing about the Board it would be the fact that the ten people who serve are committed individuals. Although we come from various walks of life and from various faith backgrounds, the overriding theme is service. Service to our God, service to our church and service to our fellow members and friends are the most important aspects of our group. I would want

our members and friends to know that although we might not always agree as a group, we put the church and its people as our first priority in all that we do.

Flo Perry
Board of Directors
Co-Director, Board Development



What turns you on creatively, spiritually or emotionally?

I am excited, energized and do my best work when I am in a space where people are authentic, open and honest and ALL are on the same page. When people come together for a common cause and are thinking strategically, looking for solutions without a preconceived “right answer,” and willing to push themselves and the group into uncharted territory, I find myself willing to work as long as it takes to accomplish our goals. My creativity is tapped, my soul soars, and I am truly in a good place.

What “pre-conception” about serving on the Board has proven to be untrue?

I thought being on the Board might be all-consuming of my time and energy and would delve into day-to-day minutiae which I’d find boring. Instead, I’ve learned that we are becoming a Policy Board versus a Working Board which simply means we work on higher level issues of the church—particularly achieving and maintaining the church’s financial stability. Our new Director roles are focused on particular areas which provide us with both clear responsibilities and accountability for our work. Monthly meetings are scheduled a year in advance and other meetings are dependent upon a Director’s project timeline. I found the time spent on Board work both manageable and extremely rewarding. I always seem to get back more than I give! I really wanted to serve this congregation and God, and I feel this is happening as a Director.

What would you suggest potential board applicants do to prepare for joining the Board?

First, second and third—pray. Next, talk to people—to church congregants, to the staff, to current Board members and do a “reality check” to determine whether or not you are in step with them. Do you understand the issues? Then, educate yourself about the Directors’ responsibilities. Next, assess your skill set and determine where you think your skill set would best be utilized. Don’t be shy. Talk to current Directors and tell them of your interest and what skill sets you would offer the Board. I’ve always most enjoyed my work when it matched my skills—just enough of a stretch to keep me growing but not too far beyond me to be successful at it. Any of the current Directors would be happy to coach you and provide you with information from which to make a decision to serve.

What gift do you want to bestow on this congregation?

The only gift that really matters: the gift of Love. I’d like everyone who steps foot into this church to feel that he/she is on Holy Ground—a place where all feel, know and believe that the Holy One loves us each and every one—a place where ALL are welcome both in word and in deed.



Fishers Net Prayer Ministry: A Dialogue with God

Ke a go rata, ke na le wena ka mehla yohle gomme nka se tsoge ke go tlogetše

Te amo, estoy siempre contigo y nunca te abandonaré
Ngiyanithanda, ngihlala nginani ngaso sonke isikhathi futhi angisoze nganishiya

Ek is baie lief vir jou en sal altyd by jouwees. Ek sal jou nooit alleen laat nie

**** I am always with you and I will never leave you ****

No matter what language we speak, God hears. "Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear." Isaiah 65:24

God is with you, yesterday, now and forever. We are assured of this throughout the bible and as Children of God and followers of Christ we are reminded again and again of God's love for each and every one of us. No matter your circumstances, needs, wants and desires. Call upon Jesus, reach out, accept and allow the Grace of God to protect you and the Love of God to keep. In Hebrews 13:5-6(NAS, inclusive) God proclaims to us, "Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for God has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you," so that we confidently say, "God is my helper, I will not be afraid. What will [can] people do to me?"

Dearest Creator Father Mother God, Thank you for my healing, my prosperity and pouring your Grace upon me. Open my heart, mind and soul to you now and always. You know my situation better than I. Please help me through and I thank you. Amen.

Would you like someone to pray with and over you? The Fishers Net Prayer Ministry is available for you in the chapel between services and at the Alter after the 11 am service. You can also email your intentions to Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org or place them in the Prayer box located in the Narthex.

Growing stronger in Christ and realizing our Prayers together.

~ Fishers Net Prayer Ministry ~

Need Prayer? Email: Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org

GLBT Solutions for Living Well
Professional Services Provided at Resurrection MCC



New Men's Group Therapy

Introducing The Gentlemen's Club, a place for guys to talk.

Resurrection Wellness Center

\$40 per group

Group is still open - Space limited.

Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Call Michael to sign up: 713-446-8034

Therapist:

Michael Mann, LCSW

Couples Group

Evening/Weekend. 1.5 hour session

Scheduled based on participant availability. Resurrection Wellness

Center \$55 per couple weekly

Call Tammy to sign up: 832-863-8221

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 Bagdanos, LPC-I

Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC



Adult Mixed Group

Wednesdays, 5:00 - 6:25 pm

Resurrection Wellness Center \$40 per group

Call Tammy to sign up: 832-863-8221

Co-Therapists:

Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC

Michael Mann, LCSW

Individual, family and couples therapy available.
Request MCC Rates.

Michael Mann, LCSW / 713-446-8034

Adolescents & Adults

Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC / 832-863-8221

Children, Adolescents & Adults

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. Please return in offering basket or by mail.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

*Prayer is not...idle amusement.
Properly understood and applied,
it is the most potent instrument of action.*

~ Mohandas K. Gandhi

Board Members on Duty

Eve Messina & Wayne Wiggins

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

Increase OUR Imagine Campaign Fund



How can YOU increase OUR Imagine Campaign Fund?
Here's how...

Simply refer or use my services as your Realtor, to Buy or Sell a home. Once the transaction is complete a donation in your name will be made to the Imagine Campaign.

Together we can make a difference!

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The Anointing, a non-profit ministry, is seeking individuals who have a desire to share their gifts and talents. Membership in the organization involves a minimal to moderate travel commitment within the State of Texas and various adjoining states. Participation is voluntary and there is no monetary compensation for time or service. Instrumentalists are expected to provide their own instruments. Practices are held on a regular basis every other week on Monday evening at 6:30 pm at Resurrection MCC and are a mandatory component of membership. The following positions are available: pianist, electric and acoustic guitar, alto voice and sound person. Other instruments would be considered. Please contact Steve Day at 832.455.3534 if you would like more information or to inquire.



Tickets on sale after
9 & 11 am services
Today in the Gathering Place

Kindred Spirits Dance
August 15, 2009 / Tickets \$20

It's not just a dance, it's a re-union

Flowers in the Sanctuary

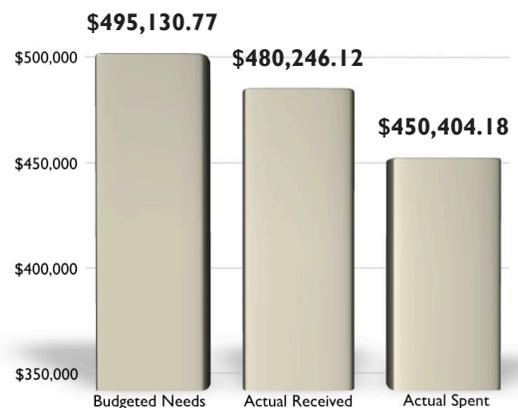
Consider donating flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special day.

Sign up on the Flower Chart in the Welcome Area.

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending August 2, 2009

		Week	Year
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>			
8/02/09	9:00 am	109	\$4,855.00
8/02/09	11:00 am	328	\$8,419.25
7/29/09	6:30 pm	19	\$22.00
* Opportunity Challenge			\$1,000.00
Special Services			\$4,430.64
Online Giving			\$1,463.72
Other Contributions			\$1,610.00
Total		456	\$17,369.97
<i>Other General Fund Income</i>			
Fundraising			\$89.25
Miscellaneous			474.90
Total Received			\$17,934.12
Budgeted Need			\$17,653.85
Total Surplus / (Deficit)			\$280.27 (\$14,884.65)
Total Imagine Capital Campaign			\$2,361.00 \$76,212.54



* Opportunity Challenge total includes the \$15,000 matching contribution.

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY

AUGUST 9

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini**
 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. Kristen Klein-Cechettini
 12:30 pm Second Sunday Friend-Raising Brunch *Activities Building*
 12:45 pm Holy Union Preparation Seminar *Activities Building #104*
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*

MONDAY

AUGUST 10

- 8:00 pm Nonprofit Consulting *Gathering Place*
 6:30 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Music Room*

TUESDAY

AUGUST 11

- 8:00 am Nonprofit Consulting *Gathering Place*
 7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Music Room*
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 12

- 8:00 am Nonprofit Consulting *Gathering Place*
 6:30 pm *Summer in the Spirit* Worship *Chapel*
 7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*
 7:00 pm Pastoral Care Ministers Training *Gathering Place*

THURSDAY

AUGUST 13

- 8:00 am Nonprofit Consulting *Gathering Place*
 5:30 pm Yoga for Bears (www.yogaforbears.com) *Activities Building*
 7:00 pm Yoga for Bears (www.yogaforbears.com) *Activities Building*
 7:00 pm AA Steps Study (Open) *Chapel*

FRIDAY

OFFICE CLOSED

AUGUST 14

No Events Scheduled.

SATURDAY

AUGUST 15

No Events Scheduled.

SUNDAY

AUGUST 16

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
 10:15 am W.C.Woodrow Memorial Dedication *Lawn near Chapel*
 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*