



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

21st Sunday After Pentecost

October 25, 2009

+ **Our Community Gathers**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Rev. Janice Ladd

+ **Exchange of Peace**

**Opening Praise & Worship**

## A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing,  
our present help amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe with craft and power great,  
and armed with cruel hate, on earth without an equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
but there is one who takes our side, the One of God's own choosing.

You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus sets us free!

With mighty power to save, victorious o'er the grave, Christ will prevail triumphant.

And though this world with evil filled should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear for God has willed the truth to triumph through us.

The powers of evil grim, we tremble not for them;  
their rage we can endure, for lo, their doom is sure: one little world shall fell them.

That word beyond all earthy powers forever is adibing;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us siding.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill; God's truth shall triumph still; God's reign endures forever.

## GOD OF WONDERS

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky,  
The heavens are Your tabernacle; glory to the Lord on high.

**chorus** God of Wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy;  
The universe declares Your majesty. You are holy, holy;  
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the Morning I will celebrate the light.  
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night. **repeat chorus**

**bridge** Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.  
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.  
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth. **repeat chorus**

+ **Invocation**

Rev. Mona Lopez

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

## We Gather

From many places  
we gather here. This  
is a high point of our  
week. We see our  
friends. We make  
new friends. And we  
spend time with The  
Friend -- the loving  
Christ who meets us  
where we are, as we  
are. In this Sanctuary  
we worship and  
through worship the  
courage within us  
is kindled to inspire  
courageous living  
beyond  
this place.

## We Hear the Word

A primary theme in the book of Job is the question of why faithful people suffer in this life. The story of Job challenges the common misperception that faithful living somehow automatically protects us from disasters, sickness, and family misfortune in our earthly lives. The struggles of Job's friends in wrestling with this misperception extend for thirty-four chapters. These friends were certain that Job's dilemma was a consequence of sinfulness, for which he had not repented. But even in his misery, Job defended his longstanding walk with God and insisted that his suffering was not a punishment from God for wrongdoing. If you have ever wondered why suffering is part of our human experience, even when we are faithful servants of God, you'll find the questions and answers in the book of Job both challenging and comforting. And if difficulties seem to chip away at your faith through daily struggles, stand firm. Greater is God who is in you, than the accuser who is in the world.

~ Sue Nilson Kibbey & Carolyn Slaughter from *Transformation Journal*, 109, adapted.

### First Reading

Loyal Kletzien (9 am)  
Ron Drumm (11 am)

#### *Psalm 34:1-8; 19-22*

<sup>1</sup> I will bless God always; praise will continually be on my lips! <sup>2</sup> My soul will boast about God -- let the oppressed hear it and be glad! <sup>3</sup> Glorify God with me, and let us celebrate God's name together! <sup>4</sup> I sought God, who answered me and freed me from all my fears. <sup>5</sup> Those who look to God are radiant, and their faces are never covered with shame. <sup>6</sup> The poor called out; God heard and saved them from all their troubles. <sup>7</sup> The angel of God encamps around those who worship and rescues them. <sup>8</sup> Taste and see how good God is! Joy comes to those who take refuge in God.

<sup>19</sup> Many are the afflictions of the just; but God will always bring them safely through. <sup>20</sup> God protects their very bones, and not one of them will be broken. <sup>21</sup> Vicious people are struck down by their own vicious deeds, and the haters of justice will be condemned. <sup>22</sup> God ransoms the lives of the faithful, and none who take refuge in God will see punishment.

### Response to the Word

#### TASTE AND SEE

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

### + Second Reading

Darren Terry

#### *Job 42:1-6; 10-17*

<sup>1</sup> Then Job answered God: <sup>2</sup> "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. <sup>3</sup> 'Who is obscuring my plans with such ignorant words?' you asked. That was me. I've been spouting off about things I can't understand, about wonders beyond my experience and my knowledge. <sup>4</sup> 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will ask the questions and you will answer me!' you said. <sup>5</sup> Formerly I knew you only by word of mouth, but now I see you with my own eyes. <sup>6</sup> And so I now take back all that I said, and repent in dust and ashes.

<sup>10</sup> After Job has prayed for his friends, God restored Job's prosperity, blessing him with twice as much as he had before. <sup>11</sup> Then all his sisters and brothers and everyone who had known him before visited Job and sat down and dined with him. They sympathized with him and comforted Job for all the suffering God had heaped upon him. Each of them gave Job a piece of silver and a gold ring.

<sup>12</sup> God blessed Job's latter days even more than his former life: he came to own 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 donkeys. <sup>13</sup> He also went on to have three daughters and seven sons. <sup>14</sup> He named the daughters Jemimah, Keziah and Keren-happuch. <sup>15</sup> In all the land there were no women as esteemed as the daughters of Job. And Job gave his daughters and sons equal shares of his inheritance.

<sup>16</sup> After this Job lived on to the age of 140 years -- long enough to see his great-grandchildren have children of their own. <sup>17</sup> And when Job died, he was old and full of days.

**Anthem**

Sanctuary Choir

**For the Beauty of the Earth**

*John Rutter*

**Spiritual Encouragement**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

**STANDING FAST: When Joy Comes in the Mourning**

**Reflection on the Message**

**HOLD TO GOD'S UNCHANGING HAND**

Trust in God who will not leave you. Whatsoever years may bring.  
If by earthly friends forsaken, still more closely to God cling.  
Hold to God's hand, God's unchanging hand.  
Hold to God's hand, God's unchanging hand.  
Build your hopes on things eternal. Hold to God's unchanging hand.

**Making Ministry Happen**

Rev. Janice Ladd

Offertory

HeavenSound Handbells

**Blessed Assurance**

**Communion**

Jason Wood

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

**Communion Songs**

**ALL WHO HUNGER**

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeking, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

**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.

## TASTE AND SEE

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

## FOR EVERYONE BORN

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
For everyone born, clean water and bread;  
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
For everyone born, a star overhead.

*chorus* And God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace;  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.

For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share;  
with wisdom and grace dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair. *repeat chorus*

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong. *repeat chorus*

For just and unjust a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live. *repeat chorus*

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free. *repeat chorus*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Jason Wood

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

+ **Singing Forth**

## WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you, we are the body of Christ.  
One goal, one vision: To see you exalted. We are the body of Christ.

And to this we give our lives to see you glorified.

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you, we are the body of Christ.

One goal, one vision: To see you exalted.

We are the body, we are the body, we are the body of Christ.

**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.

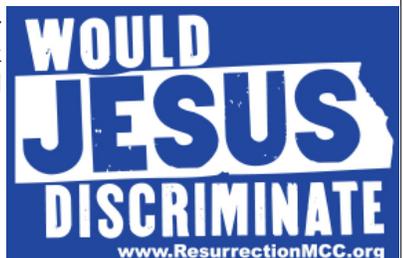
**We believe in** the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

**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!**



# Hate AND Bigotry

Hear Angela's story at a special community presentation sponsored by:

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Anti-Defamation League

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Wednesday – November 18, 2009  
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
The Emery/Weiner School – Becker Theater  
9825 Stella Link  
Houston, TX 77025

**A former skinhead recounts her life in the racist underground**

What drives a person to hate? How does hate transition from an emotion into an act of violence? What does it take to break free from hatred? What can be done to prevent hate and violence in our schools and the greater community?

Angela King grew up in South Florida, struggled with her identity, became disenfranchised, acted out through risky behaviors, and ultimately became a Skinhead. Skinheads became her "family." Crime became a way of life for her. In 1998, she was sentenced to six years in prison for her part in an armed robbery of a Jewish-owned video store in Hollywood, Florida. Today, Angela is a graduate student who speaks about her experiences with the hopes that she can prevent other soul searching students and young adults from finding solace and comfort in hate and bigotry.

The program is appropriate for high school students and adults. Seating is limited. RSVP's are REQUIRED to southwest@adl.org. Please include name, address, phone number and email address of each guest. Program Chairs: Jerry Axelrod and Sue Hauenstein

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offering from members and friends:

## ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Saturday, October 31  
10 am - Noon  
Gathering Place



**Get Real! Protect yourself and the ones you love with Estate Planning that works for you!**

Are you worried:

- That Texas laws will not protect your partner?
- About who can LEGALLY make your medical decisions for you if you cannot?
- About your partner having to fight over an inheritance from you?
- About your partner losing that inheritance to predators (such as creditors, lawsuits, etc.)?
- That your partner will pay more taxes upon your passing because the marital deduction is not available?

**Are you ready to take action?**

Listen to what attorney Al Vacek has to say about Real Time Estate Planning! He has practiced law in Houston for over 38 years and is Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He has prepared estate plans for more than 9,000 people, many of whom are members of the LGBT community who were concerned about protecting themselves and their families.

**Remember:**

Exceptional Estate Planning = Peace of Mind

LIFETIME PRESENTS  
**SIGOURNEY WEAVER**  
PRAYERS FOR  
**BOBBY**  
BASED ON A TRUE STORY

She loves everything about her son...  
except who he is.

**Friday Flix**  
**November 6**  
**7 pm**  
**Sanctuary**



### Fishers Net Prayer Ministry:

*A Dialogue with God*

Resources are all around. God's angels are all around. God's love and Grace enfolds nurtures and sustains us all and prayer keeps us in communication, aligned and in dialogue with God. But what happens when we are unable to see God's angels, feel the love of God and unable to pray for ourselves? Resources are here for you and me alike to assist in the valleys of life. We are so blessed to have so many angels around us. So many people, sent by God to include, lend an ear to listen, a shoulder to cry on, a friend to laugh and share.

The Fishers Net Prayer Ministry is here for you now. Intercessory prayer is when we need that extra prayer of encouragement and connection with God. And not only is God listening, but God has sent angels. We have a wonderful caring clergy and staff. We have Pastoral Care Ministers; those who have been trained to provide Pastoral Care services. We have a Wellness Center where we can obtain services from Licensed Professional Counselors and a Certified Spiritual Director.

Isaiah 65:24 and John 16:24 provides encouragement in times of personal need, "before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear." "...Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."

Dear Sustainer Mother Father God, thank you for all the resources at hand. Help me today and this week to reach out for assistance. Help me this week to reach out away from myself to help others. Dear God, fill me with your loving and sustaining light, so I will truly know my cup is running over with your love. Thank you for my healing, my progression and compassion towards myself and others. Amen

*Growing stronger in Christ and realizing our Prayers together.*

~ Fishers Net Prayer Ministry ~

# The Chalice

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

## WEDNESDAYS

*The Promise of the Cup:  
Seeking the Presence of God  
we become that which we seek.*

### Community Meal

6:00 - 6:30 pm | Activities Building  
*simple supper, open to all*

### Spiritual Deepening

6:30 - 7:00 pm | Activities Building  
*new & ancient practices of prayer,  
meditation & worship*

### Life Development Offerings

7:00 - 8:30 pm  
*three classes, many paths . . .  
where will you journey?*

## Exciting Fall Offerings Through The Chalice

### **Achieving Change: Community Partners** Oct 14 - Nov 4

Making a difference in the world, living love into the world by making justice and practicing peace - this faithful passion is shared by many within and beyond our community of faith. Each of the four weeks of our series will be hosted by an organization in our extended community which is committed to creating a more just and peace-filled world for all – and specifically for those of us in the Queer community. Join us for one or all of this series to learn about the people who are achieving change for us. Enjoy the presentations, be inspired by the personal stories, engage with opportunities for Q&A, and who knows? You might discover a new venue to share your passion for justice! This open offering will be facilitated by Director of Outreach Mark Eggleston in partnership with organizational leaders for this series.

### **Living the Questions II** Sep 23 - Nov 18

LtQ2 is an open-minded and progressive video-based conversation exploring what's next for Christianity. Segments include conversations with leading voices of faith, sermon and lecture clips, digital stories illustrating aspects of an evolving faith, and concrete spiritual practices and disciplines. Featuring such exciting and influential theological voices as John Shelby Spong, Yvette Flunder, Matthew Fox, and Mel White this series includes An Invitation to Journey, Taking the Bible Seriously, Thinking Theologically, Stories of Creation, Lives of Jesus, A Passion for Christ: Paul, Out into the World: Challenges Facing Progressive Christians. This ongoing series facilitated by members of the Spiritual Growth and Education Team can be experienced as independent segments or as an ongoing conversation – open to all!

### **Soul Expressions Workshop (full)** Sep 23 - Oct 28

We are all creative. We are all artists. We are all holy. The Soul Expressions workshops will include guided imagery, body awareness, collage and other forms of visual expression as well as opportunities for journaling and contemplation. NO PREVIOUS ART EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED. The first session of this 6-week series facilitated by Spiritual Director Cathleen Sheil will be open to all. Come and join us and decide whether you want to commit to the next 5 weeks.

## ACHIEVING CHANGE: COMMUNITY PARTNERS SERIES

Wednesdays  
7 - 8:30 pm  
Activities Building

October 14: Equality Texas

October 21: PFLAG

October 28: HRC

November 4: HATCH

Paul Guillory, Diversity Co-chair and Elisa Vega-Burns, Diversity Committee member, will lead a presentation and dialogue about the Human Rights Campaign (HRC). The presentation will give an overview of the national impact, and also discuss how we are impacting the local community, and looking for more opportunities to do so, by partnering with organizations such as Resurrection MCC, and opening ourselves to communicate more effectively.

EQUALITY  
TEXAS



HATCH



## EVERYONE IS INVITED

### NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT "CHALICE" OFFERING

## DISCOVERING MY MINISTRY SPIRITUAL GIFTS

PRESENTED BY JASON WOOD

WEDNESDAY NIGHT | OCTOBER 28  
7 - 8:30 PM

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 Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org.

## Get Connected to a First Impressions Ministry

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

### Concierge Desk

**Sol Lara**

[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

**Ana Tarver**

[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.

### 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.**



## Come! Celebrate Christmas

*Worship Arts Department Christmas Musical*

All of our Worship Arts Ministries will be working together to present this powerful musical during both services on Sunday, December 20th. An open invitation is extended to anyone who enjoys singing to join us in the music room for this season to sing in the musical.

### Rehearsal Dates

Tuesdays, October 20 - November 24, 7:45 - 8:45 pm

Tuesdays, December 1 - 15, 7:20 - 8:45 pm

Saturday, December 12, 2:00 - 5:30 pm

Saturday, December 19, 6:30 pm - ???

Anyone interested in working on the coordination/backstage/production side of the musical is invited to come be a part of the visioning process. We will be meeting in the music room October 11th, 3:00 - 4:30 pm.



## Praisin' Puppets

**raisin' hands & reachin' hearts**

Join the Worship Arts Department's brand new Puppet Ministry!

**Starting TODAY!**

Sundays, 3 - 4:30 pm, Activities Building  
Ages 14 and over, adults preferred.



### Evers Family Takes Top Honors

The Resurrection Children's Ministry would like to honor the Evers Family for its commitment to kids during the Summer Season! Diona, Jacob, and Dylan had excellent attendance in Children's Church during the warm summer months! Their love for each other and God is evident in the awesome way that they care for each other!  
Way to go, family!



Providing Spiritual Direction for individuals and groups at Resurrection MCC.

Sliding Scale fees available for Resurrection members and friends.

First session is free.

Cathleen Sheil, MA  
Certified Spiritual Director  
[sacredjourney2@aol.com](mailto:sacredjourney2@aol.com)  
713-304-9913



## EQUALITY MINISTRY MEETING

**Monday, November 2  
6:30 pm, Gathering Place**

Join our new team lead, Ryan Rolston, as we discuss recent accomplishments and exciting upcoming activities!

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



## CELEBRATE THE SAINTS CONCERT

**All Saints Day Concert  
featuring Rev. Carolyn Mobley**

**Sunday  
November 1  
6 pm  
Sanctuary**



Join us as we celebrate the lives of those whose love has made us who we are. Rev. Carolyn Mobley will be leading us in worship along with many of our musicians from Resurrection's Worship Arts Department.

We'll be displaying photos of loved ones who have joined the great cloud of witnesses. If you have a photo you would like included, please email to [Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org) by Monday, October 26.

## IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

**Saturday, November 7, 3 - 4:30 pm  
Gathering Place**

This group is open to ALL, and requires no prior experience with drumming. Join us!

For more information, contact Denise Junious.

[DrumCircle@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:DrumCircle@ResurrectionMCC.org)

[www.meetup.com/DrummingCircle](http://www.meetup.com/DrummingCircle)

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

*offering from members and friends:*

## LIVING THE AUTHENTIC LIFE

**Friday, November 13  
7 - 8 pm  
Gathering Place**

Micki Grimland will talk about when we all meet our maker, He will not ask us "How much like Jesus were you?" He will say, "How much like Micki were you? What did you do with the Micki that I gave you to be? Did you live into her fully? Did you live in Truth? Did you learn your lessons?"



Micki was married for 24 years in the suburbs with 3 beautiful daughters and a good husband. However, she secretly wrestled with her homosexuality the entire time. When life thrust her into the encounter with her truth she began to truly live into the scripture text, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free." Micki will share her personal story of her authentic struggle into her truth and will share the redemptive faith and mercy of God that lead her through the dark night of her soul into freedom. We hope to see you there.

Micki, 52, and her life partner, Sharon, married in 2007. She has 3 daughters, Taylor, 22, Haley, 20 and Cami, 15. She is Owner and Chief Psychotherapist of Southwest Psychotherapy and Associates in Southwest Houston and has been in practice for 27 years. Her epitaph will read, "She sucked the marrow out of life."

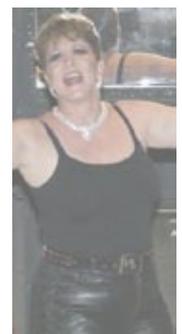
**featuring Clay Hardy,  
Rosemary Smith, Dr.  
Jacqueline Chambers,  
Cassandra White, and  
Strange'**

A fabulous concert featuring great live performers, drag entertainers and more. You won't want to miss this exciting afternoon of fun and prizes!

**\$50 Raffle Tickets** available in Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop, online at [www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org), and from any board or staff member.

**Grand Prize: \$2,500  
(Odds of winning 1:299)**

**Second, Third, Fourth, & Fifth  
Prize: \$250  
(Odds of winning 4:299)**



**Sunday  
November 8  
3 pm  
Bayou City Bar & Grill  
2409 Grant St  
Houston, 77006  
[www.bayoucitybar.com](http://www.bayoucitybar.com)**



# LGBTQ Solutions for Living Well

Professional Services Provided at  
Resurrection MCC Wellness Center

## Connections

A 12-Session  
Psychoeducational  
Shame-Resilience  
Curriculum



Revised and Expanded  
Brene Brown, Ph.D., LMSW

Are you broken?  
Do you feel a need to be fixed?

**There is hope for change,  
empowerment and living  
authentically!**

Connections:

A 12-Session Psychoeducational Shame  
Resilience Curriculum

Facilitated by Tammy S. Fountain,  
LPC, ATR-BC

Mondays

October 5 - December 21, 6 - 7:15 pm

Course developed by Brene Brown, PhD, LMSW, researcher,  
educator & writer. Learn to identify and overcome shame  
through exercises, handouts and lecture.

In order to provide a safe place for discussion and healing  
from experiences unique to people of  
sexual orientation or gender identity difference,  
group limited to LGBTQ participants.

Fee: \$520 in installments, \$480 in full



## Adult Mixed Group

\$40 per group. Tuesdays beginning September 15.

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Call Tammy at 832-863-8221

Co-Therapists:

Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC  
Michael Mann, LCSW

## New Men's Group Therapy The Gentlemen's Club

Are you stressed out, worried, or  
depressed? Struggling to balance a job and  
a family without everything falling apart?

This group provides a safe space to talk  
about issues affecting men today, ranging  
from relationships/family issues, financial/  
job related stress, depression, anxiety, grief,  
and major life changes.

\$40 per group.

Group open, space limited.

Mondays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Call Michael at 713-446-8034

Therapist: 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



**Have you ever thought about wanting to get  
involved with MCC and learn what our fellowship  
denomination is all about? Well . . . here are ten  
reasons:**

10. To participate in communion and not be a member  
of the congregation.

9. Conferences are held in locations fit for a vacation.

8. Multiculturalism.

7. To join in the movement for civil rights for all people.

6. Just to go to church with people who may be like  
you.

5. Fellowship.

4. Diverse worship experiences.

3. To learn that God is a God of love for all people.

2. Spiritual Improvement.

1. To experience the radical and inclusive love of Jesus  
Christ!!!

To touch on # 9, our General Conference will be held  
next year in Acapulco starting June 28 - July 2, 2010. We

hope to see you there! See any of your Lay Delegates  
for details: Kedric Brown, Kecia Bullock, Vicki Hopper,  
or Jerry Reitz. We may also be reached via email:

LayDelegates@ResurrectionMCC.org

## 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.**



**Life Changing - Spiritually Renewing - Christ Focused**

Excel's focus is "Living in Union with Christ," and holds to the belief that all of God's children are welcome into a relationship and communion with God.

Come and learn that through prayer we all can experience God, through study we learn more about God and through our actions we share the love of Christ with the world by making friends, being a friend and sharing Christ with our friends.

**October 30 – November 1, 2009**

**Friday 6:00 p.m. thru Sunday 3:00 p.m.**

**The Christian Renewal Center, Dickinson, Texas.**

Registration at [www.excelofthearmadillo.org](http://www.excelofthearmadillo.org) or email [excelinhouston@yahoo.com](mailto:excelinhouston@yahoo.com)

Total cost is \$100.00 per person, which includes two nights lodging, six full meals, and memories to last a lifetime.

**Sign up today in the Gathering Place!**

**Stewardship Thought for the Week**

*If thou thinkest twice before thou speakest once, thou wilt speak twice the better for it.*

~ William Penn

**Board Members on Duty**

Len Shelton & Debbie Skelly

*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!*

**suzanne anderson** PROPERTIES

713-822-8555

[www.SellingHomesInHouston.com](http://www.SellingHomesInHouston.com)

**Pamela Efferson, Realtor**

**Guys, isn't it time to find out how yoga fits you? Come join Yoga for Bears**



**Yoga for Bears**

Thursday, 5:30P & 7P

Saturday, 10:00A & 11:15A

—at Resurrection MCC

**[www.yogaforbears.com](http://www.yogaforbears.com)**

\*Non bears always welcome

**Healing Hands of Universal Love**

The HoChi Institute will be conducting a FREE Healing Touch class at Resurrection MCC on Saturday, November 7, from 9 am - 4:30 pm in the Chapel. It is open to all but reservations are needed as space is limited.



**Reserve: [HoustonMKD@cs.com](mailto:HoustonMKD@cs.com)**

HoChi is the discipline of utilizing our spiritual energy to connect to the resource of healing light energy in the universe, to open channels for Compassion (comfort to others) Wisdom (understanding releases us from limiting beliefs) & Harmony (balance in our lives) to promote health in body and soul.

**[www.HoChi.org](http://www.HoChi.org)**

**Flowers in the Sanctuary**

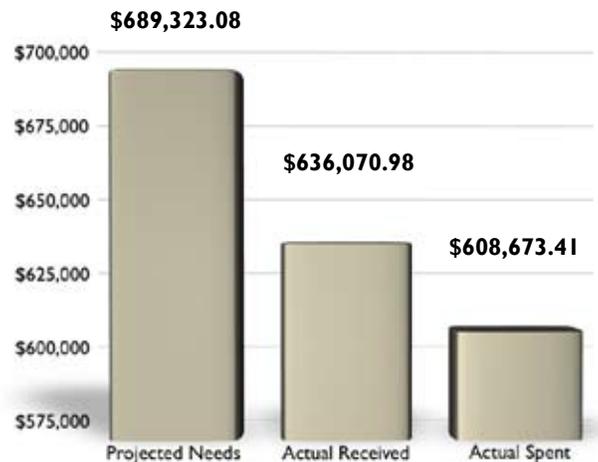
Consider donating flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special day.

Sign up on the Flower Chart in the Welcome Area.

**General Fund Financial Report**

**Week Ending October 18, 2009**

		<b>Week</b>	<b>Year</b>
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings</i>			
10/18/09 9:00 am	109	\$1,301.00	\$130,540.54
10/18/09 11:00 am	325	\$7,902.68	\$273,502.33
10/14/09 6:30 pm	18	\$56.00	\$3,953.02
Special Services			\$4,474.64
Online Giving		\$1,282.78	\$53,056.61
Other Contributions		\$570.00	\$112,700.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>\$11,112.46</b>	<b>\$578,227.36</b>
<i>Other General Fund Income</i>			
Fundraising		\$300.00	\$3,349.65
Miscellaneous		\$1,028.67	\$54,493.97
<b>Total Received</b>		<b>\$12,441.13</b>	<b>\$636,070.98</b>
<b>Projected Need per Budget</b>		<b>\$17,653.85</b>	<b>\$689,323.08</b>
<b>Total Exceeded Need / (Did Not Meet Need)</b>		<b>(\$5,212.72)</b>	<b>(\$53,252.10)</b>
<b>Total Imagine Capital Campaign</b>		<b>\$1,154.34</b>	<b>\$92,185.06</b>



# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 25

**9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**  
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome) *Chapel*  
 10:15 am Adeste Praise Band Rehearsal *Sanctuary*  
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*  
**11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**  
 12:45 pm Pastoral Care Ministers Lunch *Activities Building*  
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*  
 3:00 pm Praisin' Puppets Rehearsal *Activities Building #212*

## MONDAY OCTOBER 26

6:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting *Gathering Place*

## TUESDAY OCTOBER 27

7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Music Room*  
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Sanctuary*  
 7:45 pm Christmas Musical Rehearsal *Music Room*

## WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28

6:00 pm The Chalice: Community Meal *Activities Building*  
 6:30 pm The Chalice: Spiritual Deepening *Activities Building*  
 7:00 pm Achieving Change: HRC *Activities Building*  
 7:00 pm Living the Questions II *Activities Building*  
 7:00 pm Soul Expressions Workshop *Activities Building*  
 7:00 pm Spiritual Gifts Class *Activities Building*

## THURSDAY OCTOBER 29

5:30 pm Yoga for Bears ([www.yogaforbears.com](http://www.yogaforbears.com)) *Activities Building*  
 7:00 pm Yoga for Bears ([www.yogaforbears.com](http://www.yogaforbears.com)) *Activities Building*  
 7:00 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Music Room*

## FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED OCTOBER 30

*No Events Scheduled.*

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 31

10:00 am Estate Planning Seminar (see ad, p. 6) *Gathering Place*  
 10:00 am Yoga for Bears ([www.yogaforbears.com](http://www.yogaforbears.com)) *Activities Building*  
 11:15 am Yoga for Bears ([www.yogaforbears.com](http://www.yogaforbears.com)) *Activities Building*  
 1:00 pm Future Clergy Meeting *Workroom*

## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

**9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Janice Ladd**  
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome) *Chapel*  
 10:15 am Adeste Praise Band Rehearsal *Sanctuary*  
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*  
**11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Janice Ladd**  
 12:45 pm First Impress. Team Lead Lunch *Activities Building #104*  
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*  
 3:00 pm Praisin' Puppets Rehearsal *Activities Building #212*  
 6:00 pm Celebrate the Saints Concert *Sanctuary*