



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

January 17, 2010

Prelude

Jason & deMarco

Be the Light!

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini
Jason Wood

+ **Exchange of Peace**

+ **Hymn**

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.

+ **Invocation**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Worship

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.

The piece was 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 Hear the Word

The Invocation litany was created from *A Pastoral Prayer* offered by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1956. At that time Rev. King was serving as the pastor at the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. He had recently begun to take an active leadership role in the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which resulted in the U. S. Civil Right Movement 1955 – 1968 and placed him at the forefront of this historic, non-violent, social-justice movement.

Rev. King's prayer is recorded in *Conversations With God: Two Centuries of Prayers by African Americans* edited by Dr. James Melvin Washington and is shared in worship today in honor of our nation's MLK holiday and in celebration of the anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birth on January 15, 1929.

First Reading

Marty Williams (9 am)
Chris DeJohn (11 am)

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹ Now dear sisters and brothers, I want to instruct you on the matter of spiritual gifts. ² Remember how, when you were still nonbelievers, you were drawn to mute idols and led astray by them?

³ It is for this reason that I want you to understand that no one can be speaking under the influence of the Holy Spirit and say, "Curse Jesus!" By the same token, no one can say, "Jesus Christ reigns supreme," unless under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are a variety of gifts, but always the same Spirit. ⁵ There are a variety of ministries, but we serve the same God. ⁶ There are a variety of outcomes, but the same God is working in all of them. ⁷ To each person is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one, the Spirit gives wisdom in discourse; to another, the word of knowledge through the same Spirit. ⁹ Through the Spirit, one person receives faith; through the same Spirit, another is given the gift of healing; ¹⁰ and still another, miraculous powers. Prophecy is given to one; to another, power to distinguish one spirit from another. One receives the gift of tongues; another, that of interpreting tongues. ¹¹ But it is one and the same Spirit who produces all these gifts and distributes them as she wills.

Response to the Word

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art.

+ Second Reading

Bill O'Roarke (9 am)
Jules Gauvin (11 am)

John 2:1-11

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴ And Jesus said to her, 'Mother, what does that have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵ His mother said to those waiting on the tables, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

God's Preparing Me

Words & Music by Carol Antrom

Filling the G.A.P.P.

Response to the Message

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How great thou art, how great thou art.

Making Ministry Happen

Denise Lippy & Nichole Mai

Offertory

Jason & deMarco

Bridge Over Troubled Water

Communion

Rev. Janice Ladd

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

Communion Songs

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.

God of Wonders

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.

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

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.

**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 at the Side Altar during communion and 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.

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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.

One Bread, One Body

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord.
Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman and man, no more.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord.
Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord.
Grain for the Fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord.

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
consider all the works thy hands have made.

I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, How great thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim; my God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, How great thou art!

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ **Benediction**

Jason Wood

Postlude

Joel Hammett

FILLING THE G.A.P.P.

G _____ : I need to discover my _____ .

A _____ : What are my particular _____ or _____ ?

P _____ : Life Changing _____ or _____ .

P _____ : Areas of _____ ; Where my _____ is.

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Children & Youth Worship

Sunday, 11 am

Nursery

Sunday, 9 & 11 am

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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 one month through three 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. Because of our faith we are called to: do justice, show kindness, and live humbly with God (Micah 6:8); explore life's questions with open hearts and minds; raise our voices in sacred defiance against exclusion, whether religious, political or systemic; reach out to those with no hope; equip new generations of remarkable, far-reaching spiritual activists.

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!



The Chalice

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

Wednesdays

Community Gathering

6:00 - 6:30 pm | Activities Building

bring a brown bag or enjoy a light snack
while you meet new friends.

Wednesday Worship

6:30 - 7:00 pm | Activities Building

spiritual encouragement, song, and prayer

Life Development Offerings

7:00 - 8:30 pm | Activities Building

three classes, many paths . . .
where will you journey?

Offering One

Open to All

LIVING THE QUESTIONS II

JANUARY 6 - FEBRUARY 10

Living the Questions is an exciting, intellectually rigorous, video-based conversation exploring Christianity in the new millennium. Encouraging questions and unsettling answers, this series is for engaged seekers desiring authentic engagement with the Christian faith. Segments include conversations with leading Christian scholars and ministers, sermon and lecture clips, digital stories illustrating aspects of an evolving faith, and concrete spiritual practices and disciplines. This season we will consider such topics as: Jesus as Prophet; The Myth of Redemptive Violence; and Reclaiming Faith. This series facilitated by members of the Spiritual Growth and Education Team can be experienced as independent segments or as an ongoing conversation.

Offering Two

Open to All

THE FOUR AGREEMENTS

JANUARY 6 - FEBRUARY 10

With the practice of The Four Agreements we free ourselves from the chaos and conflict which arises when our thoughts, feelings and actions are at odds with our spiritual intentions. Very simply, we ask ourselves: Am I honoring myself and others with my word? Do I take responsibility for my beliefs and my choices, and understand that the choices of others indicate their realities and not mine? Am I open to seeing and hearing beyond the confines of my personal perceptions? Where can I increase my attention to these practices and thus my honor for all life? Living with greater harmony, freedom and integrity is the intention and the result of these practices. Join us!

Co-facilitated by Denise Junious, Spiritual Growth & Education Team Lead, and Vickey Gibbs, Student in Ministry.

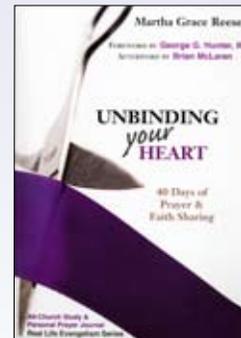
Send questions to FourAgreements@ResurrectionMCC.org



Connection Groups

Coming Soon . . .

February 24 - March 31



Many of us are trying to figure out how to meet someone around here! How do you find potential friends? How do you begin conversations? You may want to check out Connection Groups. Join us for a six-week Lenten study of Unbinding Your Heart: 40 days Prayer and Faith Sharing! Unbinding Your Heart is an incredible small group study that focuses on untying the knots that keep us from living exciting lives in the Spirit. We will learn to unbind the Good News that God adores us and everyone else! The small group will provide an opportunity to share our love of God with one another, build relationships upon passion for our faith, and prepare ourselves to lead our congregation in boldly sharing God's love.

We hope to have everyone connected in this study during Lent: February 24 - March 31. We will have groups available every Wednesday night, many throughout the city at different times, and even an online group. Stop by the Gathering Place to sign up for a group. Let us know if you are interested in being a Connection Group Host. Training will be available on February 6, 2010.

"The heart of evangelism emerges from the interaction of these three sets of relationships: our personal relationships with God, healthy congregational relationships, and caring about people who don't have a conscious connection with Christ. The heart of evangelism is being in love with God, being part of a church you love and caring about other people who do not know that faith."

-- from *Unbinding Your Heart*
by Martha Grace Reese

IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

**Saturday, February 6
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
www.meetup.com/DrummingCircle

Drum Circle is hosted monthly on the first Saturday.



Fishers Net Prayer Ministry:

A Dialogue with God

Is it cold enough for you? Growing up in the northern states of the U.S. I heard this saying a lot. As if the temperatures were not cold enough when already below freezing. So what about inside each of us? What about our heart and soul? Is it cold or warm? Within Ecclesiastes 4:11 a commonly quoted scripture tells us "Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm alone?" Within the surrounding verses the writer talks about working together and putting our faith in God and not within worldly items. We can also look at this scripture with prayer in mind. When we pray individually, having dialogue with God, we are connected to God, our source energy. Energy is warm, tingling and inviting; and when we are connected with God, we feel this energy. So what happens when we pray together? When we pray as a whole, collectively, we can create more energy, more connection and more warmth. People, who feel they lost connection, can be assisted by those sending and receiving prayers to God, self, and those around us within prayers, making us all warmer and more connected with God.

This week, spend some time with others in prayer. This can be done in person or apart at a prescribed time. A time when two or more can connect to each other and connect with God collectively. Feeling the warm, love and compassion which only God, Jesus Christ our savior can provide. And when we pray together, the answer to the question "is it cold enough for you?" will be a resounding no; as we will always be warm with God in our hearts.

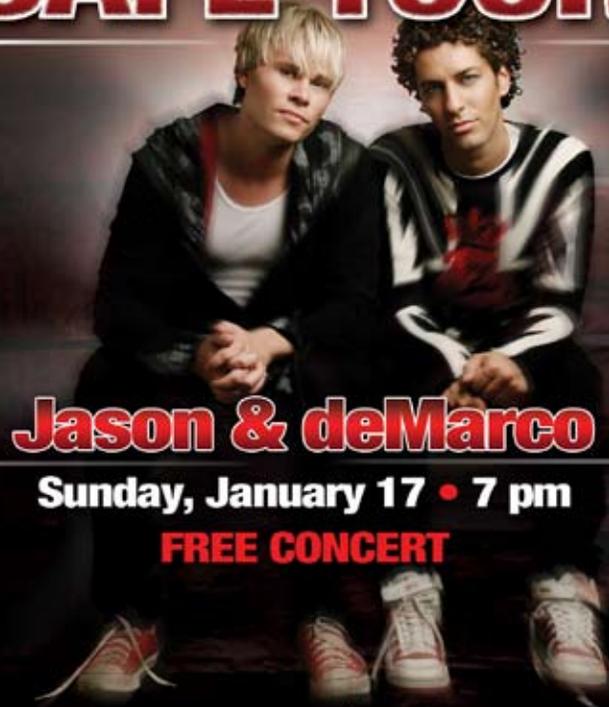
Dear Mother Father Creator God, this week provide a time when I can connect with you and others through prayer. Help me to reach out away from myself, exchanging your Light with others and receiving more of your Light and Life within me. Dear God, Oh Holy One, I thank and praise you for all you have, are, and will do. 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 side 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 ~

SAFE TOUR



Jason & deMarco

Sunday, January 17 • 7 pm

FREE CONCERT

Resurrection
Metropolitan Community Church

The Gospel Ensemble Presents

We Are The Ones We've Been Waiting For



February 21, 2010 at 4pm

Join Resurrection MCC's Gospel Ensemble and Friends as we share the many different forms of African American Gospel Music through song, drumming and praise dancing.

The music will be as varied as Sweet Honey in the Rocks', We Are The Ones We've Been Waiting For to Jonathan Nelson's Champions.

Come ready to sing, dance and maybe even shout!

WORSHIP ARTS

Resurrection MCC is so blessed to have a number of groups to minister at our worship services. Auditions are not required, but a desire to worship and share is. Feel free to visit any rehearsals to see which group might be the right place for you to serve.

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

Directed by Steven Ponder, 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.

RESURRECTION SINGERS

Thursdays • 7 pm

Directed by CC, this small vocal ensemble serves as both a corporate worship leadership team for congregational song, and sharing through a wide variety of styles of music. Reading music is very helpful and regular rehearsal participation is required.

ANGELS IN MOTION

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.

ADESTE PRAISE BAND

Sundays • 8:00 am

Directed by Jason Wood, this group will provide corporate leadership in worship through accompanying congregational song and pieces from other ensembles. Moderate to advanced level of proficiency on your instrument required.

If you have interest in any of these groups, please email Worship@ResurrectionMCC.org

Get Connected to a First Impressions Ministry

Concierge Desk

Wendy Hand

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

Looking for new friendly faces and volunteers for this ministry! Provide outstanding customer service in an atmosphere of fellowship for people to make connections.

Second Family Care Partners

Kristia Ammerman

SecondFamily@ResurrectionMCC.org

This care team acts as extended family and friends, offering emotional, practical, and spiritual support. Meets for lunch first Sundays of the month at 12:30 pm.

Ushers

Dave Mathis

Ushers@ResurrectionMCC.org

We need ushers for 9 & 11 am Sunday Worship Services. Teams serve one service (either 9 or 11 am) each month. Remember, "No one is *JUST* an usher."

Welcome Team

Donna McRoberts

[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 or 832-971-0354.



Sunday, March 14

Sam Houston Park

Check-In at 8 am. Walk begins at 10 am.

Join your Resurrection family as we continue the fight against HIV & AIDS.

To donate or join the team, visit
www.ResurrectionMCC.org
 and click on the AIDS Walk Houston link!

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.



A Ministry Both Deep and Wide: Communion & Prayer in Worship

After a lengthy time of discernment regarding how best to support congregational growth and maturity with respect to the understanding and practice of communion, we will be introducing a Prayer Ministry element during the service of communion in 2010.

Understanding and honoring the distinction between the sacrament of communion and the practice of intercessory prayer fosters maturation from human-centered to Christ-centered communion liturgy. Humility and personal relationship with Christ are supported by a communion practice which is centered on the bread and the cup – the offering of Christ in the liturgy of the table. That said, healing and uplifting through intercessory prayer – one person praying over another person or on another person's behalf – is a powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit, distinct from the liturgy of communion. We hope to honor both gifts – Christ in communion, the Holy Spirit in intercessory prayer – more intentionally and specifically.

Beginning January 10, identified Prayer Ministers will be available during Communion to provide intercessory prayer. They will be located near the Side Altar, to the right of the Chancel in the Sanctuary. Communion Servers will offer the sacrament of the bread and cup of Christ with a blessing while those desiring intercessory prayer will proceed to the Prayer Ministers; ushers will assist as necessary. Additional opportunity for prayer partnering with Prayer Ministers will be available following the 9 am service in the Chapel, and following the 11 am service by the Side Altar.

This is an exciting time to become a part of worship in a special way! If you have ever felt the stirring to share Christ with others through a simple blessing with bread and cup, now would be a wonderful time to say "Yes!" and become a Communion Server. In addition, if you feel called to enter into prayer over or for your brothers and sisters in worship, please join our new Prayer Ministers group. Contact Rev. Kristen at RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org to find out more about serving as part of the Altar Ministry!



Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor New Enrollment Period

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. During the last program period, Resurrection MCC earned almost \$2,000!

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 KrogerPlus 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.

RESURRECTION METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Additional information available at
www.krogerneighbortoneighbor.com

Kroger cashier: Please scan customer's KrogerPlus Card at the beginning of the order, and then scan the above barcode. The customer's KrogerPlus Card is now enrolled in the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program.

LGBTQ Solutions for Living Well

Professional Services Provided at
Resurrection MCC Wellness Center

Connections

A 12-Session
Psychoeducational
Shame-Resilience
Curriculum



Revised and Expanded
Based on the 2008 LMSW

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

*Connections: A 12-Session
Psychoeducational Shame
Resilience Curriculum*

**Tuesdays,
February 2 - April 20, 6-7:15pm**

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

Call 832-863-8221

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.



Women's Group Forming

*Focused on, but not limited to, improving self-esteem,
identity clarification and establishing healthy relationships.*

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

Call 832-863-8221



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.

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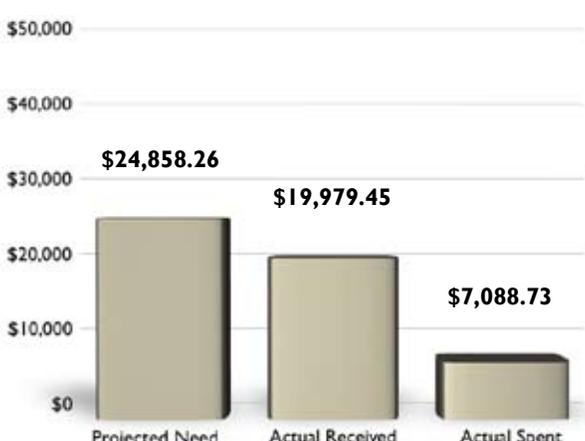
Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Happy 11th Birthday, Brandon!!

Love, Mimi

| General Fund Financial Report | | | | Week Ending January 10, 2010 | |
|--|------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Tithes & Offerings | | Week | Year | | |
| 01/10/10 9:00 am | 126 | \$3,440.00 | \$4,459.00 | | |
| 01/10/10 11:00 am | 377 | \$6,439.30 | \$10,739.18 | | |
| 01/06/10 6:30 pm | 72 | \$62.65 | \$62.65 | | |
| Special Services | | | | | |
| Online Giving | | \$1,215.00 | \$2,731.11 | | |
| Other Contributions | | \$938.77 | \$938.77 | | |
| Total | 575 | \$12,095.72 | \$18,930.71 | | |
| <i>Other General Fund Income</i> | | | | | |
| Fundraising | | \$12.00 | \$12.00 | | |
| Miscellaneous | | \$661.74 | \$1,036.74 | | |
| Total Received | | \$12,769.46 | \$19,979.45 | | |
| Projected Need per Budget | | \$18,358.26 | \$24,858.26 | | |
| Total Exceeded Need / (Did Not Meet Need) | | (\$5,588.80) | (\$4,878.81) | | |
| Total Imagine Capital Campaign | | \$1,275.00 | \$8,430.00 | | |



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| Projected Need | Actual Received | Actual Spent |
| \$24,858.26 | \$19,979.45 | \$7,088.73 |

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY JANUARY 17

| | | |
|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| 8:00 am | Adeste Praise Band Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| 9:00 am | Sunday Worship / Jason Wood | |
| 10:15 am | Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome) | Chapel |
| 10:45 am | Youth Ministries Program | Activities Building |
| 11:00 am | Sunday Worship / Jason Wood | |
| 1:30 pm | HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal | Music Room |
| 7:00 pm | Jason & deMarco Concert: Safe Tour | Sanctuary |

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED JANUARY 18

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| 7:00 pm | Krewe of Olympus Rehearsal | Activities Building |
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TUESDAY JANUARY 19

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| 1:00 pm | US Census Testing | Gathering Place |
| 6:00 pm | US Census Testing | Gathering Place |
| 7:00 pm | Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal | Music Room |
| 7:00 pm | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| 7:00 pm | Krewe of Olympus Rehearsal | Activities Building |

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20

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|---------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 6:00 pm | The Chalice: Community Gathering | Activities Building |
| 6:30 pm | The Chalice: Wednesday Worship | Activities Building |
| 7:00 pm | The Chalice: Four Agreements | Activities Building |
| 7:00 pm | The Chalice: Living the Questions II | Activities Building |
| 7:00 pm | The Chalice: Soul Expressions | Activities Building |

THURSDAY JANUARY 21

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| 10:00 am | US Census Testing | Gathering Place |
| 1:00 pm | US Census Testing | Gathering Place |

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED JANUARY 22

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| 7:00 pm | Friday Night OUT (see ad, p. 11) | Champps Americana |
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SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED JANUARY 23

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| 10:00 am | Creating a Life That Matters (FULL) | Gathering Place |
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SUNDAY JANUARY 24

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|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| 8:00 am | Adeste Praise Band Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| 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 |
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