

# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

May 9, 2010

Prelude

Joel Hammett

*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

Arr. Biery

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Mark Eggleston

+ Invocation

Joy Jolley

+ Exchange of Peace

Hymn

*Sent by the Lord*



Sent by the Lord am I; my hands are ready now to



make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes.



The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain in -



to a world of love, of justice and of peace. The



task is mine to do, to set it truly free. Oh,



help me to obey; help me to do your will.

## 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.

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

## We Hear the Word

Dreams: "Series of thoughts, images, or emotions occurring during sleep, particularly sleep accompanied by rapid eye movement (REM sleep). Dream reports range from the very ordinary and realistic to the fantastic and surreal. Humans have always attached great importance to dreams, which have been variously viewed as windows to the sacred, the past and the future, or the world of the dead. Dreams have provided creative solutions to intellectual and emotional problems and have offered ideas for artistic pursuits. A type of cognitive synthesis that facilitates conscious insight may occur subconsciously during dreaming."

~ Britannica Concise Encyclopedia

Yet in Biblical times, DREAMS were the way in which God communicated to the people. Today, most people disregard dreams as remnants of a bad movie, a heavy late night meal from the night before, nonsense or just total absurdity. Dreams are, "God's Forgotten Language." Dreams are still used today by God to speak to us, to show us the way through tough times, to give us comfort, give us direction, give us solutions, and give us wisdom as long as we come to understand them and their symbolism. Listen to the "still small voice" of God.

## Mother's Day Litany

One: Mothering is offered in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

**All: Thank God for all who mother!**

One: As sons and daughters who honor our mothers, we rejoice in mothering which blesses with steadfast and nurturing care!

**All: Thank God for all who mother!**

One: As male and female parents who nurture our children, we rejoice in mothering which blesses abundantly and without limitation!

**All: Thank God for all who mother!**

One: As we lift in our prayers those who have mothered and whose children have passed to New Life, we rejoice in mothering which blesses even in unspeakable grief!

**All: Thank God for all who mother!**

One: As we hold in our hearts those who have mothered us in life and have passed to New Life, we rejoice in mothering which blesses even with enduring love!

**All: Thank God for all who mother!**

One: As we celebrate in our lives those who open themselves to mothering and are even now expecting, we rejoice in mothering which blesses with hope and joy!

**All: Thank God for all who mother!**

One: As we share community with those for whom mothering means raising children alone, we rejoice in mothering which blesses through commitment and prayer!

**All: Thank God for all who mother!**

One: As we embrace all God's children with those who mother by adopting and giving foster care, we rejoice in mothering which blesses through open hearts and homes!

**All: Thank God for all who mother!**

One: Truly, mothering is offered in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

**All: Thank God for all who mother! May all who bear the Love that Makes a Family be blessed! Amen.**

## First Reading

Jerry Reitz (9 am)  
Elizabeth Conyer (11 am)

### *Acts 16:9-15*

That night Paul had a dream: A Macedonian stood on the far shore and called across the sea, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" The dream gave Paul his map. We went to work at once getting things ready to cross over to Macedonia. All the pieces had come together. We knew now for sure that God had called us to preach the good news to the Europeans.

Putting out from the harbor at Troas, we made a straight run for Samothrace. The next day we tied up at New City and walked from there to Philippi, the main city in that part of Macedonia and, even more importantly, a Roman colony. We lingered there several days.

On the Sabbath, we left the city and went down along the river where we had heard there was to be a prayer meeting. We took our place with the women who had gathered there and talked with them. One woman, Lydia, was from Thyatira and a dealer in expensive textiles, known to be a God-fearing woman. As she listened with intensity to what was being said, the Teacher gave her a trusting heart — and she believed!

After she was baptized, along with everyone in her household, she said in a surge of hospitality, "If you're confident that I'm in this with you and believe in the Teacher truly, come home with me and be my guests." We hesitated, but she wouldn't take no for an answer.

## + Second Reading

Carlos Rivera (9 am)  
Sharon Maudlin (11 am)

### *John 14:23-29*

"Because a loveless world," said Jesus, "is a sightless world. If anyone loves me, they will carefully keep my word and my Heavenly Parent will love them—we'll move right into the neighborhood! Not loving me means not keeping my words. The message you are hearing isn't mine. It's the message of the Heavenly Parent who sent me.

"I'm telling you these things while I'm still living with you. The Friend, the Holy Spirit whom the Heavenly Parent will send at my request, will make everything plain to you. The Holy Spirit will remind you of all the things I have told you. I'm leaving you well and whole. That's my parting gift to you. Peace. I don't leave you the way you're used to being left—feeling abandoned, bereft. So don't be upset. Don't be distraught.

"You've heard me tell you, 'I'm going away, and I'm coming back.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I'm on my way to our Heavenly Parent because the Heavenly Parent is the goal and purpose of my life.

"I've told you this ahead of time, before it happens, so that when it does happen, the confirmation will deepen your belief in me."

## Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

*Give Me Jesus*  
by Hal H. Hopson

## Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Mona Lopez

*Way Will Open*

## Making Ministry Happen

Debbie Skelly  
Board of Directors

## Offertory

Bayou City Women's Chorus

*Put a Little Love in Your Heart*

by Jimmy Holiday, Randy Myers, Jackie DeShannon. Arranged by Jay Althouse.

## Communion

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

## 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), prayer ministers are available at the Side Altar during communion. The Fishers Net Prayer Ministry is also 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.

## Communion Songs

### *They will know we are Christians by our love*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
 And we pray that all unity may one day be restored  
 And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
 Yes, they will know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
 We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
 And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land  
 And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
 Yes, they will know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
 We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
 And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride  
 And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
 Yes, they will know we are Christians by our love

### *Soften my heart*

Soften my heart, Lord, Soften my heart  
 From all indifference, Set me apart  
 To feel your compassion, To weep with your tears  
 Come soften my heart, O Lord, Soften my heart

### *The Servant Song*

Brother, sister, let me serve you  
 Let me be as Christ to you  
 Pray that I may have the grace  
 To let you be my servant, too

We are pilgrims on a journey  
 We are together on this road  
 We are here to help each other  
 Walk the mile and bear the load

### *We are Standing on Holy Ground*

We are standing on holy ground,  
 and I know that there are angels all around.  
 Let us praise the Creator now,  
 We are standing in God's presence on holy ground.

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Mona Lopez

**Postlude**

Joel Hammett

### *Earth and All Stars*

Arr. Kolander

## 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.

## Prayer

If you are in need of prayer support, you can find prayer partners available during our time of communion or after worship in the right wing of the Sanctuary. You can also release your prayers to God by placing them in the wailing wall.

## Executive Team

**Rev. Janice Ladd**  
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 RevJanice@ResurrectionMCC.org (x104)

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 Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org (x102)

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 Cassandra@ResurrectionMCC.org (x109)

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 Organist & Accompanist

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 Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org

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## Volunteer

**Rev. Mona Lopez**  
 Volunteer Staff Clergy  
 RevMona@ResurrectionMCC.org

**Worship**  
 Sunday, 9 & 11 am  
 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 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 & 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 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:

## Core Values

### Inclusion

Love is our greatest moral value and resisting exclusion is a primary focus of our ministry. We want to continue to be the conduits of a faith where everyone is included in the family of God, and where all parts of our being are welcomed at God's table.

### Community

Offering a safe and open community for people to worship, learn and grow in their faith is our deep desire. We are committed to equipping ourselves and each other to do the work that God has called us to do in the world.

### Spiritual Transformation

Providing a message of liberation from the oppressive religious environment of our day or to those experiencing God for the first time is what guides our ministry. We believe that when people are invited to experience God through the life and ministry of Christ, lives will be transformed.

### Social Action

Working to talk less and do more, we are committed to resisting the structures that oppress people and standing with those who suffer under the weight of oppressive systems, being guided always by our commitment to Global Human Rights.

**What's General Conference?  
Who's going?  
Why?**

For these answers and more information,  
please join the Lay Delegates for

**General Conference Forum I  
Sunday, May 16  
12:30 pm, Chapel**

**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.**



**YES WE CAN!**

**Please Support Our  
Food Pantry**

Non-perishables Needed:  
**Canned Meats,  
Vegetables, Fruit, Soup,  
Pasta, Rice, Beans,  
Spaghetti Sauce**

Please drop off food  
donations into shopping cart  
in Welcome Area.

Food available by appointment  
713-861-9149 x103



**MEET THE BOARD**

**Debbie Skelly**

**Board Development  
Director**

This Sunday starts a monthly series entitled "Meet the Board." The eight board members will contribute a column in the bulletin on the second Sunday of each month from now until December, 2010. We hope to provide the Board members with an opportunity to tell you a little about themselves as well as the role in which they serve this congregation on the Board of Directors.

I am beginning my fourth and final year of service on the Board. I can honestly say that my time spent on the Board has been challenging and rewarding. I have stretched myself, and feel that I have grown in many ways as a member of the Board. In January of 2009, the Board adopted and implemented a new set of roles and responsibilities that were more in line with the needs of the church. These new roles have allowed the Board to support the Executive Team in a more congruent fashion. One of the new roles introduced was that of Board Development. This is the position in which I have served since March of 2009. Some of my responsibilities include activating and supporting the nominating committee, ensuring that evaluations of the Senior Pastor and the Board occur on a yearly basis and planning and executing Board workshops throughout the year. I am also responsible for supporting all fundraising activities; this responsibility belongs to all Board members.

In "real" life I am a high school administrator and guidance counselor at an all-girls private school in Houston. My primary responsibility is to help my students with college placement, a career that I began 17 years ago after 14 years in the classroom. I played college golf at Houston Baptist University a long time ago and I continue to enjoy playing as much as I possibly can. My partner, Janetta Ross, and I will celebrate our 24th anniversary this summer. We live in West Houston with our two cats, Ace and Graycie.

**"Second Sunday"  
Friend-Raiser Brunch**

**Sunday, May 16  
Breezeway 12:30 pm**

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



*Proceeds benefit Resurrection General Fund*

**Flamin' Flapjacks!**

**Sunday, May 23  
Gathering Place, 8:30 am - 12:45 pm**

Enjoy pancakes, bacon or sausage  
with juice and coffee.

Proceeds will help support our  
Lay Delegates at General Conference.



**Landscape & Facilities  
Work Day**

**Saturday, June 5  
9 am - 3 pm**

Join in service as we beautify our  
campus. Projects include gardening and  
selected interior work, carried out  
in an atmosphere of great fellowship.  
Lunch available in Inspirations.

RSVP & Questions to  
Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org



**Friday Night OUT  
North**



**Friday, May 14, 7 pm**

Olive Garden in The Woodlands  
26715 I-45 North, Spring, TX 77380  
281-363-1288

Make new friends and reconnect with those you  
know over a shared meal at our newest social  
gathering, Friday Night OUT North!

RSVP to  
FridayNightOUTNorth@ResurrectionMCC.org

*Friday Night OUT North meets  
on the second Fridays of each month.*

**General  
Conference**



**Registration**  
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for more details and further information

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## 2010 Resurrection MCC Special Anniversary Offering

The seeds for Resurrection MCC were planted in the winter of 1971. These seeds took root in December of 1972, when meetings were started on a regular basis in a rented apartment in Preston Villa. Nearly 40 years later, we are a congregation of over 600 members holding two weekly Sunday services, and various mid-week offerings, on a church campus that includes a 25,000 square foot church building and a 12,000 square foot activity center, situated on a 9-acre tract in the beautiful Heights area of Houston.

As you may already know, Resurrection MCC celebrated its 38th anniversary on April 25. This is a tremendous milestone to which we can look forward in thankfulness to and appreciation of our gracious God who has led us over the years. In honor of this auspicious occasion, I'd like to announce the **2010 Resurrection MCC Special Anniversary Offering** entitled "**We're 38 ... Help Keep Us Great!**" The purpose of this campaign is to celebrate the 38th anniversary of the church, as well as to generate income for the general fund to not only reduce our budget variance, but also build a cash reserve.

In keeping with the "**We're 38 ...**" portion of the theme: **The campaign goal is \$38,000.** We are asking that you prayerfully consider making an "**over and above**" offering in either denominations of \$38 (i.e., \$38, \$380 or \$3,800) or increments of \$38 (e.g., \$38, \$76, \$114, \$152, etc.) to commemorate the church's 38th anniversary. "Special Anniversary Offering" envelopes will be available at all entrances to the Sanctuary to make your giving as convenient as possible. All you need to do is to place your offering in the envelope provided and drop it in the beautifully decorated "Special Anniversary Offering" donation box.

The donation box will be placed at the front of the Sanctuary during the Sunday services, and your offering

may be placed in the box this Sunday through Sunday, May 23. You may also make your special anniversary offering online by going to the home page of our Website and clicking on the 38th Anniversary link. While everyone may not be able to give such an offering, we do want to provide the challenge to the entire congregation and friends of Resurrection MCC, and then leave it in the hands of God to provide the funds that we so desperately need to stabilize our church. We look forward to announcing the results during this six-week campaign and sharing in the victory that is ahead!

In keeping with the "**... Help Keep Us Great!**" part of the theme: Proceeds from this special anniversary offering campaign will be used to reduce our budget variance of over \$13,000 (see Page 11 of the bulletin). As you can see, total income received as of May 2 is \$13,354.44 less than what was projected for this 18-week period, primarily as a result of lower than expected general tithes and offerings. In fact, giving is down 11% from December 31, so that any benefit we may have realized from an income perspective as a result of the reduction in salaries and wages due to the departure of our Senior Pastor has been cancelled out due to the lower giving. Any campaign proceeds above and beyond the value of our budget variance will be placed in a cash reserve to be used on an as-needed basis. As we are basically living check-to-check -- or, more specifically, weekly giving-to-weekly giving -- a cash reserve is essential to the financial stability of Resurrection MCC.

Nearly 40 years ago, the first members of Resurrection MCC had the audacity to imagine that a church of Resurrection MCC's magnitude was possible from such humble beginnings. Through mature faith and commitment, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the grace of God, Resurrection MCC has experienced both numerical and spiritual growth. Resurrection MCC remains committed to its long standing mission to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christian action, where inclusivity is a nonnegotiable value to be practiced daily. Together, we can continue to do what is necessary to help make our church home a facility that is reflective of the greatness of Jesus Christ.

**We're 38 ... Help Keep Us Great! Please join us in the 38th anniversary celebration of Resurrection MCC and make a special anniversary offering now, or on or before Sunday, May 23.**

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!

Yours in Christ,

Elisa J. Vega-Burns  
Treasurer, Resurrection MCC Board of Directors

# The Chalice

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 12**

## Community Gathering

6:00 - 7:00 pm | Activities Building

*Bring a brown bag or purchase a light meal  
from Inspirations Coffee Cafe  
while you meet new friends.*

## Life Development Offerings

7:00 - 8:30 pm | Activities Building

## OFFERING ONE

April 28 - May 26

### THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE: COMING OUT AS A PATH TO SPIRITUAL INTEGRITY



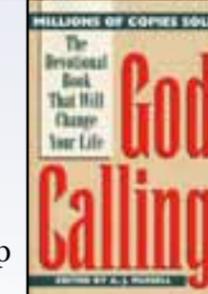
For many LGBTQ Christians, the liberating experience of "coming out" and embracing our true identities as lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgendered or queer brings about another, more painful, "coming out"—a journey away from the churches, beliefs, traditions, and communities that have formed our faith-identities as Christians. What would it mean for us to consider our sexual and gender identities as integral to our Christian identity? To reframe our "coming out" as LGBTQ as rather "coming into" a deeper, more integrated truth of ourselves as faithful disciples of Christ? Grounded in the belief that our Christian discipleship does not preclude, but, in fact, demands, that we live the truth of who we are to the glory of God in Christ, this workshop is designed to facilitate the integration of our sexual, gender, and Christian identities. A commitment to attend most or all sessions is recommended.

## OFFERING TWO

May 5 - 26

### GOD CALLING

In the winter of 1932, two anonymous Christian women – "Two Listeners" – began the simple practice of expectant Listening through companionship with one another and in devotion to Christ. The messages they heard have been formulated into the classic daily devotional *God Calling*. Heed the invitation "Leave Me out of nothing. Love all My ways with you." (May 1) With *God Calling* as our guide, we will devote ourselves to openly read the daily messages, to listen for Christ's voice in our heart, and to hear our own soul reply through prayer and journaling. On Wednesday evenings, we will share our journeys through simple practices of reflection and prayer, in response to God's calling. *Book available at most major bookstores.*



## OFFERING THREE

May 12 - 26

### RACE: THE POWER OF AN ILLUSION



The division of the world's peoples into distinct groups—"red," "black," "white" or "yellow" peoples—has become so deeply imbedded in our psyches, so widely accepted, many would promptly dismiss as crazy any suggestion that "race" is an illusion. Yet, that is exactly what *Race: The Power of an Illusion* claims. Questioning the very idea of race as biology, this provocative three-hour series suggests that a belief in race is no more sound than believing the sun revolves around the earth.

Originally airing on PBS in the spring of 2003, this open series will be presented over 3 consecutive Wednesday nights as a special video screening and follow-up discussion facilitated by The Center for the Healing of Racism. More information is online at [www.pbs.org/race](http://www.pbs.org/race)

This series is free and open to the public. Registration is required and limited to the first 60 registrants. RSVP to 713-520-8226 and leave your name and contact information.

## LGBTQ Solutions for Living Well

Professional Services Provided at  
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**There is hope for change, empowerment and living authentically!**

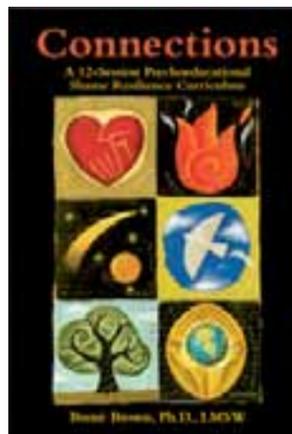
**Connections:**  
A 12-Session  
Psychoeducational  
Shame-Resilience Curriculum  
Saturdays beginning June 5  
10 - 11:15 am

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.



## The Fundraising Committee



is responsible for organizing special and recurring fundraising events and activities to support the annual operating budget for Resurrection MCC. If you have fundraising experience or want to learn "on the job," we need your assistance. Please send an email to ResourceDevelopment@ResurrectionMCC.org by May 15, 2010.

**The Budget Committee** is responsible for developing the annual operating budget to be presented to the congregation at the Fall Semi-annual Congregation Meeting in October. If you have strong financial management skills and are interested in identifying and prioritizing Resurrection MCC's 2011 financial needs, please send an e-mail to Treasurer@ResurrectionMCC.org by Sunday, May 9, 2010.



## Fishers Net Prayer Ministry

*A Dialogue with God* by Ron Reeser

Did you play the popcorn game at your grade school? It was the game where a large parachute was placed on the gymnasium floor and kick balls placed in the middle. Then the students would grab hold of the parachute and lift it up and down, causing the balls in the middle to bounce like popping popcorn.

When we collectively pray, it is likened to the popcorn game where each of us are grabbing hold of a prayer blanket. We are all spiritually connected, taking in the ebb and flow of the prayer fabric and sending our prayers to heaven and open to answers. Now visualize your church family, your study group or group of friends. Visualize each of person holding the parachute, raising it up over your heads towards heaven and then letting it rest and cover the floor. Together we lift up prayers to heaven and then God's answer comes graciously resting upon the situation. Praying together connects us through God, unites our spirits and focuses us for a common goal. "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them" Matthew 18:20.

Dear Creator, Sustainer, Father, Mother God, we collectively come to you today, now and in this place just as we are. We raise our praises and prayers to you. There are those among us hurting. We ask for comfort. There are those among us with ailments. We ask for your healing. There are those among us with doubts. We ask for clarity. Dear Lord, we come to you in praise of your goodness and open to your Grace. In your many names, amen.

Do you have a prayer request? Send your requests to Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org. Postings are published each week in a Praise and Prayer alert email, where others around the country are praying collectively with you. To sign up for Praise and Prayer alerts, go to our Web site and click on the "In Need of Prayer?" link.

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

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### Stewardship Thought for the Week

*The purest giving has no other motive but to give.  
It seeks pleasure rather than gratitude,  
fun rather than sacrifice, sharing rather than barter.*

~ Bel Kaufman

### Board Members on Duty

Mary Wagner & Debbie Skelly

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

### General Fund Financial Report

	Week	Year
<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>		
05/02/10 9:00 am	124	\$5,040.00
05/02/10 11:00 am	342	\$8,418.26
04/28/10 6:30 pm	21	\$37.00
Special Services		\$1,388.75
Special Anniversary Offerings		\$1,281.00
Online Giving		\$1,423.70
Other Contributions		\$480.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>\$16,679.96</b>
<b>Other General Fund Income</b>		
Fundraising		\$7,536.95
Miscellaneous		\$1,025.00
<b>Total Received</b>		<b>\$264,393.65</b>
<b>Projected Need per Budget</b>		<b>\$15,955.77</b>
<b>Total Exceeded Need / (Did Not Meet Need)</b>		<b>\$1,749.19 (\$13,354.44)</b>
<b>Total Imagine Capital Campaign</b>		<b>\$1,251.00 \$38,639.86</b>

### Week Ending May 2, 2010



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### Flowers in the Sanctuary

In honor of all those who mother. ~ Anonymous



## Women's Group Psychotherapy

Focused on, but not limited to, the coming out process, improving self-esteem, identity clarification and establishing healthy relationships.

Therapist: Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC  
Call 832-863-8221 for an intake appointment.



## Men's Group Therapy

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.

Group open, space limited. Mondays, 6:00 - 7:15 pm  
Therapist: Michael Mann, LCSW.  
Call 713-446-8034 for an intake appointment.

Individual, family, and couples therapy available.  
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Adolescents & Adults

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Children, Adolescents & Adults

# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

## SUNDAY MAY 9

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

## MONDAY MAY 10

No Events Scheduled.

## TUESDAY MAY 11

- 7:00 pm Houston Bar Orchestra Rehearsal *Activities Building*  
 7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Music Room*  
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

## WEDNESDAY MAY 12

- 6:00 pm The Chalice: Community Gathering *Activities Building*  
 7:00 pm The Chalice: Coming Out *Activities Building*  
 7:00 pm The Chalice: Race - Power of an Illusion *Activities Building*  
 7:00 pm The Chalice: God Calling *Activities Building*  
 7:00 pm CLM "Weave Together" *Gathering Place*

## THURSDAY MAY 13

- 7:00 pm Pastoral Search Committee Meeting *Workroom*  
 7:00 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Music Room*

## FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED MAY 14

No Events Scheduled.

## SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED MAY 15

No Events Scheduled.

## SUNDAY MAY 16

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini**  
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*  
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*  
**11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini**  
 12:30 pm General Conference Forum I *Chapel*  
 12:30 pm "Second Sunday" Friend-Raiser Brunch *Breezeway*  
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*