



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

July 4, 2010

Prelude

Joel Hammett

Fantasia on "America the Beautiful"
arr. Koury

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini
Mark Eggleston

+ **Invocation**

Rev. Mona Lopez

+ **Exchange of Peace**

+ **Hymn**

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Oh, This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, Hallelujah
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (Let it shine.)

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Oh, Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, Hallelujah,
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (Let it shine.)

All in my house, I'm gonna let it shine,
Oh, All in my house, I'm gonna let shine, Hallelujah,
All in my house, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (Let it shine.)

I'm not goin to make it shine, I'm just gonna let it shine,
I'm not goin to make it shine, I'm just gonna let it shine, Hallelujah,
I'm not goin' to make it shine, I'm just gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (Let it shine.)

Out in the dark, I'm gonna let it shine,
Oh, Out in the dark, I'm gonna let it shine, Hallelujah,
Out in the dark, I'm just gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (Let it shine.)

written by Harry Dixon Loes

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

**Christian
Meditations
Upon
Independence**

Here is my Creed. I believe in one God, the Creator of the Universe. That God governs it by God's Providence. That God ought to be worshipped. That the most acceptable service we render to God is in doing good to God's other children.

~ Benjamin Franklin
(inclusified)

It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here.

~ Patrick Henry

God could have made us angelic automatons. But that would destroy the chance of the Creator entering into a profound relationship with each of us, and forming a covenant with humanity. Freedom trumps being good or bad. Freedom allows us to be influenced by both, and to be able to make real choices between the two.

~ Edward F. Sylvia

May we choose to be truly grateful for all of our freedoms this day, and may we honor God by living our gratitude faithfully with liberating love for all.

We Listen

Inescapable vulnerability is implicit in the mission to which Jesus calls his disciples. The seventy will be going into a hostile world, yet Jesus does not arm them for battle; rather, they will go out like lambs. Similarly, they are to bless those homes that receive them; and even if they are rejected, they are instructed not to offer curses ... While Jesus declares that the laborers deserve pay, he also instructs them to rely on the hospitality of those who receive them. They are not to carry with them the provisions they will need; nor are they to cultivate a network of supporters. Rather they are to remain ... in the vulnerable dependence Jesus commands from his disciples.

~ David J. Lose,
Commentary on Luke
10 in *Feasting on the
Word* (adapted)

First Reading

Aileen North (9 am)
Terry Smith (11 am)

Galatians 6:1-16

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised--only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule--peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

+ Second Reading

DeJuana Jernigan (9 am)
Chris DeJohn (11 am)

Luke 10:1-11; 16-20

Jesus appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Holy One whose harvest it is to send out laborers. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Teacher, in your name even the demons submit to us!" Jesus said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

Grateful
by Hezekiah Walker

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Faith Naked

Making Ministry Happen

Offertory

Gospel Ensemble

I Need You to Survive
by David Frazier

Communion

Rev. Janice Ladd

Communion Songs

There's Something About That Name

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
There's just something about that name.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
Like the fragrance after the rain.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
Let all heaven and earth proclaim.
Kings and kingdoms shall all pass away
But there's something about that name.

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.
Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
Power, all power, surely is Thine!

Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.
Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
You only, always, living in me.

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.

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 Prayer Wall.

Where Children Belong

This, this is where children belong,
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
This is where children belong.

Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grateful heart
give thanks to the holy one
give thanks for he has given
Jesus Christ, his son

And now let the weak say
I am strong let the poor say
I am rich because of what
the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks.

Holy Ground

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

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Postlude

Toby Mac - Video

Lose My Soul

By Toby Mac

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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. Metropolitan Community Churches, founded in 1968, is a human-rights movement and ministry operating as a Christian denomination in 22 countries around the world. MCC is an international advocate for vulnerable people in places where religious orthodoxy, sexism, and homophobia can result in violence and death.

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. We embrace four core values:

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.



SABBATH SATURDAY

Saturday, July 10 • 10 am - 2 pm
Rothko Chapel • 1409 Sul Ross St.

Refresh your soul each quarter with a special time spent nourishing your relationship with God! We will walk to a selected area for a brief time of Breath Prayer and simple instruction in the ancient contemplative practice of Lectio Divina – meditation with the Divine Word, facilitated by Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini. This time of opening will be followed by an hour of silent individual contemplative practice in the beauty of Rothko Chapel, after which we will reconvene at Resurrection to break silence with shared prayer and insights. Those wishing to continue in Sabbath community will stay for a simple lunch accompanied by an introduction to classic mystical teachings in the Christian tradition. RSVP and questions to RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

LGBT AND FREE INTHEE!

ADVENTURING OUT IN CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP
SUNDAY, JULY 11 • 1 - 5 PM • CHAPEL



During this foundational Life Development offering for those seeking to reconcile their experience of God with their understanding of Scripture, we will engage the Bible through the lens of our personal faith experience as we consider the six “clobber passages” in light of current scholarship and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Lunch will be served. RSVP and questions to RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



JULY 10, 2009

Houston Astros
Vs.
St. Louis Cardinals

On July 10th, the Houston Astros are scheduled to play against the St. Louis Cardinals, by far one of Major League's Baseballs' popular games. AND ... you'll hear our Gay Men's Chorus & Bayou City Women's Chorus sing the National Anthem! Proceeds from each ticket purchased will benefit seven not-for-profit GLBT organizations throughout Houston:

- Pride Houston
- Bunnies on the Bayou
- Legacy Community Health Services
- Bayou City Performing Arts
- PFLAG Houston
- Out & Equal Houston
- Bering Omega

Ticket prices range from \$12 on upwards. We are pleased to announce that we're ready to accept Group Ticket Sales!

We have set-aside an area of Minute Maid Park for the July 10th festivities (for VIPs), and If you belong to a group and would like to be together at Pride in the Park, then we ask that you contact Joe Schiavi (contact information below) to reserve your tickets! When you call or email Joe, let him know that you are reserving tickets for Pride in the Park, so he can discuss the various pricing options with you.

If you are wondering what defines a “Group” this is a party of 20 individuals or more. For individual ticket sales – visit <http://www.astros.com/pride>

Thanks for your support – and remember the more people that come the more we'll be able to donate back to Houston's LGBT community – so invite all your friends.

BREAKING NEWS

Mayor Annise Parker will be throwing out the opening pitch

LET'S PLAY BALL!



FRIDAY NIGHT OUT NORTH



Friday, July 9, 7 pm

Saltgrass Steak House - The Woodlands

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.

EQUALITY MINISTRY MEETING

Monday, July 12
6:30 pm, Gathering Place

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

Questions or to Sign up:
Equality@ResurrectionMCC.org



Care for our environment by recycling newspapers, magazines, catalogs and junk mail in the containers in our parking lot. We now have two collection bins as this program grows. We receive cash based on the weight collected.



The Chalice

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

Community Gathering

6:00 - 7:00 pm | Activities Building

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

Life Development Offerings

The Artist's Way Open Door Discussion

7:00 - 8:30 pm | Activities Building

SIP FROM THE CHALICE

The following spiritual principles are the bedrock on which creative recovery and discovery can be built. Read them through once a day, and keep an inner ear cocked for any shifts in attitudes or beliefs:

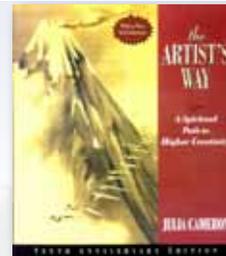
1. Creativity is the natural order of life. Life is energy: pure creative energy.
2. There is an underlying, in-dwelling creative force infusing all of life – including ourselves.
3. When we open ourselves to our creativity, we open ourselves to the creator's creativity within us and our lives.
4. We are, ourselves, creations. And we, in turn, are meant to continue creativity by being creative ourselves.
5. Creativity is God's gift to us. Using our creativity is our gift back to God.
6. The refusal to be creative is self-will and is counter to our true nature.
7. When we open ourselves to exploring our creativity, we open ourselves to God: good orderly direction.
8. As we open our creative channel to the creator, many gentle but powerful changes are to be expected.
9. It is safe to open ourselves up to greater and greater creativity.
10. Our creative dreams and yearnings come from a divine source. As we move toward our dreams, we move toward divinity.

-- excerpted from The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity by Julia Cameron

OFFERING ONE

Week 2 of 12 : Open to All

The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity



For most of us, the idea that the creator encourages creativity is a radical thought. We tend to think, or at least fear, that creative dreams are egotistical, something God wouldn't approve of for us ... This thinking must be undone. No matter what your age or your life path, whether making art is your career or your hobby or your dream, it is not too late or too egotistical or too selfish or too silly to work on your creativity. What we are talking about is an induced – or invited – spiritual experience: we undertake certain spiritual exercises to achieve alignment with the creative energy of the universe.

-- from The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity by Julia Cameron

The Artist's Way is a spiritual workshop aimed at freeing people's creativity. Based upon the popular book by Julia Cameron, Rev. Kristen and Juanita Hicks will facilitate this 12-week course in discovering and recovering your creative self. The Artist's Way is for everybody! No artistic skill or experience is necessary! Purchase of the book and participation in the majority of the 12 sessions is encouraged but not required. RSVP and questions to RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x104.

OFFERING TWO

Ongoing: Open to All

Open Door Discussion – "YOU"



Some of the central claims of the Christian faith are the source of many discussions and heated debates. But are we always debating the right things? Maybe some of our discussions would change significantly if we had more insight into the actual circumstances that surrounded the first people of the Christian movement--if we had a better understanding of the things they did in the context of the world they lived in. Maybe some of the claims of the Christian faith that we typically perceive to be unique aren't really that special at all. And at the same time, maybe we don't always put enough emphasis on the things that truly should matter in our lives.

--from "YOU" NOOMA film by Rob Bell

The Open Door Discussion Series is a facilitated open discussion which uses the short NOOMA films and other Flannel DVDs as a jumping-off place for personal reflection and shared engagement with our journeys of faith and spiritual growth. The Open Door Discussions are not classes; they are opportunities for us to gather and share our spiritual lives with one another. All are welcome to attend one, some, or all sessions of this DVD-Based Faith Discussion Series! RSVP and questions to RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x104.

Get Connected to a First Impressions Ministry

Concierge Desk

Donna McRoberts

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

Kecia Bullock

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.

Ushers

Milton Ressmann

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

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 Rev. Janice at RevJanice@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x104.

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 Eli'jah Carroll, 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

This group provides 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 our interim Director of Worship, Cassandra White, Cassandra@ResurrectionMCC.org

JULY 4



Fishers Net Prayer Ministry

A Dialogue with God by Ron Reeser

Let freedom ring!

Today, in the United States, we collectively celebrate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The declaration provides many freedoms, one of which is the freedom of religion where we are able to praise and worship God as we know God.

Turning to the scriptures we find 30 plus passages concerning freedom and to me the most heart warming is John 8:32 "...and the truth will set you free." Here Jesus tells us to know the truth, hold onto the truth and through Christ we are set free.

What is the truth and how do we find and hold onto it? Through prayer with God we get to know God, feel God and allow God into our hearts. This week, ask God to guide and prompt you to know and feel the truth more and more each day. Then share your dialogues with others and collectively we can celebrate true freedom within Christ.

If you need prayer for yourself or someone you know, please join us each Sunday in the Chapel between services or near the Prayer Wall after 11 am for one-on-one personal prayer.

You can also send an email to Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org or place a note in the Prayer Request box located in the Narthex. When a request is received, it is immediately prayed over by the Fishers Net Prayer team and once a week, a Prayers and Praises email blast is sent to more than 347 people praying together.

Growing stronger in Christ and realizing our Prayers together.



A few weeks ago, Sharri McGaithing and I stood before our Resurrection family and asked you to help ensure that the Food Pantry remains healthy and able to meet the needs of our community and congregants; today we want to thank you for your loving support! In recent weeks, the food basket has been filled with your generous donations and several of you

have come forward to give your time and energy in service to this ministry.

We want to encourage you to stay the course, bearing in mind that the need for food is unending and the impact of hunger is relentless. Let's make sure that we are equally steadfast in our commitment to giving. Please keep an eye out for notices in the weekly bulleting which we will use to highlight specific areas of need as well as tips for ensuring that your gifts are well matched with our ability to serve this ministry. Don't forget, we always have room on the shelf for the following non-perishables:

Canned meats, canned or pouched tuna, canned fruits and veggies, 1lb. bags of dried beans, 1lb. bags of rice, cereal, dried or canned milk, soups and canned meals, pasta, canned or bottled pasta sauce, cookies, crackers and snacks.

Remember, because of your continued giving, others enjoy a better living. God bless you.

Your sisters in Christ,

*Gemma Burns
Sharri McGaithing*



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, 2010 through April 30, 2011. During the last program period, Resurrection MCC earned over \$1,200!

To participate in the program, simply take this printed page on your next shopping trip and have the cashier scan it at the beginning of the order.

Below are a few frequently asked questions of the program:

Can a household "link" their Kroger Plus Card to more than one organization at a time?

No, the system allows for one organization per household. To change organizations, you must present your Kroger Plus Card and the new organization's barcode to the cashier.

Do I have to enroll each program year?

YES, all organizations and participants must re-enroll for each new enrollment period. The current *Neighbor to Neighbor* Program is effective July 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011.

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, 2011.

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

LGBTQ Solutions for Living Well

Professional Services Provided at
Resurrection MCC Wellness Center

There is hope for change, empowerment and living authentically!

Connections:

A 12-Session

Psychoeducational

Shame-Resilience Curriculum

Saturdays beginning June 5

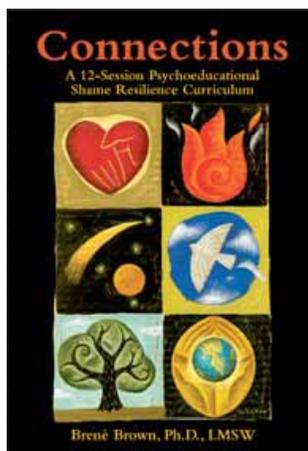
10 - 11:15 am

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.



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.

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Stewardship Thought for the Week

Many people looking for meaning in their lives find it by losing themselves in a cause greater than they are.

~ Nido Qubein

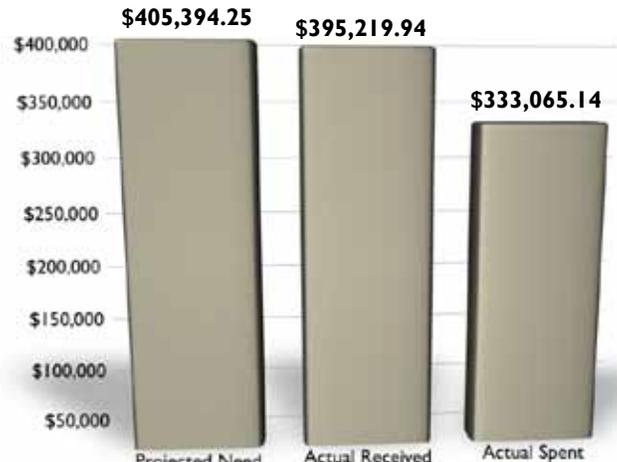
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General Fund Financial Report				Week Ending June 27, 2010	
Tithes & Offerings		Week	Year		
06/27/10 9:00 am	103	\$3,099.51	\$83,831.13		
06/27/10 11:00 am	320	\$4,405.47	\$164,267.39		
06/23/10 6:30 pm	53	\$55.00	\$2,770.70		
Special Services			\$1,388.75		
Special Anniversary Offerings			\$19,491.60		
Online Giving		\$1,916.00	\$40,297.58		
Other Contributions		\$1,565.50	\$29,254.92		
Total	476	\$11,041.48	\$341,302.07		
Other General Fund Income					
Fundraising		\$196.99	\$13,300.84		
Miscellaneous		\$550.00	\$40,617.03		
Total Received		\$11,793.47	\$395,219.94		
Projected Need per Budget		\$15,955.77	\$405,394.25		
Total Exceeded Need / (Did Not Meet Need)		(\$4,162.30)	(\$10,174.31)		
Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$760.00	\$46,917.54		

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY JULY 4

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**
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*

MONDAY JULY 5

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY JULY 6

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

WEDNESDAY JULY 7

8:00 am Nonprofit Consulting *Gathering Place*
 5:30 pm By-Laws Committee Meeting *Work Room*
 6:00 pm The Chalice: Community Gathering *Activities Building*
 7:00 pm The Chalice: Open Door Discussion *Activities Building*
 7:00 pm The Chalice: Artist's Way *Activities Building*

THURSDAY JULY 8

7:00 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Music Room*

FRIDAY JULY 9

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 pm Friday Night OUT - North *Saltgrass Steakhouse -
The Woodlands*

SATURDAY JULY 10

OFFICE CLOSED

12:00 pm Sabbath Saturday *Gathering Place*

SUNDAY JULY 11

9:00 am **Sunday Worship / Mark Eggleston**
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*
11:00 am **Sunday Worship / Mark Eggleston**
 12:30 pm Second Sunday Friend-Raising Brunch *Activities Building*
 1:00 pm LGBT and Free in Thee! *Chapel*
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*