



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

July 11, 2010

Prelude

Toby Mac
(video)

Diverse City

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Janice Ladd
Mark Eggleston

+ Invocation

Cassandra White

+ 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.)

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.)

Hide it under a bushel, NO!
I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel, NO!
I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel, NO!
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

written by Harry Dixon Loes

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 Listen

The story of the Good Samaritan resonates deeply with LGBTQ concerns. The priest and the Levite could not touch blood or a dead body without becoming unclean and thereby being prevented from going into the holy place. Jesus' story suggests to us that touching one who is wounded is in itself an act of holiness. To go into the brokenness of a person and to touch them is to go into the Holy of Holies. While some people want to run from LGBTQ people and call them unclean or abominations, we care for one another. We know that kind of righteousness.

We also note that the person who was despised (the Samaritan) acted like a neighbor. Many in the LGBT community frequently reach out to minister to gay and non-gay alike. We are being a neighbor! Remember to own that as a gift we can offer even when we are despised.

Remember that Jesus answered the question, "Who is my neighbor?" (verse 29), with a story and another question (verse 36) in : "Who acted like a neighbor?" We are also challenged to look outward to see where God's church is at work, celebrating acts of kindness wherever we find them, even by those who may not be part of the visible church.

~ "Out in Scripture:
15th Sunday in Ordinary
Time (Proper 10), Year
C," Human Rights
Campaign, adapted.

First Reading

Bill O'Rourke (9 am)
Gemma Burns (11 am)

Psalm 82

God presides in the divine assembly and pronounces judgment among the "gods": "How long will you defend the unjust and show partiality to the corrupt? Defend the lowly and the orphaned; render justice to the oppressed and the destitute! Rescue the weak and the poor, and save them from the hand of violence! But you know nothing and you understand nothing -- you walk in darkness, and the foundations of the earth are shaking because of your ignorance! I said, 'You are "gods," all of you -- children of the Most High!' But you will die as any mortal, and fall like any ruler!" Rise up, O God, and bring justice to the earth, for all the nations are your possession!

Musical Interlude

+ Second Reading

Georgette L. Monaghan (9 am)
Darren Terry (11 am)

Luke 10:25-37

An expert on the Law stood up to put Jesus to the test and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit everlasting life?" Jesus answered, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" The expert on the Law replied: "You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." Jesus said, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you'll live." But the expert on the Law, seeking self-justification, pressed Jesus further: "And just who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "There was a traveler going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, who fell prey to robbers. The traveler was beaten, stripped naked, and left half-dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road; the priest saw the traveler lying beside the road, but passed by on the other side. Likewise there was a Levite who came the same way; this one, too, saw the afflicted traveler and passed by on the other side. "But a Samaritan, who was taking the same road, also came upon the traveler and, filled with compassion, approached the traveler and dressed the wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then the Samaritan put the wounded person on a donkey, went straight to an inn and there took care of the injured one. The next day the Samaritan took out two silver pieces and gave them to the innkeeper with the request, 'Look after this person, and if there is any further expense, I'll repay you on the way back.' "Which of these three, in your opinion, was the neighbor to the traveler who fell in with the robbers?" The answer came, "The one who showed compassion." Jesus replied, "Then go and do the same."

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

What Wondrous Love is This

by Lloyd Larson

Spiritual Encouragement

Mark Eggleston

Who is My Neighbor?**Musical Interlude****Making Ministry Happen**Edwin Kelly
Board of Director**Offertory*****He's Got the Whole World in His Hands***

by Laurie London

Communion

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Communion Songs***Make Us One***

Make us one Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your Love flow so the world will know we are one in you.

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.

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. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ Benediction

Mark Eggleston

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.

Executive Team

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Executive Pastor

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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.

LGBT AND FREE IN THEE!

ADVENTURING OUT IN CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHP
TODAY • 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



FRIDAY NIGHT OUT July 23, 7 pm

Join us for dinner this month at
Kim Son Restaurant!

2001 Jefferson St.
Houston, TX 77003
(713) 222-2461
www.kimson.com

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

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



New Members' Class

Saturday, July 17 9 am - 12 Gathering Place / Breakfast Served

Join us to discuss the mission, vision, and values of Resurrection MCC as you discover your connection to the world through our affiliation with Metropolitan Community Churches. Join this family of faith in purpose, service, and fellowship!

Please RSVP to
Connections@ResurrectionMCC.org
or 713-861-9149 x104.



"SECOND SUNDAY" FRIEND-RAISER BRUNCH

TODAY
Breezeway 12:30 pm

Enjoy burgers and hot dogs and meet some new friends.

OUTREACH & JUSTICE CONVERSATION SERIES



Wednesdays, July 14 & 21, 7 - 8:30 pm
Gathering Place

Sunday, July 25, 12:45 - 2:00 pm
Chapel

Join this gathering as we reflect on where God is calling us to direct our outreach efforts. In this focus group, we will begin a dialogue in an effort to discern our unique call for outreach and justice to our community.

The mission of Metropolitan Community Churches in the world is "Tearing Down Walls, and Building Up Hope," as we respond to issues of injustice in our world.

We are called as Christians to: stand in solidarity with those who are marginalized and oppressed, be partners in working for change; be witnesses who call attention to Human Rights abuses; be a voice in the international community for justice; lift up new generations of remarkable, far-reaching spiritual activists; build on hope and create our future.

"And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

RSVP and Questions to Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x106

The Chalice

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

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

Rules of the Road

In order to be an artist, I must:

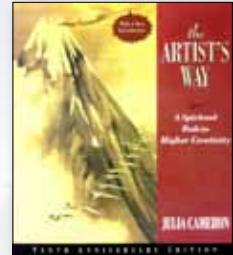
1. Show up at the page. Use the page to rest, to dream, to try.
2. Fill the well by caring for my artist.
3. Set small and gentle goals and meet them.
4. Pray for guidance, courage, and humility.
5. Remember that it is far harder and more painful to be a blocked artist than it is to do the work.
6. Be alert, always, for the presence of the Great Creator leading and helping my artist.
7. Choose companions who encourage me to do the work, not just talk about doing the work or why I am not doing the work.
8. Remember that the Great Creator loves creativity.
9. Remember that it is my job to do the work, not judge the work.
10. Place this sign in my workplace: Great Creator, I will take care of the quantity. You take care of the quality.

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

OFFERING ONE

Week 3 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 - "Whirlwind"



A lot of us have gone through times in our lives that are difficult. Some have been small and hard to understand and some have been big and overwhelming. During these times we want answers, don't we? We want to know why. Why do we have to suffer? Why do bad things happen to good people? We just want someone to make sense of it all. But we don't always get the answers, do we? Sometimes we are left wondering. And those can be some of the most difficult times. Maybe there are times we need to be released from having to have all the answers. And maybe it's when we're released that we are able see there may be more going on here than we realize.

–from "Whirlwind" 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.

MEET THE BOARD



Edwin Kelly

Board of Director

I've worked for ExxonMobil almost 30 years. I started as an Instrument Technician in the Baytown refinery then later moved into an Analyzer Technician job. 15 years of my career was spent working outside in the elements (yuck!). After my near fatal car accident in 1995 I've been working in an office environment in computer support (lovin' it!). I started attending Resurrection MCC (formerly MCCR) in September 1986 on Decatur and became a member in February 1987. In late December of '86 I got an HIV test, sort of a Christmas present to myself. Although, after receiving the result, did not want the present anymore. If not for Thom Lewis at church, there is no telling what my future would have turned out like. He was so loving and supportive that he helped me completely change the view I had of my own future.

After finally accepting my diagnosis and that I might not die a young man, I realized living was in my future and started getting involved at church. Around '90, while still at the Decatur address, I decided to do a bit more at church and began working with the A/V ministry. With a degree in Electronics Technology I was a natural and it wasn't long before I was running the A/V ministry. I took sound reinforcement classes to enhance my knowledge about the systems, setting up microphones for optimum use and many other aspects. I volunteer coordinated the A/V ministry for about 3 years until I finally burned out. Putting too many hours in can do that.

I also took sign language classes in the early 90's at church from Maurice Ford, a Deaf man that taught there. This opened the door to a whole new culture that I had never experienced or even knew existed. Over time, I learned more by just hanging around the Deaf people, probably more than if I'd taken formal classes. Around '93 I started interpreting (terps call it terping) at church. I felt very fulfilled terping at church as I still do. It was a way for a serious introvert like me to break out of my shell. Later, I felt comfortable enough to take the Texas state certification test in about '94 and passed. I slowly started putting myself in the Deaf community as a part-time interpreter (we call it a terp).

Then, in February '95, the same week I moved into my recently purchased home, I suffered a serious car accident. I was away from work at Exxon about 2 years, on half-pay. The very recent terp skills and certification were put to good use interpreting full-time at Houston Community College. This made up for the other half of pay that was not coming in. I did this for a little over a year until Exxon found me the position I have now. So, Resurrection MCC not only gave me a new outlook on life through the gift of Thom Lewis but, also prepared me for this impending car accident by inspiring me to learn sign language so that I could support myself.

God truly works in mysterious ways. In hindsight, the car accident was really the best thing that happened to me because at that time I seriously hated my job working out in the refinery. God took me away from that, albeit very abruptly, and started the process to elevate me to my current position. A number of times I have faced near death incidents and The Divine saved me from all of them. I KNOW God works in my life. Even when I resist vehemently, God gets my attention!

Fast-forward to now and my current position on the board. As Community Presence chair I want to do my best to bring some balance to what I feel is a fragmented community. Montrose has for a long time been on a declining trend of not being the heart of the LGBTQI community. There seems an absence of connectedness in our community and I want to do whatever I can to help form new or rebuild connections. I envision and hope for this family being in unity some day with a foundation built on faith and trust that is not limited to physical boundaries.

I ask for your help in making that vision a reality. If you have ideas, criticisms, feedback of any kind around Resurrection MCC's presence in the community, please write me at CommunityPresence@ResurrectionMCC.org

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.

JULY 11



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 KrogerPlus 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.

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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.



Fishers Net Prayer Ministry

A Dialogue with God by Ron Reeser

Distorted Faces

We have all had conversations when our faces have that unmistakably distortion linked to a conversation we are in at the time. Maybe it was a rude comment, foul humor or a proverbial knife to ones true belief concerning our faith. In the later example, I find myself delving into the scriptures to find solace, peace and joy. But as I am feverishly searching to undue my own distorted face, my mind is not at rest and tends to run amuck trying to prove a point that may not be worth proving. It is then two verses help me discern what my actions should be. The first is Psalms 46:10, "Be still, and know that I am God..." and the second is 1 Thessalonians 5:17, "pray without ceasing." When we are calm and become in a prayerful state, we allow God to speak to us, guide us and teach us. It is when we become calm and listen to God we will find the answer to our questions and in turn a smile replaced our distorted faces.

Dear Creator Sustainer Mother Father God, thank you for listening to me. Thank you for speaking to me. Help me to be still and hear your answers. Help me to become still and know you are with me. Oh, Lord, within this busy world, provide a time of solitude and peace I need to prayerfully connect with you. In your many names. Amen.

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.



Recently, Sharri McGauthing 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 bulletins 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 McGauthing

LGBTQ Solutions for Living Well

Professional Services Provided at
Resurrection MCC Wellness Center

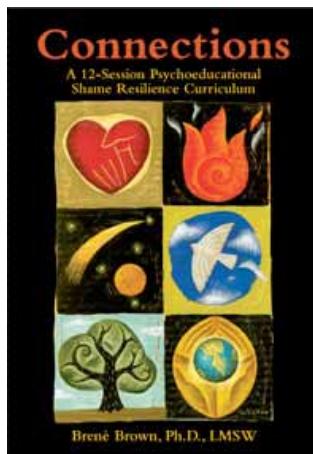
**There is hope for
change, empowerment and
living authentically!**

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.



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

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General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending July 4, 2010

		Week	Year	
Tithes & Offerings				
07/4/10 9:00 am	102	\$2,758.00	\$86,589.13	\$430,000
07/4/10 11:00 am	289	\$7,769.57	\$172,036.96	\$375,714
06/30/10 6:30 pm	28	\$5.00	\$2,775.70	\$321,429
Special Services			\$1,388.75	\$267,143
Special Anniversary Offerings			\$19,491.60	\$212,857
Online Giving		\$1,822.61	\$42,120.19	\$158,571
Other Contributions		\$240.00	\$29,494.92	\$104,286
Total	419	\$12,595.18	\$353,897.25	\$50,000
Other General Fund Income				
Fundraising		\$81.97	\$13,382.81	
Miscellaneous		\$20.00	\$40,637.03	
Total Received		\$12,697.15	\$407,917.09	
Projected Need per Budget		\$15,955.77	\$421,350.02	
Total Exceeded Need / (Did Not Meet Need)		(\$3,258.62)	(\$13,432.93)	
Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$671.00	\$47,588.54	



This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

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

MONDAY JULY 12

6:30 pm	Equality Ministry Meeting	Gathering Place
6:30 pm	Imagine Team Meeting	Music Room

TUESDAY JULY 13

7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY JULY 14

8:00 am	Nonprofit Consulting	Gathering Place
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
7:00 pm	Outreach & Justice Conversation Series	Gathering Place

THURSDAY JULY 15

7:00 pm	Resurrection Singers Rehearsal	Music Room
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FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED JULY 16

SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED JULY 17

9:00 am	New Members Class	Gathering Place
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SUNDAY JULY 18

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