



October 17, 2010

Prelude

Lois Albez

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Janice Ladd
Mark Eggleston

+ Hymn

Water Flowing from the Mountains

Water flowing from the mountains
Water flowing o'er the earth
Water comes to us so precious
Living water gives us birth

(chorus)

Drink deep the source of life
Drink deep and know
For living water sings, and living water brings
the love that makes our spirit grow

Water rushing down the rivers
Water rushing to the sea
Water comes to us so precious
Living water makes us free *(chorus)*

Water springing in the dry place
Water springing in the sun
Water comes to us so precious
Living water for each one. *(chorus)*

+ Invocation

Joy Jolley

We Gather

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

We Listen

Praying means hopeful trusting in God, not in ourselves. The Widow kept coming to the judge, hoping against all odds, persistent, determined, relentless. The believers keep praying, hoping against all odds, persistent, determined, relentless. Not because they are "good Christians" or because they possess such a great and strong faith, not even because it is the gratitude which God requires of us, but because the Spirit has given them the courage to do so, to pray without ceasing in a broken and fearful world. In a way the Widow in Jesus' parable represents not only the need to pray always, but also the Spirit's incessant work of encouraging us to pray, the Spirit's nagging persistence and unrelenting perseverance. This is the hopeful courage that believers receive as a gift from Holy Spirit which leads not only to a life of prayer, but to a life of resistance of all forms of injustice. For God's love is not only persistent, it is also just.

~ Feasting on the Word commentary on Luke 18:1-8 by Margit Ernst-Habib, adapted

First Reading

Aileen North (9 am)
Chris DeJohn (11 am)

Jeremiah 31:27-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humanity and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say: 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.' But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their spouse, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Musical Interlude

I Can Feel You

I can feel you near me God I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God I feel you here
I can feel you near me God I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God Heaven is here

And I'll jump for joy, I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you
I will jump for joy, I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you

+ Second Reading

Denise Junious (9 am)
Marty Williams (11 am)

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ' And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice the chosen ones who cry out day and night? Will God delay long in helping them? I tell you, God will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Humanity comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

Total Praise

words and music by Richard Smallwood

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Harry Knox

*Senior Pastor Candidate***Musical Interlude*****I Can Feel You***

I can feel you loving me yes I know you care
 God I know you're loving me always everywhere

I can feel you loving me yes I know you care
 God I know you're loving me I know you're there

And I'll jump for joy, I'm singing Alleluia
 Jump for joy for you
 I will jump for joy, I'm singing Alleluia
 Jump for joy for you

Making Ministry HappenWayne Wiggins
*Pastoral Search Committee***Offertory**

HeavenSound Handbells

Capriccio

by Kevin McChesney

Communion

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Communion Songs***Let There Be Peace on Earth***

Let there be peace on earth
 And let it begin with me.
 Let there be peace on earth
 The peace that was meant to be.
 With God as our Creator
 Family all are we.
 Let me walk with my family
 In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
 Let this be the moment now.
 With every step I take
 Let this be my solemn vow.
 To take each moment
 And live each moment
 With peace eternally.
 Let there be peace on earth,
 And let it begin with me.

Rev. Harry Knox

The Pastoral Search Committee believes that Rev. Harry Knox is being called by God to lead the next exciting chapter in the life of our church. Rev. Harry Knox was proudly announced as our Senior Pastor Candidate at the Semi-Annual Congregational Forum on Sunday, October 3. Rev. Harry will be preaching today and next Sunday. Members of Resurrection MCC will vote on his confirmation to Senior Pastor next Sunday, immediately following our 11 am Worship, at the Fall Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting. The announcement video may be found online at www.ResurrectionMCC.org.

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.

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.

Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet

Chorus:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid, Think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear, As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end (*Chorus*)

Take My Life

Holiness, holiness is what I long for. Holiness is what I need.
Holiness, holiness is what You want from me.
So take my heart; conform it. Take my mind; transform it.
Take my will; conform it to Yours, to Yours, oh Lord.

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what I long for. Faithfulness is what I need.
Faithfulness, faithfulness is what You want from me.
So take my heart; conform it. Take my mind; transform it.
Take my will; conform it to Yours, to Yours, oh Lord.

So take my heart; conform it. Take my mind; transform it.
Take my will; conform it to Yours, to Yours, oh Lord.
Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for. Righteousness is what I need.
Righteousness, righteousness is what You want from me.

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
We are standing in God's presence
We are standing in God's presence on holy ground.

+ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ Benediction

Rev. Harry Knox

Postlude

FALL SEMI-ANNUAL **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**



SUNDAY | OCTOBER 24 | 12:30 PM | SANCTUARY

Senior Pastor Candidate Election will be held

Our members will also elect Lay Delegates, and vote on the 2011 budget and bylaw changes.

Executive Team

Rev. Janice Ladd

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.

The Chalice

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

Where Will You Journey?

COMMUNITY GATHERING

6:00 - 7:00 pm | Activities Building

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

LIFE DEVELOPMENT OFFERINGS

7:00 - 8:30 pm | Activities Building

several classes, many paths...

OFFERING ONE

5 Weeks - Open to All

The Open Table: An Invitation to Know God

September 22 - October 20



The Open Table: An Invitation to Know God is simply that: an open invitation for discussion about some of life's greatest questions – What Do You Think About God? What is Christianity? Can I Know God? Who Is Jesus? – and reflection on how our understandings of these things affect our lives. Join us for this 5-part DVD-based exploration by Donald Miller (Blue Like Jazz) open to all; especially suited for those on the **Seeking** and **Exploring** Paths in their Journey of Faith! RSVP and questions to RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x107.

OFFERING TWO

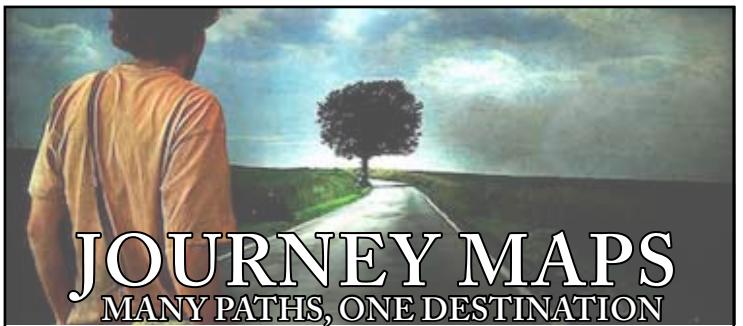
5 Weeks - Open to All

To Have and to Hold: Spiritual Insights on Marriage and Commitment for Lesbian and Gay Couples

September 22 - October 20



Same-gender couples can establish meaningful, loving, and life-long relationships that bless and glorify God as we practice honesty and willingness and choices which enable us to build our relationships on time-tested spiritual principles. This 5-part series created by MCC Pastor Rev. Jeff Miner is geared toward couples and singles seeking to strengthen their spiritual foundation for present or future committed relationships; open to all – great for those on the **Exploring** Path in their Journey of Faith! RSVP and questions to RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x107.



"I'm not sure where to begin . . ."

"Is this workshop right for me?"

"I'm looking for something for beginners . . ."

"I need something to challenge me to take the next step . . ."

As we make our way On the Journey of Faith ... we often find that although we frequently travel in one another's company, we step onto the path from individual starting points, we navigate our way by an inner compass unique to our own soul, and we find ourselves drawn in distinctive ways into relationship with God. Beginning this Fall you will find that each of our Life Development offerings is identified by one or more of the following "Path" designations – Seeking, Exploring, Deepening, Serving, Grounding – as a suggestive guide to formulating personal Journey Maps for engaging Life Development offerings which might best "meet you where you are" in your spiritual growth and education journey. Check out the brief descriptions below as guides which you may find helpful in identifying where you are, and planning where you want to go - and grow!

~ Those on the **Seeking Path** are often in motion with their faith! Possibly recovering from faith experiences that no longer fit, possibly rediscovering faith longings buried long ago, discovering whole new possibilities for their life of faith, those on the Seeking Path are often interested in trying this, trying that, letting go of old stuff, trying out new stuff, questioning, experimenting, and just generally enjoying the faith adventure!

~ Those on the **Exploring Path** are often diving into their faith! Possibly alight or "on fire" with new or renewed experiences of the Divine, those on the Exploring Path often desire passionate engagement with the principles and practices of faith, are learning new ways to pray and read Scripture, and are exploring more fully who Jesus is for them and what it might mean for them to get up close and personal with God!

~ Those on the **Deepening Path** are often being called to new depths of practice in their faith! Possibly responding to a challenging or renewed sense of God's Presence or Call in their lives, those on the Deepening Path are often already engaged in regular disciplines of prayer, study and service – but find they are suddenly restless for more: more intimacy with God, more authenticity within themselves, more surrendered love for others ... more deepening into the Way of discipleship!

~ Those on the **Serving Path** are often practicing servant-ministry as the heart of their faith! Possibly also travelers on the Seeking, Exploring or Deepening Paths at times, those on the Serving Path often discover God, come into relationship with God, or experience faithfulness to God most vividly in the practice of serving others, and as such their preferred Path is one of servant-ministry: becoming transparent for the Presence of God in loving service to God's children!

~ Those on the **Grounding Path** are sowing and strengthening the Foundations of their faith! Possibly already traveling on any of the other Paths, or maybe preparing the way before they venture forth, those stepping onto the Grounding Path are often engaging "the basics" of the "God-stuff" (who is God and what does that mean in my life?), the "me-stuff" (what do I believe and how do I live true to that?), and the "we-stuff" (what is MCC all about and how does that shape Resurrection?) as they map their spiritual journey of faith!



Fishers Net Prayer Ministry

A Dialogue with God by Ron Reeser

GOD'S WILL OR OUR FAILURE TO LISTEN?

The phrase "if it's God's will" has always bothered me and I am sure bothers others as well. It is not that I do not believe in God's will, quite the contrary. I hold fast to my faith in God and Jesus bringing redemption to all who call upon and follow the Lord. My confliction with hearing "if it's God's will" is are we really seeking God's will or do we use the phrase so lackadaisically the meaning is lost? Some advice I received recently justifies this thought. 1) In all times, run to God and pray. The effort is up to us, the outcome is up to God. 2) Listen to the Holy Spirit for direction and give God the glory for everything. So the next time you are ready to quip, 'if it is God's will,' ask yourself; have I run to God in prayer? Am I listening to the Holy Spirit? And am I giving glory to God for everything?

Dear Sustaining, Creator, Father, Mother God, Oh Lord, come into my heart, mind and soul. Send the Holy Spirit to descend upon me so that I may follow, truly follow You and empathically know Your will within all situations. In Your many names. Amen

Join us each Sunday in the Chapel between services or near the Prayer Wall after our 11 am Worship service for one-on-one personal prayer. You can also send your requests to Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org. Requests are immediately prayed over by the Fishers Net Prayer members and published each week in a Praise and Prayer alert email (unless your request is to remain anonymous). 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.

~ Fishers Net Prayer Ministry ~



"SECOND SUNDAY" FRIEND-RAISER BRUNCH

TODAY

Activities Building, 12:30 pm

**Enjoy burgers and hot dogs while you meet and ask
questions of our Senior Pastor Candidate!**



Saturday | October 23 | 9:30 am - Noon
Chapel

Ministering to others is challenging work! Whether our ministry is facilitating life development groups, serving on the Board of Directors, teaching children, or performing any of a dozen other tasks, we need support, guidance and spiritual sustenance ourselves! While others may come to see us as "experts," we can feel at a loss about how God is leading us to grow – or even, at times, to cope! We may feel tired, isolated, or lacking in the skills needed to continue to grow in our own spiritual journey as well as in our ministry role. Soul Care for Servant Leaders is an 8-month small group experience for people who actively provide leadership in ministry within our community of faith. We will focus on:

- *Developing skills of discernment, to learn how God is working in and directing our lives;*
- *Being present with and listening attentively to ourselves and each other;*
- *Supporting and encouraging each other in living lives that express our most deeply held values;*
- *Giving and receiving support for our work as ministers to others.*

Those in any form of ministry who desire to "serve from fullness" are invited to join us for this first class! If it feels right and you want to continue with the group, you will be asked to make a commitment to participate in the entire series. Excellent for **Serving** and **Deepening** Paths or Journey of Faith.

Series Dates:

November 20, 2010, December 18, 2010, January 15, 2011
February 19, 2011, March 19, 2011, April 16, 2011, May 21, 2011

Anyone interested in participating may contact Cathleen at SoulCare@ResurrectionMCC.org

DISCOVERING MY SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Saturday, October 23, 9 am - Noon
Gathering Place

As a community, we are interrelated and interdependent, much like the human body. Finding our part in the body comes from discovering and utilizing our spiritual gifts. The goal of this class is to help participants discover and develop their spiritual gifts, place them in meaningful ministry opportunities that best suit their unique gifts and abilities, and stimulate creativity in God's gifted people for the purpose of developing new ministries.

Join us and find your unique fit in the body of Christ as we build up our community. Great for those on Seeking and Exploring Paths.

Breakfast will be served. Please RSVP to Connections@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x104.

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release: October 4, 2010



Human Rights Campaign's Harry Knox Is Candidate for Senior Pastor of Houston's Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church

Knox is past member of U.S. President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

Houston -- Rev. Harry Knox, a past member of President Barack Obama's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships and director of the Human Rights Campaign's Religion and Faith Program, has accepted a call to candidate for the position of senior pastor of Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church in Houston, Texas.

Founded in 1972, Resurrection MCC serves more than 850 members and friends and is one of the largest congregations within Metropolitan Community Churches, a Christian denomination with churches in more than 35 countries. The church is widely known for its positive, affirming ministry to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons, along with their friends, families and allies, and for its strong commitment to social justice as an expression of the congregation's Christian faith.

"Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church seeks to meet the pastoral needs of its members and to equip their spiritual growth so they can live into God's calling to be the leading social justice congregation in Houston," said Rev. Knox. "The call of the search committee to become the candidate for senior pastor at Resurrection is a dream come true for me. My calling and passion are for equipping God's people to do compassionate justice in Christ's name."

"Rev. Harry Knox is a gifted spiritual leader with a wealth of experience in ministry, non-profit management, advocacy, and human rights work," said Rev. Elder Nancy L. Wilson, moderator of Metropolitan Community Churches worldwide. While at HRC, Rev. Knox supervised the creation of a national speakers bureau that reaches more than 10 million Americans monthly and a weekly scriptural commentary preaching resource with an ecumenical lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender perspective on the Bible. He was also instrumental in creating the historic HRC Clergy Call for Justice and Equality, now a biennial Capitol Hill advocacy event for LGBT-affirming clergy and other faith leaders.

Rev. Knox has been featured on the BBC News, PBS, NBC, and CBS, as well as in national and local newspapers. He was the recipient of the 2000 Cordle Award for Promotion of God's Diversity and Lancaster Theological Seminary's 2005 Robert V. Moss Medal for Excellence in Ministry.

Knox joined the staff of the Human Rights Campaign in 2005. "There are people you meet in life that you truly feel blessed to have known," said Joe Solmonese, HRC president. "Harry Knox is one of those people for me. For the past five years, Harry has led our Religion & Faith program with great skill, effectiveness and diplomacy. We are infinitely stronger as a result of Harry's leadership."

Prior to his work with the Human Rights Campaign, Knox served as business manager for patient services and comprehensive school health programs for the American Cancer Society, Georgia Division; director of development at Equality Florida; executive director of Georgia Equality; and program director for Freedom to Marry.

According to Rev. Nancy L. Wilson, moderator of MCC, "I have been blessed to know and work with Harry Knox for many years. I am so impressed by his sincere conviction of the power of the inclusive gospel of Jesus Christ, by his charisma and his pastoral and organizational skills, and by his ability to meet and love and lead so many kinds of people. He has been a wonderful colleague and friend, both at the White House and at the Human Rights Campaign, always challenging homophobia, whether in Uganda or California. Nothing pleases me more than welcoming him into the ranks of MCC clergy and for him to be the candidate for senior pastor of Resurrection MCC. Harry is a genuine, humble, history-maker, who loves our movement, our people, our God, and our great cause."

Knox holds a Master of Divinity from Lancaster Theological Seminary and received extraordinary clergy credentials through the Office of Moderator of Metropolitan Community Churches. He will participate in MCC's upcoming REVM clergy program and will celebrate the Rite of Ordination in Washington, DC, on November 13, 2010.

Rev. Knox will be the preacher for Sunday services on October 17 and 24, 2010, and a congregational vote is scheduled following morning worship services on the 24th. If his selection is ratified by the congregation, Rev. Knox will begin his new ministry in Houston fulltime on January 1, 2011.

Opportunities to Learn More about Rev. Harry Knox, Senior Pastor Candidate

"Second" Sunday Friendraiser Brunch

Sunday, October 17, 12:30 - 1:30 pm
Activities Building

Worship Arts Department Dinner

Tuesday, October 19, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Gathering Place

The Chalice: Community Meal

Wednesday, October 20, 6 - 7 pm
Activities Building

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting Reception

Sunday, October 24, Following meeting,
Activities Building

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT **October 22, 7 pm**



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www.cavatoreitalianrestaurant.com

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

Children's Choir Rehearsal

Sundays | Activities Building | 10:30am - 11:00am

3rd - 7th Grade welcome



Please email questions to ChildrensChoir@ResurrectionMCC.org.

QUEEN OF HEARTS: FIRST ANNUAL MASQUERADE BALL

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 30, 2010
7- 11 PM | ACTIVITIES BLDG. | \$25



hors d'oeuvres, wine, dancing, and silent auction

"Find a mask and wear it well, your true identity no one can tell. Place a heart in a secret location, finding the hearts of others is your invitation."

Proceeds support the ministries of Resurrection MCC

Tickets available in Inspirations Coffee Cafe and online at www.ResurrectionMCC.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Masquerade Ball Fundraiser Planning Committee

This team will assist with preparations for our Masquerade Ball on Saturday, October 30, 2010. For questions and to volunteer, contact Tricia Phillips at Masquerade@ResurrectionMCC.org

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

Resurrection MCC Board is requesting the donation for their 1ST Annual Silent Auction and Masquerade Ball to be held October 30, 2010. Proceeds from the sale of these items will benefit the General Fund of the Church. Donations maybe dropped off in the GYM every Sunday between 9am - 11am. If you have any questions please contact Tricia Phillips for further information at Masquerade@ResurrectionMCC.org. Please see list below of items we would like you to consider donating. Thank you in advance for making our Silent Auction and Masquerade Ball a great success.....

See below a list of items we thought about for donations....

- Watches (His/Hers)
- Weekend Hotel Stay
- Crystal
- Dinner Gift Cards
- Electronics
- Theater/Ballet Tickets
- Gift Cards
- Jewelry
- Dinner for 8 w/new Pastor

DIALOGUE: RACISM IN A “POST-RACIAL AMERICA”

Saturday | Oct. 30, 9 - 5pm | Gathering Place



"[People] hate each other because they fear each other, and they fear each other because they don't know each other, and they don't know each other because they are often separated from each other."

- Dr. Martin Luther King

This amazing offering from the Center for the Healing of Racism teams facilitators from different heritages create a safe, respectful environment where participants can explore the issues of racism and its repercussions. Information is provided by the facilitators on such topics as defining prejudice and racism, where racism originates, how racism is perpetuated, the forms of racism, and positive means for overcoming racism and healing its wounds. Participants are then encouraged to dialogue within guidelines that promote real listening and understanding. Dialogue: Racism was developed to encourage the sharing of thoughts, feelings, experiences, and perspectives among a diverse group of people, and is conducted in an intensive 2-day format comprising a 16-hour workshop held over two 8-hour Saturdays. Open to all; this Foundations offering is especially relevant for persons engaged in a **Serving** Path, as well as for those on the **Exploring** and **Deepening** Paths in their Journey of Faith! For questions and to RSVP, contact the Center for the Healing of Racism at 713-520-8226 or www.centerhealingracism.org

SEASON OF SERVICE

Sign-Ups & Spiritual Renewal

Sunday | November 7 | 12:30 - 2 pm | Activities Building

No Experience Required!

Come and see all the ways you can get involved in ministry and then step out and try it on for three months! Join Rev. Janice, Rev. Kristen and Ministry Team Leads for sign-ups, ministry updates, and a time of spiritual renewal as we commit our time and talents to God's people this Fall!

All new and returning volunteers are invited to sign-up and share their gifts...

- Children & Youth Teachers & Assistants, Nursery Angels
- Welcome Team, Ushers, Concierge, Inspirations
- Communion Servers, Prayer Ministers, Scripture Readers

Lunch will be provided so please RSVP to Connections@ResurrectionMCC.org.

STRENGTHEN YOUR FINANCES and ESTABLISH A LEGACY

Sunday | November 7 | 12:30 - 4 pm | Chapel

You are cordially invited to attend a financial seminar hosted by Prudential Financial Services Associates and Tricia Phillips, Resurrection MCC Board Member. You will receive information on how to grow your finances, protect your wealth, and establish a legacy at Resurrection MCC. A few of the topics to be discussed include annuities, life insurance, long term care insurance, and disability income insurance.

You will be afforded an opportunity to schedule a confidential appointment with Prudential FSA to develop a strategy to evaluate your current financial needs and goals, and address your unmet financial needs. Please RSVP to LegacyGifts@ResurrectionMCC.org.

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Thank you for your contributions to our Imagine Capital Campaign. Some of the results from your commitment have been...building improvements, audio/video expansion, life development offerings and debt reduction...but we're not done yet...

Please join us in the final phase of our **Imagine...REALITY** Capital Campaign from now until December 2011! There are several ways you can financially support the campaign...finish your initial pledge, make a new commitment for this segment or contribute to a specific project (see pledge card).

Prayerfully consider your part in our **Imagine...REALITY** Capital Campaign as we continue to dream...believe...give...live.

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Welcome Rev. Harry and Mike
~ Resurrection MCC Lay Delegates

General Fund Financial Report

		Week	Year
Tithes & Offerings			
10/03/10 9:00 am	125	\$2,061.00	\$144,140.19
10/03/10 11:00 am	303	\$6,076.92	\$253,088.80
09/29/10 6:30 pm	55	126.00	\$3,249.71
Special Services			\$1,388.75
Special Anniversary Offerings			\$19,491.60
Online Giving		\$1,185.00	\$64,294.25
Other Contributions		\$955.00	\$48,868.92
Total	483	\$10,403.92	\$534,522.22
Other General Fund Income			
Fundraising		\$413.00	\$16,369.42
Miscellaneous		\$450.00	\$51,707.15
Total Received		\$11,266.92	\$602,598.79
Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$3,220.00	\$69,769.06

Week Ending October 10, 2010

Stewardship Thought for the Week

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~ Benjamin Whichcote



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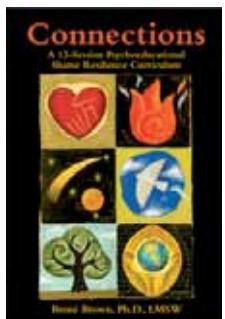


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This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY	OCTOBER 17	
9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Harry Knox		
9:30 am Masquerade Ball Committee Meeting	Activities Building	
10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	Chapel	
10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal	Activities Building	
10:45 am Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building	
11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Harry Knox		
12:30 pm Second Sunday Friend-Raiser Brunch	Activities Building	
1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room	
MONDAY	OCTOBER 18	
No Events Scheduled		
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 19	
6:30 pm Worship Arts Dinner with Rev. Harry	Gathering Place	
7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Music Room	
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 20	
8:00 am Nonprofit Consulting	Gathering Place	
6:00 pm Community Gathering w/Rev. Harry	Activities Building	
7:00 pm The Chalice: The Open Table	Activities Building	
7:00 pm The Chalice: Have and to Hold	Activities Building	
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 21	
No Events Scheduled		
FRIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	OCTOBER 22
7:00 pm Friday Night OUT	Cavatore Italian Restaurant	
SATURDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	OCTOBER 23
9:00 am Discovering My Spiritual Gifts	Gathering Place	
9:30 am Soul Care For Servant-Ministry	Chapel	
10:30 am Future Clergy Meeting	Chapel	
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 24	
9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Harry Knox		
9:30 am Masquerade Ball Committee Meeting	Activities Building	
10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	Chapel	
10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal	Activities Building	
10:45 am Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building	
11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Harry Knox		
12:30 pm Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting (SACM)	Sanctuary	
After SACM Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting Reception	Activities Bldg.	
1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room	