



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

December 12, 2010

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini
Mark Eggleston

Welcome

Cassandra White

+ Processional Hymn

Sanctuary Choir
HeavenSound Handbells

O Come All Ye Faithful

by J.F. Wade Arr. John Rutter

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye o come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the king of Angels;
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord

God of God, Light of light, Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten not created:

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to Godin the highest;

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n; Word of the Maker, now in flesh appearing;

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord

Song

Lo How a Rose

arr. Michael Praetorius

Sanctuary Choir

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 Christ we seek is within us, in our inmost self, is our inmost self, and yet infinitely transcends ourselves. This is the very root of our being. Therefore, what we are called to do is to live as habitually and constantly as possible with great simplicity on this level of love which proceeds from the depths of our own being where Christ reigns and loves. This is a dimension of love which no one can take away unless we close the door ourselves and no one can bring it in unless we open the door to Christ, opening our hearts to Christ dwelling there.

~ Thomas Merton as quoted in Joyce Rupp:
Open the Door: A Journey to the True Self

Open the Door: Lighting of the Advent Candle & Invocation

Eddie Domingue
Rudy Villareal

+ One: Light of Every New Dawn, we open the door of our hearts to You:

**All: Open our minds to remember Your joy
Open our mouths to speak of Your joy
Open our hearts to receive Your joy
Open our hands to embody Your joy
Open our lives to make real Your joy**

One: Open our worship as we rejoice in Your joy.
Open the door of our hearts to You.

+ First Reading

Loyal Kletzien (9 am)
Laurel Powell (11 am)

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Song

Sanctuary Choir

How Great Our Joy
arr. John Rutter

Song

Sanctuary Choir

Bring a Torch Jeanette, Isabella
arr. John Rutter

+ Second Reading

Joy Jolley (9 am)
Dan Lindquist (11 am)

Luke 2:8-20

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Words by Phillips Brooks, Music by Lewis H. Redner

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the joys of highest heaven.
No ear may hear Christ's coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

Making Ministry Happen

Karla Johnson
Board of Directors

Offertory

Gospel Ensemble

Little Drummer Boy

arr. Donald Lawrence

+ **Third Reading**

Marcial Renteria (9 am)
Rev. Michael Diaz (11 am)

Matthew 2:1-11

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judah; for so it has been written by the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Song

Sanctuary Choir

We Three Kings

arr. John Rutter

Advent

As we begin the Christian Year, we also celebrate the Holy Season known as Advent. It is a time when we prepare ourselves for the coming of our Messiah. Advent means "Coming." We celebrate the days of Advent in expectation and preparation for Christ's arrival. Through the centuries, Christians have observed a time of waiting and expectation before celebrating the birth of the Savior at Christmas. The Advent season is a time for reflection and preparation, but its mood is joyful. As it proclaims the revelation of God's love as expressed in Christ's birth in a humble stable, Advent makes innkeepers out of all of us, asking each of us to make room for the arrival of Christ, the Light of the World. We anticipate the Light of Christ with the ritual lighting of a candle in the Advent Wreath on each Sunday of the season. The candles remind us of the eternal Presence of God, while the colors of the candles – three purple and one pink – symbolize the Sovereignty of Christ who rules with hope, peace and love, bringing joy into our world. The large white candle in the center is known as the Christ candle, and points to Jesus as the Christ, the Light of the world. The flame of each new candle in Advent reminds us that something Holy is happening in our midst . . . and that more is still to come.

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 silent 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 after worship. The Fishers Net Prayer Ministry is also available following both services to pray with you.

Silent Communion

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, prayer partners are available after worship in the right wing of the Sanctuary, near the prayer wall.

Communion

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini
Rev. Michael Diaz

Communion Song

Sanctuary Choir
HeavenSound Handbells

Stille Nacht

arr. Chip Davis and Jim Winslet

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Song

Sanctuary Choir

Joy to the World

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

Song

Sanctuary Choir

Carol of the Bells

arr. Peter Wilhousky

Song

HeavenSound Handbells

Carol of the Bells

Final Remarks and Benediction

Cassandra White



Join us

next Sunday at 9 & 11 am
as Rev. Harry Knox
preaches his first Sunday
as our Senior Pastor!

Executive Team

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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 - 17 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.

ADVENT CONNECTION GROUPS

7:00 - 8:30 pm | Activities Building

OFFERING ONE

6 Weeks - Open to All

ADVENT CONNECTION GROUPS

Wednesdays

December 1 - January 5

OPEN THE DOOR

"The full person God created us to be contains more than we can imagine, but most of us dwell within only a small portion of the superb castle of ourselves. Opening the door of our heart allows us entrance to the vast treasure of who we are and to the divine presence within us. We have an immeasurable amount of love and tenderness in us if only we open the door to discover it. The same is true with the multitude of our other qualities and virtues. Each door we open helps us grow into the fullness of who we are. Each discovery moves us to contribute love in our world."

~ *Open the Door: A Journey to the True Self* by Joyce Rupp

You are invited to participate in the upcoming 6-week small group study. During the season of Advent, Connection Groups will gather once a week to share their experience with the incredible book entitled: "Open the Door: A Journey to the True Self." In this book beloved author and spiritual guide, Joyce Rupp, explores the rich image of the door as an invitation to growth and awareness and leads readers to search more deeply for their authentic selves in fuller union with God. The book provides a structure of daily reading, scripture, prayer, reflection, and meditation and the Advent Connection Groups will provide encouragement and companionship throughout the journey.

Mark your calendar to meet each Wednesday from December 1 to January 5 when we will have Advent Connection Groups on site in the Activities Building. Sign up today and purchase your book at the Inspirations Coffee Café and Bookstore or download the book to your Kindle through Amazon.

If you need more information, contact
RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x105.

Christmas BASKETS



Food & Cash Donations
Received in Gathering
Place After Services

Shopping List

2 cans corn, 2 cans green beans, 2 cans vegetables, 2 lb. bag of rice, box of mashed potatoes, can of cranberry sauce, 2 packages of gravy mix, 2 boxes of mac & cheese, large can of sweet potatoes, box of stuffing, 2 lb. bag of dried beans, 4 or 5 lb. bag of flour, 4 or 5 lb. bag of sugar, box of cake mix, corresponding container of frosting, 32 oz. vegetable oil, box of snack cakes, and a \$25 grocery gift card.

Volunteer Support

Volunteers are needed to shop (evenings of December 16 - 18), assemble the baskets (Saturday, December 18, 9 am - Noon), and distribute the baskets (Sunday, December 19, 2 pm).

If you are able to provide assistance helping our hungry neighbors, please email
ChristmasBaskets@ResurrectionMCC.org

OPEN THE DOOR

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

SUNDAYS, 9 & 11 AM

DEC. 19 - Standing on the Threshold - Rev. Harry

DEC. 26 - Closing the Door - Rev. Kristen

JAN. 2 - Beyond the Door - Rev. Harry



Fishers Net Prayer Ministry

A Dialogue with God by Ron Reeser

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want."

Psalms 23:1

Do we believe this? Within the materialist society we live, it is easy to lose focus on this verse and the meaning within. God provides everything. God sustains us, comforts us, and provides our food, water and ... everything! God is great, our total fulfillment and we lack nothing when we focus upon, place our trust within, and keep an open dialogue with God. During this time of year when commercialism seems all too imposing; remember to praise and pray. Praise God for all you have and pray for others and situations which need God's intervention.

Dear Sustainer, Provider and Protector God, we come to you today, collectively and individually to praise you for all that we have and all you provide. We come to you in prayer and ask for your divine intervention for the needs around us. We acknowledge the needs are many and know You are greater than the need. Oh, Lord, thank you for the entire twenty-third Psalm and especially verse one. We are reminded that because you are in our lives, we lack nothing. 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 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 ~

Children's Choir Rehearsal

Sundays | Activities Building, Room 104
10:30 am - 11:00 am | 3rd - 7th grades welcome



Please email questions to ChildrensChoir@ResurrectionMCC.org

NEW TEEN GROUP
13-17 years

Youth Ministry also includes:
SPROUTS • 4 - 6 years
FAITH BEGINNINGS • 7 - 9 years
FAITH EXPLORERS • 10 - 12 years

Sign up in Activities Building starting at 10:45 am

Nursery Christmas Gathering

For Children ages 1 month through 3 years and their families

TODAY • 12:30 - 1:30 • Nursery

Refreshments ~ Christmas Music ~ Gift Exchange

Join us as we celebrate the joys of the season with our children and thank our nursery staff for their faithful service this year.

Gift Exchange: So that every child will have a gift to open - please bring a wrapped gift (\$10 maximum) for your child to give at the gift exchange

Light refreshments will be provided.



Join us in a Celebration of Family, Community & Culture

Saturday • January 1 • 6 pm • Activities Building



Saturday • January 1 • 6 pm • Activities Building

Join us for a meal and time of celebration.

RSVP by December 21: Kwanzaa@ResurrectionMCC.org

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.

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.

If you have interest in any of these groups, please email our interim Director of Worship, Cassandra White, Cassandra@ResurrectionMCC.org



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.

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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.

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 & Bookstore

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](mailto>Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org)

Do you like helping people feel special and welcome the moment they arrive to the church?

We want to welcome people to the church and help them get to where they need to go. Team members are positioned at every door and sidewalk, greeting people with a smile and kind word, offering directions or answering questions.

If you have questions or would like to join any of these teams, email the team lead (listed above) or contact Rev. Michael at RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x105.

Open the Door

Advent Connection Groups

Wednesdays, December 1 - January 5 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Joy to the World

Christmas Concert

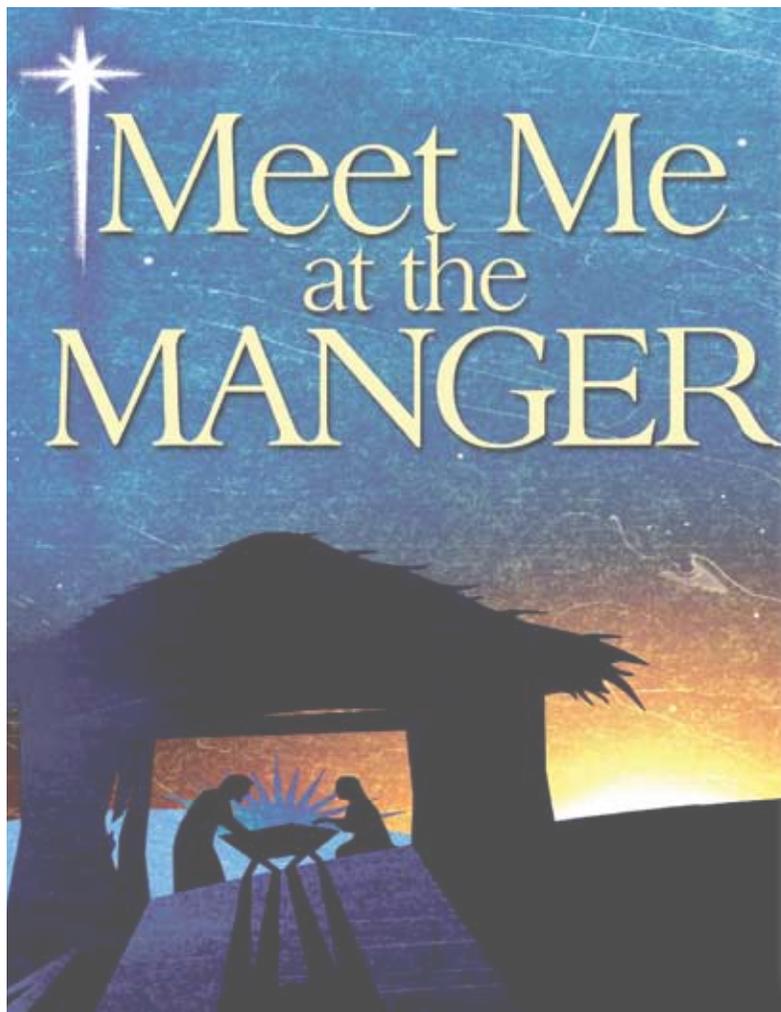
Sunday, December 12 | 9:00 & 11:00 am

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Worship

with Rev. Harry Knox, our new Senior Pastor

Friday, December 24 | 7:00 pm



Some gifts are gladly received yet quickly forgotten. They dazzle the eyes. They may even find their place in our home. Yet they never quite enter the heart. Then there is the gift of God's love: this gift not only enters the heart—it transforms it.

At Resurrection MCC we celebrate the gift of God's love the entire year. There really is no gift that compares to spiritual transformation. The idea behind our Annual Meet Me at the Manger challenge is for each of us to participate in an act of gratitude for God's priceless gift to us.

The concept is simple: The power of God was revealed at the manger through the birth of Jesus. Nobody would have predicted that something as simple as a manger would have become a place to ultimately change history. There at the manger, God placed each of us first by giving the finest gift possible: The gift of Jesus.

Now it is time for us to put God first. Resurrection MCC invites you to put God first by giving a special offering (beyond regular pledges and giving) that is equal in amount to the most expensive Christmas gift you give—plus one dollar. Such an act is considered a spiritual practice, in the spirit of such spiritual practices as prayer or fasting.

Gift giving is all about celebrating relationships, and our most important relationship is with Christ. Even one dollar more than our most expensive gift does not express the value of our most important relationship. Yet such a gift is a way to thank God for the ultimate gift of eternal life.

Here is how you can participate. We have provided gift boxes (available now in the Narthex and Gathering Place) for you to take with you as a visible reminder of this opportunity. Children especially love to put some money in the box each week. Others simply write one check.

Then, on Christmas Eve you are invited to bring your gift and place it in the basket in front of our altar.

Join your friends and family at the Resurrection Manger on Christmas Eve. When you make your gift list, remember to put God first.

Kids Communicate God's Love Every Fifth Sunday!



Come allow your kids to experience the joy of giving! Sign up your kids to serve at the Fifth Sunday services in the Sanctuary today. Every fifth Sunday our students will have the opportunity to serve as ushers, greeters, and eucharistic ministers. Experience the greatness of our kids!

Sign them up on Sundays in the Activities Building after Children's Church, or email Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org

We Can Do It!



I Want You!

Do you have a smile, a hello, and 20 minutes a month? That's all it takes to be a part of the Welcome ministry.

Contact Donna at: Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org

ADOPT A BED

Recent Work Days have beautified our campus! There are a few beds that need to be adopted so they'll stay maintained.

Email Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org if you would like to help!



FOOD PANTRY

Open by Appointment:
713-861-9149 x103

Nonperishables Needed:
Canned Meats, Vegetables, Fruit, Juice, Soup, Pasta, Rice, Beans

Please place donations in the shopping cart located in the Welcome Area.



Board Members on Duty

Edwin Kelly & Dejuana Jernigan

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Consider donating flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special day. Email the date and message to Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org or call 713-861-9149 x106.

Financial Report

For the Week and YTD Ended December 5, 2010

Tithes & Offerings & Capital Giving	Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Total	YTD Average Per Person
Amount Needed	530	\$16,534.62	\$810,196.15	\$31.20
Amount Received	482	\$17,734.99	\$756,614.80	\$30.34

Bottom Line:

Did you know that it only takes an average of \$31.20 per week per person to transform lives in our community? Currently, we are not receiving sufficient offerings to accomplish the 2010 ministry goals approved by the congregation. We manage our cash flow accordingly, but due to the budget variance, we are falling short of fulfilling our ministry vision.

Ministry Plan for 2011

Amount Needed	671	\$21,762.54	\$1,131,652.00	\$32.43
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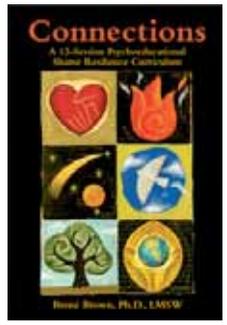
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SUNDAY DECEMBER 12

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Christmas Concert	
10:00 am	Fundraising Committee Meeting	Work Room
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 / Christmas Concert	
12:30 pm	Nursery Christmas Gathering	Nursery
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary

MONDAY DECEMBER 13

No Events Scheduled

TUESDAY DECEMBER 14

No Events Scheduled

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 15

6:00 pm	The Chalice: Community Gathering	Activities Building
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Advent Connection Groups	Activities Building

THURSDAY DECEMBER 16

No Events Scheduled

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 17

No Events Scheduled

SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 18

9:00 am	Christmas Basket Assembly	Activities Building
9:30 am	Soul Care For Servant-Ministry	Chapel
1:00 pm	Praise Dancers Rehearsal	Sanctuary

SUNDAY DECEMBER 19

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Harry Knox	
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	Reception for Rev. Harry	Activities Building
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary
2:00 pm	Christmas Basket Distribution	Activities Building