



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

March 27, 2011

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Harry Knox
Rev. Michael Diaz

Prelude

HeavenSound Handbells

Come Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

+ Invocation

Rev. Mona Lopez (9am)
Marion Kirby (11 am)

+ Hymn

Wind Upon the Waters

Wind upon the waters, voice upon the deep;
Rouse Your sons and daughters, wake us from our sleep.
Breathing life into all flesh, breathing love into all hearts,
Living wind upon the waters of my soul.

Showers from the heaven, water from the earth;
Gift so wholly given, source of every birth.
Joy of every living thing, making all creation sing,
Shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.

Rock and hill and garden, wood and desert sand;
Prairie, field and meadow, shaped by Love's own hand.
Love that fills the world around, springing up from barren ground,
Grow Your love within the garden of my soul.

Blazing light of wonder, flame that pierces night;
Burst the dark asunder, fill our souls with light.
God of glory, fill the skies, make an end to hatred's cries,
Be the blazing Sun of justice in our lives.

Wind upon the waters, rains upon the sand,
Grace your sons and daughters, newborn by your hand.
Come, O Spirit renew all the life that comes from you,
Send winds upon the waters of my souls.

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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 Prepare

As the prelude begins, the congregation is invited to be in an attitude of expectation for the worship of God.

Invocation

Our Invocation series this Lent is crafted from the beautiful poem "To You Who Are Kind, Who Walk in the Ways of Peace, I Say" by Jonathan Klate. Celebrating the "repair of the world" or "tikkun olam" that can be brought forth by God's peoples everywhere, Klate's poem is an exclusive in Tikkun magazine online and can be found in full there; information about "tikkun olam" can be found on page 7.

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Participate

This season we celebrate Creation and participate in the Living Word through creative accompaniment by music and movement, poetry and painting.

Epistle in Spoken-Word Arrangement

Sara Navarro; Gemma Burns;
Hector Moreno; Eli'jah Carroll

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves God's love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by Christ's blood, will we be saved through Christ from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of God's Child, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by Christ's life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

You are my Shepherd

by Zack Stachowski

+ Gospel Reading

Jerry Reitz, Bill O'Rourke, Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini (9 am)
Rose Wall, Tony Stegall, Rev. Michael Diaz (11 am)

John 4:5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jewish man, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Heavenly Parent neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jewish peoples. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Heavenly Parent in spirit and truth, for Our God seeks such as these to come and worship. God is spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see the one who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the

Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to Jesus. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the One who sent me and to complete God's work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, "This one told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked Jesus to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Collect

Traditionally, the liturgical "collect" was a dialog between the celebrant and the people wherein the celebrant invites all to pray, then the celebrant concludes the time of prayer by "collecting" the peoples' prayers in a unified petition -referred to as a collect.

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Harry Knox

Response

You are my Shepherd, my rock and my refuge.
You are my strength, my shield, my song.
You give me rest; You give me comfort.
Nothing more shall I want
Nothing more shall I want

Congregational Collect

Joe Baird, Duane Treybig

One: And to you/ who come to this moment/ by virtue of respect/ for life and one another/ who cannot abide the discomfort of your brother or sister/ which might be eased by your kindness/ who humbly become vessels for God's generous provision/ through the merciful spirit that abides within/ and reveals that injustice to any is the concern of all ...
To you I say Thank you, my friend!
Let us prepare our offering with joy!
Let us pray:

All: For You, O God, formed all nations with Your own hand!
You are a God of All Peoples; You call us to befriend the friendless!
Let us make community and justice because of Your love;
let our hearts and hands reach out to the estranged and rejected
bearing friendship, proclaiming equality and restoring dignity
to every neighbor, near and far!
Let us see and share and stand for partners, allies and friends
bearing kindness, seeking justice and walking humbly together. Indeed ...
" ... we boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,
and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope
does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."
Your nation is One – let us give that we would stand together as one!
Your justice is for all – let us give that we would be justice-makers
in Your love!
For Jesus, the Redeemer of All, reaches through us ...
Holy God, Hope of the World, bless our gifts to your purposes ..
Amen.

Offertory

Tony Stegall

I Am Changing

from the Broadway Musical Dreamgirls by Henry Krieger and Tom Eyen

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.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the communion server on the far right. Simply say, "Gluten free."

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.

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.

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.

Communion

Rev. Janice Ladd

Communion Songs

In Remembrance of Me

In remembrance of Me eat this bread, In remembrance of Me drink this wine
In remembrance of Me pray for the time, When God's own will is done

In remembrance of me heal the sick, In remembrance of me feed the poor
In remembrance of me open the door, And let your brother in, let him in

Take eat and be comforted, Drink and remember too
That this is my body and precious blood, Shed for you, shed for you

In remembrance of me always love, In remembrance of me don't look above
But in your heart, in your heart, Look in your heart for God

Do this in remembrance of Me, Do this in remembrance of Me
In remembrance of Me

Fill My Cup Lord

Like the woman at the well I was seeking
For things that could not satisfy:
And then I heard my Savior speaking:
"Draw from my well that never shall run dry".

Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up, Lord!
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

There are millions in this world who are craving
The pleasures earthly things afford;
But none can match the wondrous treasure
hat I find in Jesus Christ my Lord.

Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up, Lord!
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

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Lamb of God

Your only Son
No sin to hide
But You have sent Him,
From Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God
I love the Holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious Blood
Till I am just a Lamb of God

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Harry Knox

Postlude

Joel Hammett

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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 that follows God's call to justice for all people. We build on a rich history of social justice for, and on behalf of, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people. Since its founding in 1968, Metropolitan Community Churches have been at the vanguard of civil and human rights movements as an international advocate for vulnerable people in places where religious orthodoxy, sexism, transphobia and homophobia can result in violence and death. MCC has been on the forefront in the struggle towards marriage equality in the US and other countries worldwide and continues to be a powerful voice in the LGBTQ equality movement. MCC's ministry reaches over 43,000 members in over 250 churches in 22 countries worldwide.

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 to those who suffer under the weight of oppressive systems, being guided always by our commitment to Global Human Rights.

The Chalice

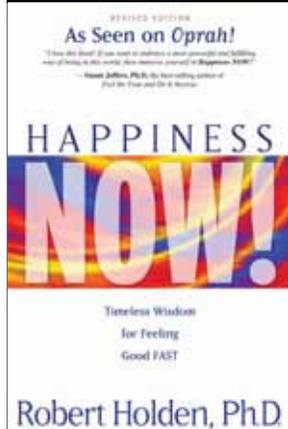
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Life in Fullness

Where Will You Journey?

CONNECTION GROUPS

7:00 - 8:30 pm | Activities Building
Fasting on the Negative, Feasting on the Positive

6 Weeks - Open to All LENT CONNECTIONS GROUP:



FASTING ON THE NEGATIVE, FEASTING ON THE POSITIVE

WEDNESDAYS
MARCH 16 - APRIL 20
7 PM, ACTIVITIES BLDG.

Too often we choose to give up the most beautiful parts of ourselves, the very parts that God embraces. Too often we give up our inner joy. Our theme for Lent is "Fasting on the Negative and Feasting on the Positive." Using weekly in-depth scripture reflections with questions and discussion prompted by Robert Holden's book, Happiness Now!, we will embark on a spiritual exploration towards sacrificing self-doubt, feelings of unworthiness, fear, and shame.

It is geared toward serious self-reflection during Lent and strengthening one's relationship with God who lives WITHIN us. This six-week study meets on Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8:30 pm, beginning March 16. If you would like to be a part of a Lenten Connection Group and explore what means to stop chasing happiness and actually experience it, please sign-up in the Welcome Area after Worship services today or RSVP to RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org. This Lent will be a season you will never forget! Books available in Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Bookstore.

Fishers Net Prayer Ministry



A Dialogue With God

by Ron Reeser

Within the scientific world, much was discussed and I am sure argued concerning the fifth element. All seemed to agree on the first four: earth, air, water and fire, but what about the fifth or as Aristotle put it, the "subtle" medium of aether which means empty. You see, during the time of Aristotle, the Greeks could not imagine something with nothing or the unseen or physically unexperienced. This debate for the answer went on for years. But when combined with Biblical teachings from Genesis 1.6-8 and the theories of physicist John Wheeler (1911-2008), who discovered that an empty cup holds enough energy to evaporate the oceans, science catches up with our Christian belief in that God is everywhere.

God teaches us to empty ourselves or to "re-birth" from the distractions of the world around us. And science teaches us that when even we, similar to an empty cup, remain empty; we are still full of energy - God's energy. This week, spend some time in prayer and as Psalm 46.10 tells us, "Be still and know that I am God," and allow God to fill whatever void you are experiencing.

Dear Sustainer, Creator, Father, Mother God, you are profound and beyond our human beliefs. Even when there is nothing, you fill the void. You are always there and will never leave us. This week, oh Lord, create some time for me to empty myself of the world around me and allow you to fill my cup. In your many names. Amen.

Do you have a prayer request? Send your requests to Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org. Requests are immediately prayed over by the Fishers Net Prayer Team. If you would like to join the Fishers Net Prayer Family (become a team member) or the Fishers Net Extended Prayer Family (join our email list), please contact us at Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org and one of our team members will then contact you.

*Growing stronger in Christ and realizing our Prayers together.
~ Fishers Net Prayer Ministry ~*

LGBT AND FREE INTHEE! ADVENTURING OUT IN CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

TODAY

1 - 5 PM • CHAPEL

OPEN TO ALL - JOIN US!

"What does the Bible say about homosexuality?" and "What did Jesus say?" These questions are at the heart of this foundational Life Development offering for those seeking to reconcile their experience of God with their understanding of Scripture.

Together 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. Open to all, this offering can provide Grounding for All Paths in the Journey of Faith!



Lunch will be served.
For more info contact:
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Tikkun Olam: Repairing of the World

As we journey together through the Season of Lent this year, we will do so accompanied by a Jewish term, "tikkun olam." This ancient phrase simultaneously calls attention to a world in need of healing and our potential as children of God to realize that healing in and as God's presence in the world. As we commit ourselves to becoming freed or healed of those things which separate us from the reconciling love of God this Lent, all that we are and do is increasingly able to bear God's presence; we increasingly share in the repairing of the world - tikkun olam. In The History of "Tikkun Olam" Jill Jacobs writes: "The term tikkun olam may have originated as early as the second century CE, and its popularity as a religious concept has waxed and waned in the centuries that have followed. The words "tikkun olam" themselves defy easy translation. The Hebrew verb "t-k-n" is generally translated as "to fix," but can also mean "to establish." The word "olam," usually rendered as "world," also signifies eternity, especially in biblical and other very early texts. In some cases, the term refers to the physical world, in others to the societal order, and in still others to the dream of a fully realized divine manifestation. All of these ... make the phrase "tikkun olam" both difficult to understand and also richer in its complexity. It is hard to ignore, though, the tremendous staying power of this word as shorthand for any social change or service work. Enough people – both inside and outside of the Jewish community – find the term tikkun olam extraordinarily

compelling ... In an individual's search for the meaning of his or her own life, it may be more compelling to think of one's every action as contributing to the repair of the cosmos, than to think of the same actions as simply accomplishing a small fix to a much larger problem. By combining the major themes of the four understandings of the term seen in traditional text, we come to a definition of tikkun olam as the process of fixing large societal problems, while maintaining a belief that our actions can have a positive effect on the greater human and divine world." As we walk in the Way of Jesus this season, let us daily come to embody the redemption, reconciliation, and salvation He bears in a world which is daily in need of tikkun olam. For God so loved the world.

ABOUT RABBI JACOBS

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MONEY ENOUGH:



EVERYDAY PRACTICES FOR LIVING
FAITHFULLY IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

Saturday
April 2

10 - 11:30 am | Chapel

As we strive to live with compassion, generosity, and faithfulness in all areas of our lives, our money management practices can bring some of our greatest challenges! What does it mean for us to be "good stewards" as well as "cheerful givers?" The Money Enough series provides guidance and support over 9 monthly sessions as we learn how living the fluid life of Christ calls us to be stewards of our own resources and of the earth.

With this series we will explore everyday practices for living faithfully in the global economy. Together with faith we will learn to have money enough! Attend one, some or all of this monthly series open to all. This offering can provide **Grounding** for all Paths in the Journey of Faith!

new MEMBERS CLASS



Saturday,
April 2

9 am - Noon
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. We welcome you to join our family of faith in purpose, service, and fellowship! Please RSVP to RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x105.

2011 NIGHT IN BLACK LEATHER

SATURDAY, APRIL 2



VIP BUFFET SOCIAL 6PM
SHOW 7PM
HAPPY HOUR DRINK PRICES
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IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE



Saturday | April 2 | 3 pm
Gathering Place

Gaining popularity across the country, some drum circles celebrate heritage, customs, and ethnic traditions, but all are outlets for people expressing a primal urge that drives their spirit, as they drum amidst camaraderie and fun. Drumming is not only fun, it induces deep relaxation, lowers blood pressure, and reduces the stress which contributes to nearly all disease and life-threatening illnesses. Drumming puts the mind, body and spirit in a place of rest and strengthens wellness! The drum circle is open to ALL, and requires no prior experience with drumming. Join us! If you want more information, contact Denise Junious, DrumCircle@ResurrectionMCC.org, or visit www.meetup.com/DrummingCircle

Imani Vida Drum Circle meets on the first Saturdays of each month.

Meet and Greet Adopt-a-Bed Volunteers Saturday, April 2 1 - 2:30 pm | Gathering Place

It's Springtime, and time to meet the "Adopt-a-Bed" volunteers who help make this campus look it's best, not only for Sunday worship, but all week long!

They all seem to come by "like a thief in the night", literally transforming the beds they maintain from drab to "fab", being undetected by anyone most of the time. I have seen one or two of them...but they're pretty stealthy! There have been times I can't see out of my office window for the overgrown bushes, and then one day...I can see, thanks to their hard work!

Now it's time for them to "step out of the shadows" and let us see the folks who beautify our flower beds and shrubbery.

There will be an informal "Meet and Greet" in the Gathering Place on Saturday, April 2nd from 1:00-2:30. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 1:00 as we gather and mingle. We will then take a walk around the campus and the current Adopt-a-Bed volunteers get a chance to show off the fruits of their labor! If their bed is not "fab" right now... that's OK. It was a tough winter. We still want them to show us what they take care of.

If you are interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity, then join us! There are still a few un-adopted beds that need some love and care.

Please RSVP to joy@resurrectionmcc.org.

DISCOVERING WHO YOU Are

Saturday
April 16

9 am - Noon
Gathering Place

As a community, we are interrelated and interdependent, much like the human body. Finding our place of belonging comes from discovering and utilizing our innate gifts. The goal of this class is to help participants learn more about themselves, first by learning more about our personality type(s) and then by discovering our unique gifts and abilities. Using the Enneagram as a tool for discernment, we will discover more about who we are and how to best be of service in our church and in our world. Join us and find your unique fit in the body of Christ as we build up our community.

Breakfast will be served. Please RSVP to Rev. Michael at RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x105.



Last Saturday, I met my brother and sister up in Huntsville at the house where we grew up -- where I learned, played, and loved. While the house may be almost 65 years old now, I still know it as the place of my childhood. Sitting outside in the swing on top of the hill in the breeze is where I offered my most heartfelt prayers. And on top of that hill is where I felt closest to God.

I didn't consider the house itself special. It was a frame house with four bedrooms, but only one bathroom -- for 7 or sometimes 8 of us. I still can't believe we made it through those formative years without killing one another over whose turn it was to take a bath.

But it was our house...where we celebrated Christmases and birthdays, and where we mourned our losses. We loved, and still do love, that house on the hill.

So last Saturday, I met my siblings there to discuss what needed to be done to get it ready for new tenants. As soon as I walked in the door, my heart sank. The house had not been cared for by the last tenants, or shown love in quite some time. There were stains on the ceilings where water had leaked. The kitchen ceiling had been replaced with tin...I suppose because it had begun to fall in. The carpet throughout was stained, and the walls were in dire need of painting. It was obvious to me that this is what happens when our homes aren't maintained...when homes aren't loved enough. They begin to fall apart.

Here at our church home, the place where many of us have "grown-up" spiritually, we all know that we need new gutters. It may even seem to some like a "not very important" thing to ask for. But we need the gutters to keep our church beautiful; to keep the ceilings and walls strong; to support the very structure this church is built on. I don't want our church to become like my childhood home...unloved, unkept, and unlovely.

My brother, sister and I will take care of our childhood home. We will do the repairs that are needed due to several years of neglect. And we, as a congregation, need to take care of our church home. We cannot neglect God's house because in the end, this is God's house. We are caretakers of it, and have been entrusted to keep it strong and beautiful. Let's all do our part.

Sincerely,
Janetta Ross, Lay Delegate and Co-Chair Imagine Reality Campaign

Replacement Estimate: \$35,000
Linear Feet of Gutters Needed: 1,000

\$35 donation provides 1 linear foot.
\$105 donation provides 1 linear yard.

TO CONTRIBUTE...

Online: www.Resurrectionmcc.org
Check: "Imagine New Gutters" in the memo field
Cash: place your donation in an envelope
(available at sanctuary entrances)

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, provides them with a free gift, and helps them get connected.

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Kecia Bullock

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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 welcome people to the church and help them get 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.

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Board Members on Duty

Tricia Phillips and Mary Wagner

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

ADOPT A BED

Landscape & Facilities Work Days continue to beautify our campus and take care of our flower beds that are not yet adopted. There are a few beds that need to be adopted so that they'll stay maintained.

E-mail Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org if you would like to help or for additional information.



Clothes Closet

We are now accepting new and lightly used adult clothing, belts, shoes, and outerwear, to provide to those in need in our community.

Please email us if you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, to make an appointment to receive clothes, or for any other questions.

Clothes@ResurrectionMCC.org

Before making a donation, please wash clothes as we do not have laundry facilities on site. Clothes may be dropped off outside Activities Building Room #110 on Sundays.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

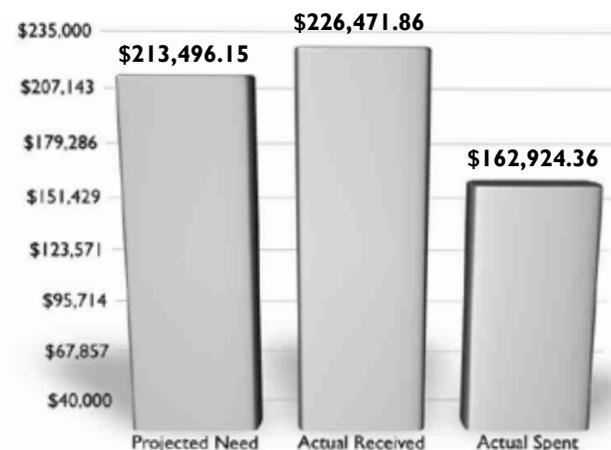
In memory of my parents Betty and Shelley.

~ Shelley Key

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending March 20, 2010

		Week	Year
Tithes & Offerings			
03/20/11 9:00 am	93	\$2,074.25	\$29,829.85
03/20/11 11:00 am	342	\$4,927.10	\$81,093.43
03/16/11 Wednesday	70	\$42.80	\$761.80
Special Services	0	0	\$1,684.00
Special Offerings		0	\$78.00
Online Giving		\$2,534.50	\$41,511.50
Other Contributions		\$44,794.50	\$63,234.50
Total	505	\$54,373.15	\$218,193.08
Other General Fund Income			
Fundraising		\$115.00	\$2,126.39
Miscellaneous Income		\$45.00	\$6,152.39
Total Received		\$54,533.15	\$226,471.86



Total Imagine Capital Campaign **\$3,302.00** **\$37,048.04**



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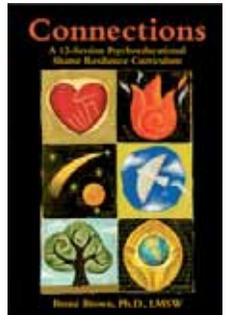
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This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY MARCH 27

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Harry Knox	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	<i>Chapel</i>
10:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	<i>Activities Building</i>
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	<i>Activities Building</i>
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Harry Knox	
1:00 pm	LGBT and Free in Thee	<i>Chapel</i>
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>

MONDAY MARCH 28

6:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	<i>Gathering Place</i>
6:00 pm	Girl Scout Day Camp Meeting	<i>Activities Building</i>

TUESDAY MARCH 29

7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>

WEDNESDAY MARCH 30

6:00 pm	The Chalice: Community Gathering	<i>Activities Building</i>
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Connections Groups	<i>Activities Building</i>

THURSDAY MARCH 31

No Events Scheduled

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED APRIL 1

No Events Scheduled

SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED APRIL 2

9:00 am	New Members Class	<i>Gathering Place</i>
9:30 am	Money Enough	<i>Chapel</i>
1:00 pm	Adopt-A-Bed "Meet and Greet"	<i>Gathering Place</i>
1:30 pm	Praise Dancers Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
3:00 pm	Imani Vida Drum Circle	<i>Gathering Place</i>

SUNDAY APRIL 3

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Pat Farnan	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	<i>Chapel</i>
10:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	<i>Activities Building</i>
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