



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

April 3, 2011

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Harry Knox
Rev. Janice Ladd

Prelude

Theme from Forrest Gump
by Sylvestri

Joel Hammett

+ Invocation

Vickey Gibbs (9am)
Gloria Marrero (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.

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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 Klute. Celebrating the "repair of the world" or "tikkun olam" that can be brought forth by God's peoples everywhere, Klute'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 Poetic Voice

Wayne Wiggins & Lisa Loeb

Ephesians 5:8-14

For once you were in the shadows, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light-for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works in the shadows, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

Psalm 150 (Let Everything That Hath Breath)

arr. Kathy Taylor

+ Gospel Reading

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini (9 am)
Bridgett Vinson (11 am)

John 9:13-16, 30-41

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but God does listen to one who worships God and obeys God's will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sin, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Humanity?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Pat Farnan

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

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 each being with Your own hand!
 You shine in every child's eyes; You bid us to see You there!
 Let us behold Your artistry in every man, woman, and child we meet
 let our Nursery and Youth and Teen ministries be abundant with Your light and life
 for every unique Child of God whom You bring to this place!
 Let us teach and play and encourage every child as our own – and as Your own, too – through all that we do. Indeed ...
 We now ... "Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true."
 Your children are precious – let us give that they may know they are Yours!
 Your children are worthy – let us give that they may know their true worth!
 For Jesus, Child of Humanity, lives with us ... Holy God, Heavenly Parent, bless our gifts to your purposes ..
 Amen.

Offertory

Angels
 by Richard Smallwood

Gospel Ensemble

Communion

Rev. Harry Knox

Communion Songs

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 Love
 Till I am just a Lamb of God

 Your gift of Love
 They crucified
 They laughed and scorned Him as He died
 The humble King
 They named a fraud
 And sacrificed the Lamb of God

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.

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.

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 love, 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

Order My Steps

Refrain:

Order my steps in Your Word, Dear Lord
Lead me, guide me every day
Send Your anointing, Creator, I pray
Order my steps in Your Word, Please
Order my steps in Your Word

Humbly I ask You, teach me Your will
While You are working, Help me keep still
The world is busy, God is real
Order my steps in Your Word, Please
Order my steps in Your Word

Write on my tongue, let my words edify
Let the words of my mouth be acceptable in your sight
Take charge of my thoughts both day and night
Order my steps in Your Word, Please
Order my steps in Your Word

Refrain:

Order my steps in Your Word, Dear Lord
Lead me, guide me every day
Send Your anointing, Creator, I pray
Order my steps in Your Word, Please
Order my steps in Your Word

I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill
Please, order my steps Lord
And I'll do Your blessed will
The world is ever changing
But You are still the same
If You order my steps, I'll praise Your name
I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill
Please, order my steps Lord
And I'll do Your blessed will
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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.

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Harry Knox

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Pat Farnan

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

The Chalice

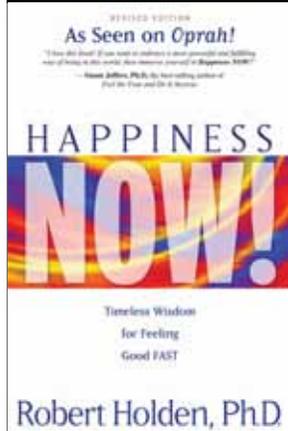
opening . . . receiving . . . offering
Life in Fullness

Where Will You Journey?

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

When does God call you? Is it during your comings and goings, while driving, working, running errands, shopping, or how about sleeping? For me, sleep is precious, and I find it in a limited quantity, to the point where it might take a freight train to wake me up. Then other times, it is only a whisper or proverbial nudge. It is in times like this when I know God is calling and prompting me to either pray, do something, or pick up the Bible and learn through scripture why I was awakened. We read in 1 Samuel 3:5 of how God was calling Samuel, but the first three times God spoke, Samuel thought it was Eli. When God calls, we need to respond or as Lady Gaga is quoted as saying during an interview with Google, "When God calls, pick up the phone..." Within the society in which we live, we are continually pulsed by messages which are not of God. Listen to your heart, even while asleep and soon you too will pick up the phone, answer, and be propelled to follow God's calling.

Dear Sustainer, Creator, Father, Mother God, help me to hear you and to answer. Continue to guide and direct me. Open my being so that I may be filled with your love and share your love with the world. 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 ~*



"SECOND SUNDAY" FRIEND-RAISER BRUNCH

SUNDAY
APRIL 10
Activities Building, 12:30 pm

ENJOY BURGERS AND HOT DOGS!

*Proceeds benefit
"Keep Rev. Harry's Mind Off of the Gutters"*

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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FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD...

that God gave Gods only child that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

~ John 3:16

EASTER WORSHIP

Sunday | April 24, 2011 | 9 & 11 AM

Join us in celebration at Resurrection MCC
where "whosoever" means "whosoever"...

LIVING TIKKUN OLAM:
FOR THE REPAIR OF THE WORLD


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Children & Youth Program | Signed for the Deaf 11 am
Nursery Available | Handicap Accessible
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*"When God's people are in need,
be ready to help them!"*
-- Romans 12:13, New Living Translation

A Message from
The Rev. Nancy L. Wilson
Office of the MCC Moderator



March 18, 2011

Dear MCC Friend:

I'm feeling such a sense of excitement and anticipation today!

Today marks the official launch of a vitally important MCC tradition: our annual MCC Easter Offerings for Global Ministries. Each year at this holy season, local congregations throughout MCC join hearts and hands to receive a special, designated Easter offering to strategically advance MCC's international ministries.

I'm filled with hope today... because in recent years, you and I have witnessed firsthand the truly amazing ways God blesses and uses these annual Easter offerings.

-- We've supported our brothers and sisters across Eastern Europe as they established MCC congregations, made historic advances for religious freedom, and supported the human rights of sexual minorities, women and children, and marginalized ethnic groups -- almost unthinkable just a few short years ago.

-- We've joined hands with MCCers across Central and Latin America as they launched new churches, sponsored life-changing conferences, and trained a new generation of spiritual leaders.

-- These annual Easter offerings have supported MCCers in Southeast Asia whose indigenous ministries are literally saving the lives of persecuted women and LGBT people, challenging injustice and intolerance -- and, yes, planting new, hope-filled MCC congregations!

I'm filled with hope today... because I'm already anticipating how God will use this year's MCC Easter Offerings for Global Ministries to bless the lives of very real people -- our brothers and sisters -- around the world.

I love the Bible verse in Hebrews 11:1 that says, "Faith is the substance of things deeply longed for; it is the **evidence** of things that have not yet appeared." Right now, through the eyes of faith, look with me at what our local congregations will accomplish together through 2011's MCC Easter Offerings for Global Ministries.

Here's How MCC's 2011 Easter Offerings Will Touch Our World:

-- One-third of this year's offerings will be used for the ministries of MCC's brand-new Global Justice Institute and to open MCC's first safe house in Uganda, where LGBT Christians and activists face horrific persecution.

-- **One-third of these offerings will help extend MCC's ministry in Russia by supporting two vital projects.** MCC published the first and only booklet in Russian on homosexuality and the Bible, theology and human rights issues. There was such a demand for this resource that the first printing went quickly; now only two copies are left. MCC's 2011 Easter Offerings for Global Ministries will be used to update and reprint this resource. Also, Russia's first-ever LGBT Christian Conference will take place in

St. Petersburg, Russia, in September. MCC Easter Offerings will supplement grants we have received to insure that our leadership can train and inspire the many new groups and activists Russia.

-- As a follow-up to last year's first-ever REVM in the Philippines, MCC's Asia Pacific Initiative is sending a ministry team there for a month to support churches, leaders and new ministries that are exploding across the Philippines. To date, all funding for these efforts has been raised entirely by donors -- **this year, local churches have the opportunity to support MCC's anchor efforts in Asia through our Easter Offerings campaign.**

Our 2011 denominational goal is to raise a minimum of \$30,000 USD through special, designated local church Easter offerings.

For many people on this earth whose faces we have not yet seen and whose names we do not yet know, your congregation's response will be an answer to their hearts' deepest prayers -- "the substance of things deeply longed for and the evidence of things that have not yet appeared."

Grace and peace,

+ Nancy

Rev. Nancy L. Wilson

Moderator

Metropolitan Community Churches

P.S. As I've thought about this year's MCC Easter Offerings for Global Ministries campaign and prayed for the needs of MCCers around the world, I've been inspired by this verse from God's Word: "When God's people are in need, be ready to help them!" (Romans 12:13, New Living Translation)

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE



FRIDAY
APRIL 22
7 PM

Offering received for MCC Easter Offerings for Global Ministries.

John 18:4

Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?"

**We are longing
We are seeking
We are thirsting
for the way, truth, life
poured out
by the One who came
Longing
Seeking
Thirsting
that we might know the Love
which is all of these
for the sake of the world ...**

Join us as we make our way with Jesus to the cross, entering into the deep night through Scripture together, and hearing in the darkness his voice ever with us "For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth" (John 18:37) - the truth of God's love for all and always.

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

APRIL 24
11 - 12:30
Activities Building

Eggstra Special Activities for children ages 4-12 include: petting zoo, Easter egg hunt, crafts, Easter story and much more!!!!

rsvp: Joel@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.

THE SAFE SCHOOL ACTION TEAM wants and needs your input!

The Safe School Action Team is a group of individuals just like you that want to help stop the bullying of our youth.

We are all aware, through media, friends, family or personal experience, just how devastating bullying can be for an individual. This is especially true for those that do not have anyone to talk to for support.

Our youth are using extreme measures to avoid the pain they suffer while enduring verbal abuse and physical assaults at the hands of their peers. We want to first provide them the reassurance that they are precious and do not deserve what is happening to them. Secondly, we seek to provide them with effective resources so they no longer have to resort to escaping through school absenteeism, drugs and suicide. And finally, we advocate for school policies that will protect our children from this deadly abuse.

The team is made up of parents, educators, HATCH volunteers, corporate representatives, and individuals that have a deep desire to help make "it better" for our kids NOW rather than later. We urge you, (regardless of age, profession or sexual orientation), to come and be part of our next meeting, if only to share your experience and tell us how you think you could have been helped in your time of need!

While searching for the best way to serve our youth we have discussed many informative topics such as Equality Texas Lobby Day, school behavior code regarding bullying, GLSEN, HATCH, support group options, volunteer opportunities, and safety surveys to name a few. We are also inviting guest speakers that have expertise in this area so we can hear their suggestions on how our team can tap into existing resources that can offer immediate aid to those in need.

ANYONE interested in joining the Safe School Action Team is welcome. The meetings are a safe space for everyone, including those who may not be "out" in their workplace. ALL ideas and suggestions are valued as we search for a way to make a difference! While we are focusing on our youth, we are also exploring ways to assist educators and administrators who are experiencing similar abuse themselves in their schools.

Our next meeting is Monday, April 18 at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Place. We are blessed to have Deb Murphy, HATCH Youth Specialist, as a guest speaker. If you have any questions, please email Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org. We hope you will join us!

SAFE
SCHOOLS
ACTION TEAM

The logo for the Safe Schools Action Team. It consists of the words "SAFE SCHOOLS" in a thin, outlined font above the words "ACTION TEAM" in a bold, black, blocky font. To the right of the text is a graphic of a globe being held by two hands.

Monday
APRIL 18
6:30 pm | Chapel



Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson
MCC Moderator, Worldwide
Installation Preacher, 3 pm

Rev. Harry Knox
Senior Pastor

Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry
MCC Founder
Worship Preacher, 9 & 11 am

You are cordially invited to the installation of
REV. HARRY KNOX
as Senior Pastor of
Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church

Special Guests
REV. ELDER NANCY WILSON
REV. ELDER TROY D. PERRY

Musical Guests
JASON & DEMARCO
RESURRECTION MCC WORSHIP ARTS DEPARTMENT

Sunday, May 1, 2011, 3:00 pm

A reception will follow with hors d'oeuvres and presentation highlighting 39 years of ministry at Resurrection MCC

COMMUNITY LEADERS WELCOME RECEPTION

Saturday, April 30, 7 pm Activities Building

Join local and national leaders as we officially welcome Rev. Harry Knox to Houston. Special Guests include Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson, MCC Worldwide Moderator & Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry, MCC Founder. The reception includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, wine, and a presentation highlighting 39 years of ministry at Resurrection MCC.

\$100 Tickets available at www.ResurrectionMCC.org
All proceeds benefit "Get Rev. Harry's Mind Off of the Gutters"

Board Members on Duty

Tricia Phillips and Edwin Kelly

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.

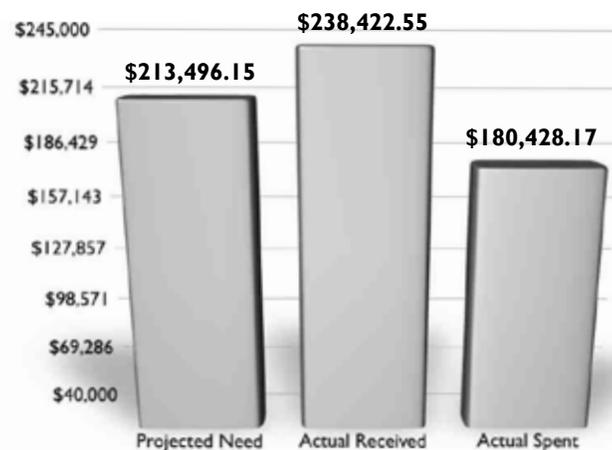
Flowers in the Sanctuary

Consider donating flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special day. Email the date and message to Sara@ResurrectionMCC.org or call 713-861-9149 x112.

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending March 27, 2010

		Week	Year
Tithes & Offerings			
03/27/11 9:00 am	127	\$2,336.60	\$32,166.45
03/27/11 11:00 am	324	\$3,524.84	\$84,618.27
03/23/11 Wednesday	67	\$23.75	\$785.55
Special Services	0	0	\$1,684.00
Special Offerings		0	\$78.00
Online Giving		\$2,348.50	\$43,860.00
Other Contributions		\$2,645.00	\$65,879.50
Total	518	\$10,878.69	\$229,071.77
Other General Fund Income			
Fundraising		\$2.00	\$2,128.39
Miscellaneous Income		\$1,070.00	\$7,222.39
Total Received		\$11,950.69	\$238,422.55



Total Imagine Capital Campaign **\$4,110.00** **\$41,158.04**



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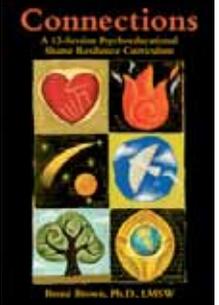
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This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

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>
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	<i>Activities Building</i>
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Pat Farnan	
12:30 pm	Board Planning Retreat	<i>Activities Building</i>
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>

MONDAY APRIL 4

No Events Scheduled

TUESDAY APRIL 5

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

WEDNESDAY APRIL 6

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

THURSDAY APRIL 7

No Events Scheduled

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED APRIL 8

7:00 pm Friday Night OUT North

SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED APRIL 9

No Events Scheduled

SUNDAY APRIL 10

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Janice Ladd	
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. Janice Ladd	
12:30 pm	2nd Sunday Friend-Raiser Brunch	<i>Activities Building</i>
12:30 pm	Grounding Path- "Jesus"	<i>Activities Building</i>
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>