



SO YOU THINK YOU CAN  
**SERVE**

SEPTEMBER 25, 2011

## 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.

## Call to Experience

One traditional  
element of worship  
is known as the  
Call To Worship,  
a practice that  
intentionally  
invites us to come  
into the presence  
of God. For the  
next 8 weeks we  
will intentionally  
call ourselves to  
experience the  
presence of God.

### Prelude / Preludio

Joel Hammett

#### *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

arr. Kerrick

### Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne

Rev. Michael Diaz

### Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz

#### + Welcome Song / Canción de Bienvenida

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone,  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bears the image of God's face;  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

#### + Call To Experience

Joy Jolley

#### + Opening Hymn/ Himno de Entrada

#### *Whatever You Do*

"Whatever you do to the least ones of these,  
I tell you in truth that you do unto me!"  
Lord Jesus, you taught us! May we learn anew  
That when we serve others, we also serve you.

When poor, waiting children pray hunger will end,  
When those long-forgotten cry out for a friend,  
When thirsty ones whisper, "O Lord, where are you?"—  
We hear, in their longing, that you're calling, too.

In prisons and jails, Lord, we find a surprise;  
We see you in people whom others despise.  
At hospital bedsides we offer a prayer  
And find, when we visit the sick, you are there.

When we reach to others in flood-stricken lands  
And offer our hearts there, and offer our hands—  
We notice, Lord Jesus, the gift of your grace:  
We see, in the crowds of the suffering, your face.

"Lord, when did we see you?" Your teaching is clear  
That when we serve others, we're serving you here.  
And when your church heeds you and helps those in pain,  
Then out of the chaos, hope rises again.

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

Contemporary Word / Lectura Contemporánea

DeJuana Jernigan (9 am)  
Wayne Wiggins (11 am)

*Teaching Your Children About God*

by David. J. Wolpe

There is a marvelous story of a man who once stood before God, his heart breaking from the pain and injustice of the world. "Dear God," he cried out, "look at all the suffering, the anguish and distress in your world. Why don't you send help?"

God responded, "I did send help. I sent you."

+ The Community Prays / Oración Comunal

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini



The Ancient Word / Lectura Bíblica

Bill O'Rourke (9 am)  
Bridgett Vinson (11 am)

*Matthew 22:34-40*

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

The Ministry of Music / Selección Musical

Sanctuary Choir

*Here I Am, Lord*

by Daniel Schutte



## We Receive

All congregations in MCC practice an open communion. You do not need to be a member of this church or any church to come to the table and receive communion.

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."

Todas las congregaciones de ICM (Iglesias de las Comunidades Metropolitana) practican una comunión abierta. Creemos en el amor de Dios incondicional para todas las personas.

Si deseas tomar la comunión en español, por favor dirígete hacia al ministro de comunión localizado hacia la izquierda y pídele, "En español, por favor."

## Call to Engage / Sermón

Mark Eggleston

### *So You Think You Can Serve?*

## We Offer Ourselves / Ofrenda

Rev. Michael Diaz

## Offertory / Ofertorio

Sanctuary Choir

### *Then Will The Very Rocks Cry Out*

by Mark Hayes

## Communion / Comunión

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini, Rev. Michael Diaz, Joy Jolley

**One :** Come just as you are, hear the spirit call. Come just as you are;  
Come and see, come, receive, come and live forever more.

**All:** **Life everlasting and strength for today; taste the living water and never thirst again. Come, just as you are, hear the spirit call. Come just as you are. Come and see, come receive, come and live forever more.**

## Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunión

### *They will know we are Christians by our love*

We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes, they will know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes, they will know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes, they will know we are Christians by our love

### *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet*

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

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

### *Take my life*

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

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

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

### *The Servant Song*

Brother, sister, let me serve you  
Let me be as Christ to you  
Pray that I may have the grace  
To let you be my servant, too

We are pilgrims on a journey  
We are together on this road  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

**Call to Embody / Anuncios**  
**New Members Rite**

Mark Eggleston  
Rev. Michael Diaz

**Sending Forth / Bendición**

Mark Eggleston

One heart, one spirit, one voice to praise you, we are the body of Christ;  
One goal, one vision, to see you exalted, we are the body of Christ;  
And to this we give our lives, to see you glorified;  
One heart, one spirit, one voice to praise you, we are the body of Christ  
We are the body of Christ.

## **We Sing**

We sing as a body during the distribution of the elements. If you do not wish to sing, please be in an attitude of prayer for those who wish to meditate during this time.

God, open us to your living presence through your life at this table.

Receive the living sacrifice of our awakened life.

## **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.

## Executive Team

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### Jose I. Zuniga

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Volunteer Clergy  
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**Worship** | Sunday, 9 & 11 am

**Children & Youth Worship** | Sunday, 11 am

**Nursery** | Sunday, 9 & 11 am

### Resurrection MCC

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Phone 713-861-9149 / Fax 713-861-2520  
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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.

## SO YOU THINK YOU CAN...?

Are you familiar with the television reality show called *So You Think You Can Dance*? If you are, then you know that dance troupes and individual dancers from many different places, show up to face a panel of judges who ultimately decide whether the contestants can REALLY dance or not.

It's true, isn't it, that we often THINK we are doing something really well until we are forced to explore and expand our understanding of what is possible? We all know it's true but it's not always easy to face it.

I want to ask each of you to join me in a journey that will invite you to . . .

**EXPERIENCE** *God in new ways*

**ENGAGE** *your spiritual life with intention*

**EMBODY** *the compassion of Christ in the world*

Throughout September and October we will revisit the most basic parts of the spiritual life and challenge ourselves to understand and know them more profoundly. We will stretch, expand, and enlarge our capacity to be in relationship with God and with each other.

This is a journey worth taking no matter where you believe yourself to be in this experience we call "being human." I invite you, I urge you, I challenge you and I even dare you . . .

***So You Think You Can . . . ?***

Blessings on the journey,



Rev. Elder Lillie Brock  
Consulting Pastor

houston   
**foodbank**  
Filling pantries. Filling lives.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

**Please place your donation in the Shopping Cart located in the Welcome Area.**

### ITEMS MOST NEEDED

Canned tuna or chicken (packed in water)  
Canned stews and pasta/meat (easy on salt and fat)  
Peanut butter  
Canned fruits in light syrup, natural applesauce  
100% juice cans or boxes  
Canned vegetables, tomatoes, tomato sauce  
Soups with meat and/or beans, meal-in-a-can  
Cereals and cereal bars (easy on sugar and fat)  
Pasta, spaghetti, macaroni, noodles  
Packages of dry beans

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

**Join your Church Family by volunteering at Family Night at the Houston Food Bank**

### VOLUNTEER SERVICE DETAILS

Address: 535 Portwall, Houston 77029  
Projects: Carousel and Re-pack projects. We will assist other volunteers in processing over 60,000 pounds of food that will go out to our hungry neighbors.  
Dress: Jeans, T-shirt, and closed toe shoes  
Activities available for children ages 4-7.  
Volunteer Assignments for everyone over age 8.

### REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR EACH PERSON

**[HTTP://VSS.HOUSTONFOODBANK.ORG](http://VSS.HOUSTONFOODBANK.ORG)**

Resurrection MCC Group Number: 100711famPpm  
Please print your volunteer pass and bring it with you to the Houston Food Bank. RSVP and Questions to Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x106.

### ABOUT THE HOUSTON FOOD BANK

Now operating from a new, 308,000 square-foot facility, the Houston Food Bank is the nation's largest size Feeding America food bank and source of food for hunger relief charities in 18 southeast Texas counties. A network of nearly 500 food pantries, soup kitchens, senior centers and other agencies, feeding a total of 137,000 people each week, provides more than 70 million pounds of food and prepared meals annually. Fresh produce, meat and nonperishables are distributed from the new warehouse at 535 Portwall, and hot meals are prepared and distributed from Keegan Center, a 15,000 square-foot industrial kitchen. Additional community services range from nutrition education to assistance with food stamp applications and hands-on job training. Red Barrels offer a convenient way for grocery shoppers to donate nonperishables for their neighbors in need. Efficient operations enable 95 cents of every dollar donated to feed the hungry.



# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



SATURDAY, **OCTOBER 1**  
10 AM, Outside

A pet blessing is usually held on the weekend nearest the Feast Day of St. Francis (October 4). As a friar and founder of the Franciscan order, St. Francis believed that every creature is important. The love we give to and receive from a pet can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life, and into the wonder of our common relationship with our Creator.

You and your pets are invited to join us for a blessing of our animal friends in celebration of the sacred value of every creature! Please keep all pets on a leash or in a cage. If your animal friend doesn't travel well or doesn't get along well with others, you are encouraged to bring a photograph for the blessing instead of your animal. Children are more than welcome to bring their stuffed animals also!

For more information, contact [RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org)



## SABBATH SATURDAY AT THE ARBORETUM

SATURDAY, **OCTOBER 1**, 10 AM  
Houston Arboretum and Nature Center

Refresh your soul with special time spent nourishing your relationship with God! We meet at 10 am in front of the Houston Arboretum. From there we walk to a selected area for a brief time of Breath Prayer and simple instruction in the ancient contemplative practice of Lectio Divina – meditation with the Divine Word. This time of opening is followed by an hour of silent individual contemplative practice in the beauty of Creation, after which we will reconvene to break silence, share prayer, insights and possibly some lunch.

RSVP and questions to [RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org).  
Houston Arboretum and Nature Center, 4501 Woodway Drive,  
Houston, TX 77024  
713-681-8433, [www.houstonarboretum.org](http://www.houstonarboretum.org)



## IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

SATURDAY  
**OCTOBER 1**  
3 - 5 PM, Gathering Place

"Imani" means Faith in Swahili, and "Vida" means Life in Spanish. Join us as we explore life and faith through drumming! If you like to drum or have an interest in drumming, join us as we make music through all sorts of percussion instruments: hand drums, shakers, rain sticks and even the sound of foot stomping music. Drummers of all skill levels are welcome. No prior drumming experience is required to participate in our circle. We only ask that you bring your desire to be a part of our community drum circle. We meet every first Saturday of the month in the Gathering Place, as well as other locations for other special drumming occasions.

For more information, contact [RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org)

## TEENS DIVING IN: PLAY DATE AT THE LAKE



SATURDAY  
**OCTOBER 8**  
ALL DAY, Lake Livingston

Generation Faith, our teen ministry program for 13-17 year-olds, will spend the day experiencing the spiritual renewal of play at Lake Livingston! Boating, swimming, and playing games at the campsite together will renew our spirits and refresh our joy!

Email [Teens@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Teens@ResurrectionMCC.org) to register, volunteer, and/or receive additional information before Friday, September 30.





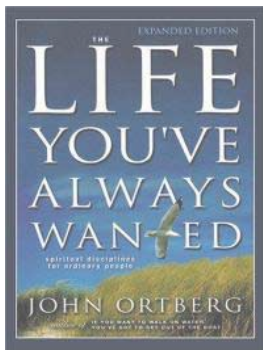
## YOGA CONNECTIONS

**Every Tuesday**

7 - 8:30 pm | Gathering Place

Yoga means to yoke or join. Join us as we join with God through Yoga! Connect with other folks in this non-competitive activity that is suitable for every person. If you are new to Yoga, you'll meet others with varying skill levels. You'll also learn about the benefits for your overall health and well-being. Please bring a mat and towel. Everyone is welcome to join us for these free sessions. For more information, email [Yoga@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Yoga@ResurrectionMCC.org).

## The Life You've Always Wanted: Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People



10-Week Offering  
**Wednesdays**

**September 28 - November 23**

7 - 8:30 pm  
Gathering Place

This 10 week offering will consider what living "a spiritual life" can really look like for people like us - people who live ordinary lives, yet have a whisper or ache or call in that "God-place" which won't quite leave us alone. During the Fall season join us we experience the call and wonder of spiritual renewal by jumping in to engage the spiritual disciplines for ordinary people found in *The Life You've Always Wanted* by John Ortberg. Join us for one, some or all sessions, as we practice transformation from the inside out! RSVP to [RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org).

Books available in Inspirations Coffee Café & Bookstore. Book not required to attend.

## SECOND ANNUAL MASQUERADE BALL



SATURDAY  
**OCTOBER 29, 2011**  
7 - 11 PM • Activities Bldg.

### TICKETS:

**\$35.00**

hors d'oeuvres  
silent auction  
water, soda

**\$50.00**

hors d'oeuvres  
silent auction  
water, soda  
wine, Dos Equis,  
frozen cosmopolitans

PURCHASE TICKETS AT  
[www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org)

and at

Inspirations Coffee Café & Bookstore

## Silent Auction Items Needed

Electronics, Jewelry, Paintings,  
Donation of Professional Services  
(i.e. legal, massage therapist, catering)

Hotel Vouchers

Interested in making a donation?

Email [Masquerade@ResurrectionMC.org](mailto:Masquerade@ResurrectionMC.org)

## Volunteers Needed for Masquerade Ball

Each volunteer will receive one free \$35.00 ticket.

RSVP and Questions to Tricia Phillips at  
[Masquerade@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Masquerade@ResurrectionMCC.org)

For questions and to volunteer,  
contact Tricia Phillips at  
[Masquerade@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Masquerade@ResurrectionMCC.org)



Use your cellphone to send a text to **90210** with **RMCC** as the message to be signed up for our text alerts.

We'll text you during the week to encourage you to embody the love of God in the world by participating in offering gifts and service outside the walls of Resurrection MCC throughout our sermon series.

## Children's Choir Rehearsal



**Sundays**  
**10:30 am - 11:00 am**  
**Activities Building #104**  
**1st - 7th grades welcome**

Our children will bring this year's Christmas musical, "Shepherds, Sheep, and a Savior," on Christmas Eve at 5 pm. We look forward to singing with your children! If you have questions, please contact Jules or Eve at [ChildrensChoir@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:ChildrensChoir@ResurrectionMCC.org).

### Board Member on Duty

Edwin Kelly and Tricia Phillips

*Board Minutes Available Upon Request.*

## Fishers Net Prayer Ministry



## A Dialogue With God

by Ron Reeser

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! According to many dictionaries, hallelujah is a word used to express praise, joy, or thanks especially to God. The word itself is actually made by combining two Hebrew words: Hallelu meaning praise and Yah referring to the name for God. While the word itself means to praise God, saying it does not reflect the emotions like when it is sung and experienced. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! When sung slowly and deliberately, one can feel the vibrations welling up from within, as one praises God with mind, heart, and physical being. Now sing the words, while holding your hand over your heart. Feel the vibrations welling up from within, vibrations toward and from God. Sing and feel the vibrations again. Feel the Holy Spirit respond. Feel the healing begin. Feel God moving and feel the pains of the world dissipate as we praise God together.

Dear utmost and holy God, thank you for the ability to praise you. "Hallelujah! O my soul, praise God! All my life long I'll praise God, singing songs to my God as long as I live." (Psalm 146) And in those times when I have no voice to praise you, may I continue praising you through my prayers. Oh my Lord, may my humble praises bring joy to your heart, in your many names, amen.

Do you have a prayer request? Send your requests to [Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 ~*

### Flowers in the Sanctuary

In honor of our new members

*~ Dan and Bubbles*

### Flowers in the Sanctuary

In honor of the baptism of our Godson,  
Phoenix Sky Martinez-Bordelon

*~ All our Love, Rudy & Eddie*

## Financial Report

**For YTD Ended September 18, 2011**

Tithes & Offerings & Capital Giving	Week Ended	YTD Total	YTD Average Attendance	YTD Average Per Person
Amount Needed	\$19,884.42	\$745,665.87	607	\$32.76
Amount Received	\$15,893.78	\$632,606.20	535	\$31.14

### We Offer Ourselves

Each week during our "So You Think You Can" series, we would like to ask that you offer yourselves in two ways. First, we invite you to participate in offering a gift to a cause outside the walls of our church. Second, we invite you to give your monetary gifts to the cause of ensuring that the ministry of this church remains vibrant every day. The annual summer slump, a major church transition and an ongoing sluggish economy have unfortunately taken a toll on our finances. We ask that you dig a little deeper and give generously so that we can continue to be the kind of church we know that we are called to be. As you consider what you will give today, please join in this affirmation of generosity:

***I will Do all the good I can, By all the means I can, In all the ways I can, In all the places I can, At all the times I can, To all the people I can, As long as ever I can. Amen.***



*decadent dessert and more*

Come out and be part of our best party yet!

Fun  
Dancing  
Raffle  
Music

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2011**  
4PM TO 8PM

 **SOUTH BEACH NIGHTCLUB**  
810 PACIFIC ST

BUY TICKETS ONLINE  
**ASSISTHERS.ORG**  
*General Admission: \$20*

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**Tickets on Sale in the Gathering Place  
after Worship on Sunday, September 25**

## LGBT ADOPTIONS and ESTATE DOCUMENTS

**Attorney Mitchell Katine**  
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Houston, Texas

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[www.lawkn.com](http://www.lawkn.com)

## EXCEL Retreat Ministries



Join us for a spiritual renewal at the  
EXCEL retreat exercise  
"Living In Union with God"

**November 4-6, 2011**  
Christian Renewal Center  
Dickinson, Texas

For more details and to register go to  
[www.excelofthearmadillo.org](http://www.excelofthearmadillo.org)



## Opportunity to serve on the MCC Board of Pensions, USA

Our MCC clergy are the lifeblood of our community. The MCC Pension Plan is one way we show them we care about their future. The Board of Pensions is an active board which not only oversees the clergy pension plan, but strives to improve and expand it as well.

We have 1 opening on our National Board, which carries a four year term. The current opening is a non-clergy position. Investment knowledge, marketing, communication and/or technological skills would perfectly complement our Board make up. Please contact us for more information. The successful candidate will be appointed by the Governing Board and Moderator.

Our deadline to receive resumes/references is  
October 5, 2011

Please send to:  
Devon Avery, President, UFMCC BOP  
dhavery@att.net

## WELLNESS CENTER

2025 W. 11th Street  
LGBTQ Solutions for Living Well

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



Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC  
832-863-8221

*Children, Adolescents & Adults.  
Depression, Anxiety, Perfectionism,  
Trauma, Addiction, Codependency,  
Relationships.*

## Beginning in August Grief & Loss Recovery Group

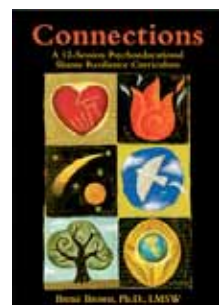
Wednesday nights, 5:30-6:50pm, 14 consecutive weeks  
Grieving is a natural process and the result of losing a loved one, pet, physical or mental ability, job, relationship, or aspirations. This group teaches about the stages of grieving, and allows then to transform emotionally, behaviorally & spiritually. Participants are encouraged to accept their loss, understand their process and develop skills practice throughout their lifespan.  
*Space is limited, MCC rate available*

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

Connections:  
A 12-Session Psychoeducational  
Shame-Resilience Curriculum

Call Tammy at 832-863-8221 for more information

Course developed by Brene Brown, PhD,  
LMSW, researcher, educator & writer. Learn to  
identify and overcome shame through exercises,  
handouts and lecture.





# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25

9:00 am	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fishers Net Prayer Ministry	Chapel
10:15 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Activities Building
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room

## MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26

6:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	Gathering Place
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## TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27

7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Yoga Connections	Gathering Place

## WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28

6:00 pm	The Chalice: Community Gathering	Gathering Place
7:00 am	The Life You've Always Wanted	Gathering Place

## THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29

No Events Scheduled

## FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED SEPTEMBER 30

No Events Scheduled

## SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED OCTOBER 1

10:00 am	Blessing of the Animals	Outside
10:00 am	Sabbath Saturday	Houston Arboretum and Nature Center
1:30 pm	Praise Dancers Rehearsal	Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Imani Vida Drum Circle	Gathering Place

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 2

9:00 am	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fishers Net Prayer Ministry	Chapel
10:15 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Activities Building
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room
12:30 pm	Newcomers Welcome Reception	Gathering Place