



SO YOU THINK YOU CAN
PRAY

OCTOBER 2, 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.

The "Jesus Prayer" shared today as our Call to Experience is from The New Zealand Book of Common Prayer. Completed in the late 1980s as the Anglican prayer book for the province of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, it holds closely to the Book of Common Prayer while managing to include Maori texts in an integrated way that has steadily grown in popularity throughout the world-wide Anglican communion.

Prelude / Preludio

Drum Circle Drummers

Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

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

Mark Eggleston

+ Opening Hymn/ Himno de Entrada

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not.
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, springtime and harvest,
Sun moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

(Chorus)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow --
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

(Chorus)

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

Praying
by Mary Oliver

It doesn't have to be the blue iris, it could be weeds in a vacant lot, or a few small stones; just pay attention, then patch a few words together and don't try to make them elaborate, this isn't a contest but the doorway into thanks, and a silence in which another voice may speak.

+ The Community Prays / Oración Comunal

Rev. Michael Diaz

O ten - der Moth - er, hear our prayer, as we your
child - ren gath - er near. We of - fer you our wound - ed
souls, for your ca - ress can make us whole.

The Ancient Word / Lectura Bíblica

Aileen North (9 am)

Daniel Guerrero (11 am)

Matthew 6:6-13

The Message Translation, amended and inclusified

"Here's what I want you to do: Find a quiet, secluded place so you won't be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense God's grace.

"The world is full of so-called prayer warriors who are prayer-ignorant. They're full of formulas and programs and advice, peddling techniques for getting what you want from God. Don't fall for that nonsense. This is your Heavenly Parent you are dealing with, who knows better than you what you need. With a God like this loving you, you can pray very simply.

"Like this: Our Parent in heaven, Reveal who you are. Set the world right; Do what's best— as above, so below. Keep us alive with food for today. Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving of others. Keep us safe from ourselves and from the Enemy of our Soul. You're in charge! You can do anything you want! You're ablaze in beauty! Yes. Yes. Yes."

The Ministry of Music / Selección Musical

Mass Choir

I Can Pray
by Kim Culpepper arr. Russell Mauldin

Call to Engage / Sermón

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

So You Think You Can Pray?

Prayer

If we said "prayer," someone might think we mean an activity to be added to our daily tasks. Why assume that our prayer life starts with saying prayers? What matters is prayer, not prayers. The more we come alive and awake, the more everything we do becomes prayer. If prayerfulness is our highest degree of aliveness, the starting point might be whenever we spontaneously come alive. For some of us, saying prayers wholeheartedly may be the crowning achievement after we have learned to make every other activity prayer. And that greater prayerfulness needs to express itself again in prayers. Eventually, even our prayers will become prayer.

- Brother David Steindl-Rast, *Gratefulness, the Heart of Prayer: an Approach to Life in Fullness*

Offertory / Ofertorio

HeavenSound Handbells

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Arr. by Linda R. Lamb

Communion / Comunion

Rev. Terri Steed, Rev. Janice Ladd, Pepe Zuniga

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

**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.**

Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunion

Let there be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on Earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Parent
Neighbors all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

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

Jesus We Just Want to Thank You

Jesus, we just want to thank You,
Jesus, we just want to thank You,
Jesus, we just want to thank You,
Thank You for being so good.

Jesus, we just want to praise You,
Jesus, we just want to praise You,
Jesus, we just want to praise You,
Thank You for being so good.

Creator, we just want to praise You,
Creator, we just want to praise You,
Creator, we just want to praise You,
Thank You for being so good.

Creator, we just want to serve You,
Creator, we just want to serve You,
Creator, we just want to serve You,
Thank You for being so good.

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."

Thy Word is a Lamp

*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)

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the Earth, let us sing;
Power and majesty, praises we sing!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You!

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

Rev. Terri Steed

Call to Embody / Anuncios

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini
Mark Eggleston

Sending Forth / Bendición

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

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.

**NEWCOMERS WELCOME
RECEPTION
TODAY • 12:30 PM • GATHERING PLACE**

Are you new to Resurrection MCC? If you have begun attending Resurrection MCC within the past few months, or have returned after a hiatus, welcome home! You are cordially invited to attend a reception immediately following the 11 am Worship service with refreshments provided. You'll have the opportunity to meet new folks and some of the ministry leaders and clergy, learn more about Resurrection MCC, and ask any questions you might have.

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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 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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 6 - 9 PM

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Filling pantries. Filling lives.

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.

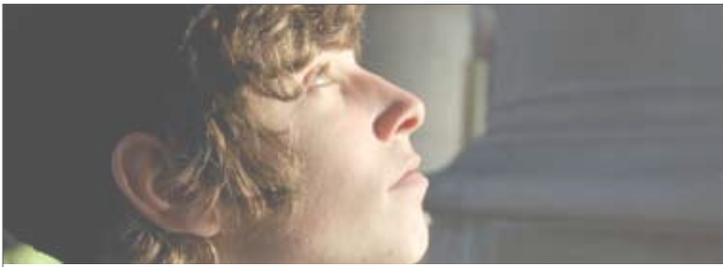
**TEENS DIVING IN:
PLAY DATE AT THE LAKE**



**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 to register, volunteer, and/or receive additional information before Friday, September 30.



SUFFERING AND THE GOODNESS OF GOD

MONDAYS

OCT. 10, 17, 24

7 PM | CHAPEL

Do you ever wonder where God is when everything in your life seems to feel like hell? How can a good God allow for such evil and suffering in the world? In this class, we will explore different Christian responses to the problem of suffering in the world in order to deepen our own relationship with God. We will begin with a review of traditional Christian perspectives on theodicy (the justification for how a good God allows evil to operate in the world) and continue with more progressive perspectives. This class is ideal for pastoral care ministers and anyone else wishing to deepen their faith by understanding different views of suffering.

For more information, contact
RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org



SOUL CARE FOR SERVANT-MINISTRY:

a small group experience in spiritual community

INTRODUCTORY SESSION:

Saturday, October 15, 2011

9:30 am – noon

Do you long for a place to find refreshment and spiritual companionship? Soul Care for Servant-Ministry is a small group experience designed for people who provide ministry leadership for others with/in the Resurrection community. We gather to support one another in "serving from fullness" by sharing a variety of practices which encourage our ability to listen and reflect attentively in dialogue with God, ourselves and others. **This small group experience is available to anyone in active servant-ministry at Resurrection, in any form or capacity at all.** Join us on Saturday, October 15 for an introductory session to check it out! After that, participants will be asked to commit to participation in the full series of sessions.

Contact the facilitator - Spiritual Director, Cathleen Sheil - for more info at SoulCare@ResurrectionMCC.org



OUT TO BRUNCH WITH BILL

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 15 | 10 AM

Le Peep

3810 Farnham (Shepherd & Hwy 59)

"Friends of Bill" (and friends of friends of Bill!) are all invited to join our newest (sober) social group for brunch each month! Whether you're sober yourself, a supporter, or simply someone who prefers coffee to Mimosas with your brunch, come meet old and new friends for Brunch with Bill!

RSVP at Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC or
OUTtoBrunch@ResurrectionMCC.org



APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE 2011 PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE IS TODAY!

The Pastoral Search Committee is a group of persons who are tasked with seeking a candidate for Senior Pastor. The purpose of the Pastoral Search Committee is to discern the best candidate for the position of Senior Pastor and then to recommend that candidate to the congregation for election. For questions, please email the Pastoral Search Appointment Committee at PSAC@ResurrectionMCC.org Applications and additional instructions available at www.ResurrectionMCC.org.



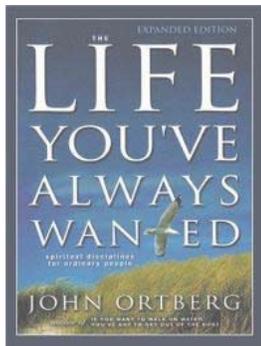
YOGA CONNECTIONS

Every Tuesday

7 - 8:30 pm | Activities Building

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. RSVP at Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC or for more info email 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 at Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC or for more info email 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

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@ResurrectionMCC.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



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.

Board Member on Duty

Jackie Marshall and Elisa Vega-Burns
Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

Fishers Net Prayer Ministry



A Dialogue With God

by Ron Reeser

Ever had one of those days? You know the times, when all around things are perfect in every way, except inside. Something was wrong and so as like many, I cried to God, "Why, why?" and then yelled why again. On that same day, I happened to listen to a previously recorded sermon and the subject was forgiveness. Later during lunch when I started the car, the radio announcer was talking about, you guessed it, forgiveness. God answered my calls for help through the sermon and radio announcer. If synonyms for forgiveness are absolution, amnesty, and pardon and antonyms are penalty, punishment, and retribution, it's obvious I was not letting go or forgiving of something or someone. In that moment, I prayed the Lord's Prayer and then prayed some more, purging and forgiving. You see, if we do not forgive we can then get filled with retributive thoughts, and when we are forgiven, "... we can, with reverence, serve [God]..." (Psalm 130.4) and that is what living is all about - serving God with reverence.

Dear Creator and patient Parent, please forgive us when we fail you, ourselves, and others. Open our hearts, minds and souls so we may hear your voice through the stillness of our hearts and through other means. Forgive us. Help us to forgive those who have sinned against us and forgive us for sinning against others. Oh, great loving God, thank you for never leaving my side. I pray 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 ~

Flowers in the Sanctuary

In Celebration of Carolyn Gay's Birthday.
~ Annette Beall

Financial Report

For YTD Ended September 25, 2011

Tithes & Offerings & Capital Giving	Week Ended	YTD Total	YTD Average Attendance	YTD Average Per Person
Amount Needed	\$19,884.42	\$765,550.29	607	\$32.76
Amount Received	\$26,843.51	\$659,123.27	534	\$31.63

We Offer Ourselves

Last year we approved several ministry priorities, set our budget to accomplish our goals, and projected our income. Our projections were based on the pledges made through the "Church Alive" campaign, the Imagine Reality Capital Campaign, as well as the giving trends of this congregation over the most recent years. We are on track with our ministry goals but are experiencing the strain of the typical "summer dip" in our giving. Our church's cash reserves have dropped rapidly in just the past couple of months even while our worship attendance and ministry programming have grown. Unless giving rebounds, we will soon be forced to significantly reduce the amount of worship, hospitality, transformation, and mission our church can provide. Please join me in taking the necessary steps today to ensure our impact in the lives of this community continues to thrive.

Blessings to you,
Rev. Janice Ladd, Executive Pastor

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.

LGBT ADOPTIONS and ESTATE DOCUMENTS

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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

Personal testimony from Marcial Renteria Marcial is a Lay Delegate for RMCC



Hello, my name is Marcial and I want to invite you to experience EXCEL. This retreat is truly a godsend. I went to my first retreat just last year and I wish I had gone sooner. I feel so much more blessed and closer to my Resurrection family now. It is a good place to get away from it all and get centered. Some may say "I don't need this" and to you I say "You will not come back the same!"

I was new to this community and I met new people and fostered deeper friendships. Your life will not be the same. It has helped me be a better child of God by encouraging good works, developing a healthy prayer life and to study the word of God. All these things come in handy in my life. I feel I am more able to serve the church and my siblings out of fullness. The people who put this on have such a passion for Christ and the church it will rub off on you too! Come and allow yourself to EXCEL in Christ, EXCEL in Church and EXCEL in you!

The next EXCEL weekend retreat exercise is November 4-6, 2011
www.excelofthearmadiollo.org



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Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC
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Depression, Anxiety, Perfectionism,
Trauma, Addiction, Codependency,
Relationships.



Beginning in August Grief & Loss Recovery Group

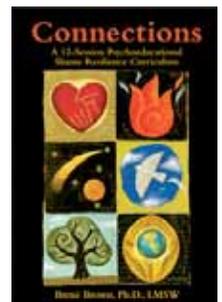
Wednesday nights, 5:30-6:50pm, 14 consecutive weeks
Grieving is a natural process and the result of losing a loved one, pet, physical or mental ability, job, relationship, or aspirations. This group teaches about the stages of grieving, and allows then to transform emotionally, behaviorally & spiritually. 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 OCTOBER 2

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

MONDAY OCTOBER 3

No Events Scheduled

TUESDAY OCTOBER 4

7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00 pm	Yoga Connections	<i>Gathering Place</i>

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5

6:00 pm	The Chalice: Community Gathering	<i>Gathering Place</i>
6:30 pm	Pastoral Search Appointment Committee	<i>Gathering Place</i>
7:00 pm	The Life You've Always Wanted	<i>Gathering Place</i>

THURSDAY OCTOBER 6

No Events Scheduled

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED OCTOBER 7

6:00 pm	Family Night at the Houston Food Bank	<i>Houston Food Bank</i>
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SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED OCTOBER 8

8:00 am	Play Date at the Lake!	<i>Lake Livingston</i>
10:00 am	Leadership Brunch	<i>Activities Building</i>

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9

9:00 am	Sunday Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10:15 am	Fishers Net Prayer Ministry	<i>Chapel</i>
10:15 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	<i>Activities Building</i>
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	<i>Activities Building</i>
11:00 am	Sunday Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>
12:30 pm	2nd Sunday Friend-Raiser Brunch	<i>Activities Building</i>
12:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
12:30 pm	Masquerade Ball Team Meeting	<i>Activities Building</i>
12:30 pm	Pastoral Care Ministers Meeting	<i>Activities Building</i>