



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

September 23, 2012

Prelude / Preludio

Jules Czarnik

*Blessings*  
by Laura Story

Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne

Rev. Janice Ladd

Announcements / Anuncios

Mark Eggleston

+ Welcome Song / All Are Welcome

Let us build a house where all are named, Their songs and visions heard  
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed, As words within the word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, Prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: All are welcome, all are welcome,  
All are welcome in this place.

+ Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ Welcome Song Reprise / Canción de Bienvenida

+ Invocation / Invocación

Tony Stegall

ONE: We are a people of blessing!  
ALL: **Our God is good!**  
ONE: We are a people of blessing!  
ALL: **Our God is generous!**  
ONE: We are a people of blessing!  
ALL: **Our God is extravagant!**  
ONE: We are a people of blessing!  
ALL: **O God, bless the world through us!**  
ONE: Alleluia! Amen!

## Extravagant Generosity

Giving helps us become what God wants us to be. Giving is not merely about the church's need for money but about the Christian's need to grow in generosity. Generosity is a fruit of the Spirit, a sign of our spiritual growth. God uses our giving to change the world for God's purposes, and God uses our giving to reconfigure our interior lives and to change us.

Throughout September, we are reading Robert Schnase's daily devotional, *Practicing Extravagant Generosity*, and you are invited to join us in brief daily readings with everyone else at Resurrection MCC. Each reading prepares us to understand more clearly the "why" of Christian giving and to develop a common language and theology of generosity. Everyone praying, reading, and reflecting on the same passages fosters a unified sense of purpose and clarity of mission. Your participation with an open heart helps open the doors of Resurrection MCC's future mission. Thank you!

Each reading includes a Scripture verse and a brief devotion. Read thoughtfully, reflecting on your own faith journey and our shared ministry. Use the questions to prompt further spiritual exploration about what you think, believe, and do. Close your time with prayer. Feel free to discuss your reflections with others in your household or on Wednesday nights in small groups at the church. May these next few weeks be for you a time of spiritual growth and renewed commitment to the ministry of Christ here at Resurrection MCC.

+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

## + Opening Song / Apertura Canción

### *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' love and righteousness.  
I dare not trust this earthly frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ the solid rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When Shadows veil my Savior's face, I rest upon unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.

(Chorus)

Christ's oath and covenant and blood, Support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way, Christ then is all my hope and stay.

(Chorus)

When Christ shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Love be found!  
Dressed in God's righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne!

(Chorus)

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## Contemporary Reading / Lectura Contemporánea

Shawty Augustine

### *Practicing Extravagant Generosity*

by Robert Schnase

Breaking the cycle of conditioned discontent requires courageous soul work ... Contentment arises from seeking that which satisfies. It arises from persistent interior work and cooperation with the Holy Spirit to develop the personal habits that keep us from surrendering our sense of well-being, identity, and purpose to materialist measures. Living fruitfully is not merely a matter of having something to live on, but something to live for.

## Alleluia

The word "Alleluia" or "Hallelujah" literally means "Praise ye Yah" or "Praise Jah, you people"; a short form of "Praise Yahweh" or "praise ye Jehovah". An expression of praise to God, "Halleluyah" was preserved, untranslated, by the Early Christians as a superlative expression of thanksgiving, joy, and triumph.

## Prayer of the People

Reed Hoke  
Sanctuary Choir

### *Alleluia*

by Jerry Sinclair

## + Scripture Lesson / Escritura Lección

Tony Stegall

### *Joel 2:28-32a*

"In the last days it will be," God declares, "that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young ones shall see visions, and your old ones shall dream dreams. Even upon those enslaved, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below ... Then everyone who calls on the name of God shall be saved."

***Break Forth Into Song***

by Allen Pote

**Engage / Sermón**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

***Extravagant Generosity:  
Bucket Lists - Visions and Hope of the Heart***

**Congregational Response / Respuesta Congregacional**

***Use Me***

by Ron Kenoly

*If You can use anything Lord, You can use me.  
If You can use anything Lord, You can use me,  
Take my hands Lord and my feet,  
Touch my heart Lord, speak through me.  
If You can use anything Lord, You can use me.*

**We Offer Ourselves / Ofrenda**

Terry Talley  
*Stewardship Team*

**Offertory / Ofertorio**

Sanctuary Choir

***Why We Sing***

by Greg Gilpin

**Communion / Comunión**

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

**Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunión**

***Awakening***

In our hearts, Lord, in this nation, Awakening.  
Holy Spirit, we desire, Awakening.

*For You and You alone awake my soul, awake my soul and sing.  
For the world You love Your will be done, let Your will be done in me.*

In Your presence, in Your power, Awakening.  
For this moment, for this hour, Awakening.

Like the rising sun that shines; From the darkness comes a light;  
I hear Your voice and this is my Awakening!

*Like the rising sun that shines Awake my soul, awake my soul and sing  
From the darkness comes a light Awake my soul, awake my soul and sing.*

*Like the rising sun that shines Awake my soul, awake my soul and sing  
Only You can raise a life. Awake my soul, awake my soul and sing.*

In our hearts Lord; In the nations, Awakening!

by Reuben Morgan and Chris Tomlin

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**Communion**

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 Metropolitanas) 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."

## ***Revelation Song***

Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain Holy, Holy, is He  
Sing a new song, to him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat  
Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain Holy, Holy, is He  
Sing a new song, to him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was, and is, and is to come with all creation I sing  
Praise to the King of Kings, You are my everything, And I will adore You*

Clothed in rainbows, of living color, Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to You the only wise King

*(Chorus)*

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, At the mention of your name  
Jesus your name is power, Breath, and living water, Such a marvelous mystery.

*(Chorus)*

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## ***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!*

Verse

*(Chorus)*

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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.

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

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

+ **Benediction / Bendición**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

**Postlude / Postludió**

Praise Band

***This Is The Day That The Lord Has Made***

by John W. Peterson

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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.

**Worship** | Sunday, 9 & 11 am  
**Children & Youth Worship** | Sunday, 11 am  
**Nursery** | Sunday, 9 & 11 am

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## CONNECTION GROUP

### Wednesday, September 26

Abundant, lavish, unrestrained gifting, blessing, provision ... the way God's love pours forth! As this incredible reality steadily fills every empty place within us, we discover that we are more than recipients – we are participants – in God's unrestrained gifting to the world! Join us as we gather in small groups during the month of September to experience Extravagant Generosity by exploring what it means to practice grace-filled giving from the depths of our relationship with God. Weekly gatherings will take place at Resurrection MCC. Sign-up in the Gathering Place or via email.

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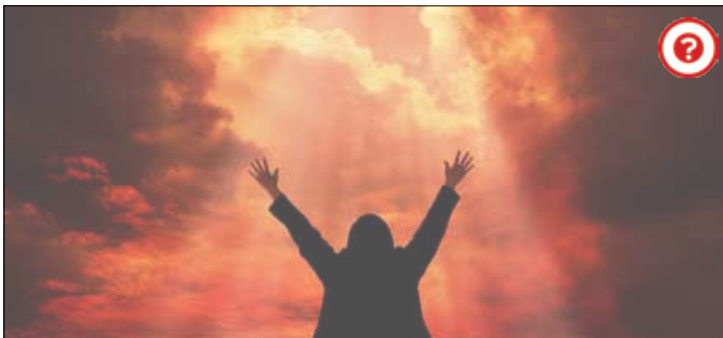


## EXPLORING YOUR SPIRITUAL LOCATION

MONDAY  
**SEPTEMBER 24**  
7 - 8:30 PM | GATHERING PLACE

Asking yourself "Where am I, in this moment, in my spiritual life?" opens the way to a journey of learning to pay attention to what your inner world is telling you, what your body is trying to say, and what your spirit longs to speak. During this series, we will be guided in the practice of paying attention to ourselves through reflective activities and interactive exercises designed to deepen our personal awareness and connection to others on the spiritual journey.

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## SPEAKING OF FAITH

### YOUNG ADULT SUNDAYS

**SUNDAYS**  
**10:15 - 10:45 AM**  
**ACTIVITIES BUILDING #202**

Young Adults ages 18 to 35 are invited to step out on faith and step upstairs in the Activities Building for 30 minutes of learning, connecting and sharing where we are in our faith journeys. Facilitated by Kedric Brown, Will Carr, and Adam Lopez, we'll speak on the topic of "Radical Faith" throughout September. Grab a cup of coffee and join us upstairs!

YoungAdults@ResurrectionMCC.org

## CARDBOARD TESTIMONIES

### SIGN CREATION GATHERING

**MONDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 24, 6 - 7 PM, GATHERING PLACE**

**TUESDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 25, 6 - 7 PM, SANCTUARY**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 26, 6 - 7 PM, GATHERING PLACE**

Sunday Worship on September 30 concludes our 4-week "Extravagant Generosity" sermon series. At the end of the sermon, a number of our members and friends will share their personal stories using "Cardboard Testimonies." They will share how their lives have been transformed through their faith and their journey at Resurrection MCC with just a few written words. All are invited and encouraged to join us and create your own Cardboard Testimony sign to share in front of our congregation on Sunday, September 30 at 9 & 11 am. All materials - Cardboard & Markers - will be provided. Check out our video from last year at [www.bit.ly/CardboardTestimonies](http://www.bit.ly/CardboardTestimonies)

Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org



## FRIENDS BY THE FIRE

FRIDAY  
**SEPTEMBER 28**  
7 - 9 pm • Outside

Join us for our last **Summertime** "Friends by the Fire" of the year sponsored by our Landscape and Facilities Team. Bring a chair and join us as we share stories, laughs, and "S'mores." We will have hot dogs to roast, but please bring a soda or bottle of water. Please RSVP to be sure there are plenty of hot dogs.

Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org



FRIDAY • 7 pm  
**SEPTEMBER 28**  
**Cadillac Bar and Grill**  
1802 Shepherd Dr, Houston, TX 77007  
[www.cadillacbar.com](http://www.cadillacbar.com)

Join us for another Friday evening filled with food, fun and friends. To help ensure that we have adequate seating, we ask that you please RSVP and let us know if you will be attending. As always, friends and family (including children) are welcome!

Details and RSVP on [Facebook.com/Events](https://www.facebook.com/Events) or  
[FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org).



SATURDAY  
**SEPTEMBER 29**  
6:30 pm, Activities Building

**Tickets available in Inspirations Coffee Cafe today  
and online at [www.bit.ly/BroadwayRevue](http://www.bit.ly/BroadwayRevue)**

C'mon you know 'em you love 'em: Wicked, Rent, Follies, When Pigs Fly, Batboy, A Chorus Line! Right? So what's not to love about a Saturday evening, feasting on a great dinner and enjoying a show? That's right our Worship Arts department is hosting a community-wide Broadway and Off Broadway Musical Revue of some of the best loved music from the most popular shows. Bring a friend, bring a date, put on your ruby slippers, and join us for an evening to remember! All proceeds to benefit Resurrection MCC's Worship Arts Department.

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**BULLETPROOF FAITH:**  
A Spiritual Survival Study Guide  
for LGBTQ Christians  
MONDAYS  
**OCTOBER 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**  
7 - 8:30 PM | GATHERING PLACE

It's only when we develop the heart knowledge of God's unconditional and enduring love for us that we can become bulletproof—calm and assured even when arrows are flying and emotions are high! Join us for this 5-week "Spiritual Survival" study of the book by Rev. Candace Chellew-Hodge designed to guide us through the minefield of condemnation and persecution faced by many LGBTQ Christians, to an undeniable faith that powerfully proclaims the reality of God's love for one and all!

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## **PRACTICING OUR FAITH:** A WAY OF LIFE FOR SEARCHING PEOPLE

WEDNESDAYS

**OCTOBER 3, 10, 17, 27, 31**  
7 - 8:30 PM | GATHERING PLACE

"Each of us is only one decision away from changing our lives." This saying is a hope-filled invitation to engage – or re-engage – the spiritual adventure starting right now, right where you are. If you yearn to live your faith throughout your life and not just in church on Sundays, join us as we share Dorothy Bass's wonderful study of what it would mean to practice our faith daily through such things as: "Saying Yes and Saying No"; "Honoring the Body"; and "Singing Our Lives." All are welcome for one, some or all 5 sessions of this faith-refreshing journey "for searching people"!

[RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org)



## **THE ONENESS OF PRAISE:** A JASON & deMARCO CONCERT

SATURDAY

**OCTOBER 6**  
7 PM | SANCTUARY

Whether you are a long-time fan of life-partners and musical duo Jason & deMarco, or have yet to experience their buoyant songs of faith and passion you are certain to be blessed by The Oneness of Praise concert! Sharing songs from their most recent release by the same name, Jason and deMarco will pour forth songs of praise, reminding us all that we are part of one human family, one Spirit, and we can make this journey together in peace, harmony and love! All are welcome! A love-offering will be taken; cd's and other Jason & deMarco items will be available for purchase.

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



## **CONVERSATIONS WITH MEN**

THURSDAY

**OCTOBER 4**

7:30 - 9 PM | GATHERING PLACE

Join us for this facilitated conversation sponsored by Out Later as we discuss high risk, low risk, and no risk sex between men and conceptions about safe sex in relation to HIV and STDs. Current information, common misconceptions, and an opportunity to share real talk about our lives, our choices, and how we love. This event is sponsored by OutLater but is open to all men, fathers or not. Please join us for this free, informative evening!

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## **Inside Out Faith:** A Jennifer Knapp Experience

THURSDAY

**OCTOBER 11**

7 PM | SANCTUARY

Join Grammy-nominated, Dove Award-winning artist Jennifer Knapp for a night of story-telling, music and audience interaction celebrating the healing that comes from breaking the silence! Highly recognized as a premier artist in the Christian Contemporary Music genre, Jennifer Knapp chose to confront speculation with a very public "coming out" in 2010. This year, she celebrates National Coming Out Day with Resurrection MCC!

Invite your family, friends, and Jennifer Knapp fans to this free event! [www.jenniferknapp.com](http://www.jenniferknapp.com)



## LIL' PUNKINS!

PUMPKIN PATCH PLAY DATE AT OLD  
MACDONALD'S FARM

SUNDAY  
**OCTOBER 14**

3 PM | OLD MACDONALD'S FARM

All families and friends are invited to join our youngest members in an afternoon of Fall fun as our Nursery hosts an outing to the Pumpkin Patch at Old MacDonald's Farm! Toddlers and children through 12 years will take a train ride and pick a pumpkin from the patch! All are welcome to visit with the animals, play in the playground, and enjoy an afternoon of fun, family and fellowship for all ages! Old MacDonald's Farm | 3203 FM 1960 Road East Humble, TX 77338-5323 | (281) 446-4001 | [www.oldmacdonaldshumble.com](http://www.oldmacdonaldshumble.com)

[Nursery@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Nursery@ResurrectionMCC.org)



## JOYFUL SINGING 101: FINDING YOUR VOICE

FRIDAY, **OCTOBER 19**, 7 - 9 PM  
SATURDAY, **OCTOBER 20**, 10 AM - 5:30 PM  
CHAPEL

Whether you're a beginning singer or an experienced performer, experience the personal power of finding your voice by conquering the limitations which keep you from singing with joy! Created by voice coach, performer, and "Living Your Voice" innovator Tony Pryor, Joyful Singing 101 combines fundamental vocal technique, creative performance experiences, individual coaching, and small group exercises to guide you through a process focused on support rather than judgment to empower you to take personal risks, actualize your inner voice, and flourish in a world that yearns for authentic expression! Tuition for the weekend workshop is \$190.00 per person; Friday-evening-only option (for those who want to get a sample of our process) is \$40.00 per person. Class is limited in size; some sliding scale/scholarships available. [Tony@LivingYourVoice.com](http://Tony@LivingYourVoice.com)



## NOH8 CAMPAIGN: OPEN PHOTO SHOOT

THURSDAY  
**OCTOBER 18**

4 - 7 PM | UNIVERSITY CENTER, 2ND FLOOR  
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, 4800 CALHOUN

Don't miss Houston's first open photo shoot for the NOH8 Campaign! Funds raised will be used to continue promoting and raising awareness for marriage equality and anti-discrimination through NOH8's interactive media campaign.

\$40 - Solo  
\$25 - Group, per person

Full Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/NOH8-Houston](http://www.bit.ly/NOH8-Houston)  
[Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org)



## FALL YARD SALE

SATURDAY  
**OCTOBER 27**

8 AM - NOON | LARGE PARKING LOT

Join us for an exciting community-wide bargain extravaganza where shoppers will find great deals and vendors will raise cash while supporting the ministries of Resurrection MCC! This is a great opportunity to clean out your closet, garage, or spare room and turn your junk into someone's treasure. Many thanks to our Loaves and Fishes Ministry who will provide refreshments.

Vendor sales (parking) spaces are \$35 each. Vendors may purchase up to four. Deadline for vendor registration is Friday, October 19, 2012.

Vendor Registration: [www.bit.ly/FallYardSale](http://www.bit.ly/FallYardSale)  
Questions? [FallYardSale@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:FallYardSale@ResurrectionMCC.org)



## Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor

The *Neighbor to Neighbor* program allows Resurrection MCC the opportunity to earn a portion of \$1 million that will be donated annually. The program earning period is July 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013. During the last program period, Resurrection MCC earned over \$1,200!

To participate in the program, simply take this printed page on your next shopping trip and have the cashier scan it at the beginning of the order.

Below are a few frequently asked questions of the program:

### Can a household "link" their Kroger Plus Card to more than one organization at a time?

No, the system allows for one organization per household. To change organizations, you must present your Kroger Plus Card and the new organization's barcode to the cashier.

### Do I have to enroll each program year?

YES, all organizations and participants must re-enroll for each new enrollment period. The current *Neighbor to Neighbor* Program is effective July 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013.

### Do I have to scan the organization letter each time I shop?

No, once the barcode is scanned with your plus card, you are enrolled for the remainder of the program year, ending on April 30, 2013.

### How much can my organization earn?

The Kroger *Neighbor to Neighbor* Donation Program will donate \$1 million annually. Each organization will earn a percentage of the \$1 million equal to the percentage of total earned contributions attributable to that organization.

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Additional information available at  
[www.krogerneighbortoneighbor.com](http://www.krogerneighbortoneighbor.com)

*Kroger cashier: Please scan customer's Kroger Plus Card at the beginning of the order, and then scan the above barcode. The customer's Kroger Plus Card is now enrolled in the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program.*

## NEWCOMERS WELCOME RECEPTION



SUNDAY  
**OCTOBER 7**  
12:30 pm, Gathering Place

Are you new to Resurrection MCC? If you have begun attending within the past few months, or have returned after 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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## Children's Choir Rehearsal



**Sundays**  
**10:30 am - 10:55 am**  
**Activities Building #108**  
**Ages: 4 and up welcome**

Questions? Please contact Jules or Eve at  
[ChildrensChoir@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:ChildrensChoir@ResurrectionMCC.org)

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[Ads@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Ads@ResurrectionMCC.org)

# FOOD PANTRY

Open by Appointment:  
713-861-9149 x103

## Nonperishables Needed:

Canned Meats, Vegetables,  
Fruit, Juice, Soup, Pasta,  
Rice, Beans



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

# CARE FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

by recycling newspapers, magazines, catalogs and junk mail in the containers in our parking lot. We now have three collection bins as this program grows. We receive cash based on the weight collected. We have moved the dumpsters up front in the parking lot by the apartment complex.



## 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](mailto:Sara@ResurrectionMCC.org) or call 713-861-9149 x112.

## Board Member on Duty

Kecia Bullock and Mary Wagner

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

## General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended September 16, 2012

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$20,784.03	\$621,233.60
Total Amount Anticipated	\$18,846.15	\$706,730.77
Total Giving Variance		(\$85,497.17)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$16,348.25	
Cash Flow Need	\$17,307.69	(A)
Ministry Plan Need	\$18,846.15	(B)
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	543	511
Programming	78	115
Total Weekly Attendance	621	626

**Cash Flow Need** is the minimum amount needed each week to fund our basic ministry obligations: staff, property, operations and debt (i.e., the minimum amount needed to keep the doors open each Sunday)

**Ministry Plan Need** is the weekly amount needed per the budget approved by the congregation to achieve our 2012 ministry plan goals and strategic growth initiatives (i.e., the amount needed to make ministry happen)

The difference between making ends meet and making ministry happen is just an additional \$1,538.46 each week in tithes and offerings (B-A).

# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23

12:00 am	Family Camp Out: Lake Somerville	
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10:15 am	Speaking of Faith: Young Adults	<i>Activities Building</i>
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	<i>Chapel</i>
10:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	<i>Activities Building</i>
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	<i>Activities Building</i>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<i>Sanctuary</i>
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>

## MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24

6:00 pm	Cardboard Testimonies Sign Creation	<i>Gathering Place</i>
6:00 pm	Special Music Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
6:30 pm	Facilities Committee Meeting	<i>Work Room</i>
7:00 pm	Exploring Your Spiritual Location	<i>Gathering Place</i>

## TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25

6:00 pm	Cardboard Testimonies Sign Creation	<i>Gathering Place</i>
6:00 pm	Praise & Worship Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00 pm	Rainbow of Hope NA Group	<i>Gathering Place</i>
7:00 pm	Yoga Connections	<i>Activities Building</i>

## WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 26

6:00 pm	Cardboard Testimonies Sign Creation	<i>Gathering Place</i>
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Connection Groups	<i>Gathering Place</i>

## THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 27

2:30 pm	"Music Play"	<i>Gathering Place</i>
5:30 pm	"Music Play"	<i>Gathering Place</i>
6:00 pm	Special Music Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:30 pm	OUT Later: Support for Gay Fathers	<i>Gathering Place</i>

## FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED SEPTEMBER 28

7:00 pm	"Friends by the Fire"--Summertime!	<i>Outside</i>
7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT	<i>Cadillac Bar and Grill</i>

## SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED SEPTEMBER 29

9:00 am	Nominating Committee Meeting	<i>Gathering Place</i>
10:00 am	"Cafe Christmas" Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
6:30 pm	Broadway Musical Review & Dinner	<i>Activities Building</i>

## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30

<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	<i>Chapel</i>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<i>Sanctuary</i>
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>