



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

October 21, 2012

Prelude / Preludio

Make Us One

by Cindy Morgan and Michael W. Smith

Praise Band

Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

Announcements / Anuncios

Joy Jolley

+ Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

+ Welcome Song / All Are Welcome

Let us build a house where love is found, In water, wine and wheat:
A banquet hall on holy ground, Where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, Is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome, All are welcome in this place.

+ Invocation / Invocación

Deidre Scott

ONE: The people are gathering as one ...! The bread is breaking with hope ...!
The stories are telling of truth ...! From near and far, for one and all,
with your life and mine: Holy is the Way of Life!

ALL: We cry Holy with God's mercy! Holy with God's grace!
We cry Holy with God's love! Holy is the Way of Life!

+ Opening Song / Apertura Canción

Indescribable

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing Your majesty.
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring,
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings. All exclaiming

*Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky, and You know them by name.
You are amazing God. All powerful, untamable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim, You are amazing God.*

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go,
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night? None can fathom

(Chorus)

You are amazing God.

(Chorus)

Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky, and You know them by name.
You are amazing God. Incomparable, unchangeable,
You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same. You are amazing God.

You are amazing God.

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+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

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.

Practicing Our Faith

"A way of life abundant: this is God's gift in the midst of the ordinary stuff of existence. This way of life - abundant not in money and possessions but in mercy and hope - is given not only for the sake of those who are its members. It is given that these might live for the sake of others, and indeed for the sake of all creation. The challenge is to discern how to live this way of life within ... your moment in history." Our worship series this season follows the gospel lectionary in conversation with essays from Practicing Our Faith, reflecting upon what it means for a "searching people" to practice our faith as a Way of Life. With our worship may God's blessings be brought to Life!

Community: A Way of Life

If we are to "set the table of community" where all of humanity is "built up," we must be first in line - not to receive glory - but to live God's goodness as we welcome, feed, listen to, and serve all of our siblings. Inviting us to choose a "creative ordering of freedom," Larry Rasmussen (along with Jesus) challenges us to refuse self-centered practices of acquisition in favor of that which strengthens and uplifts the community as a whole; in favor of a shared Way of Life.

Silent Reflection

Quaker silent worship is an attenuated openness to the inspiration of God or the Spirit. If considered a form of meditation, it differs historically from other meditative forms in lacking a mantra as in Orthodox Christian or Hindu meditation, or a focal image as in Tibetan Buddhism. In short, there is no comparable religious or spiritual phenomenon like Quaker worship. ~
www.hermitary.com

A Reading from "*Shaping Communities*"

by Larry Rasmussen, in *Practicing Our Faith: A Way of Life for a Searching People*; edited by Dorothy C. Bass

Rather than shaping his followers into the usual hierarchy of power, Jesus constituted his community around power turned upside down. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell us of a time very near the end of Jesus' life when the disciples are arguing. "Which of us will be the greatest?" they ask, jockeying for position. Jesus tells them that the shape of authority in his community is different from what they assume. His radical pattern for shaping communities could be usefully described by a phrase from current leadership studies: "creative deviance on the front line." It is deviance because it does not accept standard forms of ordering life as normative, even when they are dominant. It is creative because it seeks a positive alternative form. It is on the front line because it lives in the tension between our own time - what the apostle Paul called "this present age" - and another yet to come. The last are first. Leaders are community servants, like Jesus himself. (*selected and abridged from the section "The Community of Jesus"*)

Praying the Psalms

Mark C. Brown

Peace Is Flowing Like A River

by Text: Traditional; based on Psalm 107, adapt by CAREY LANDRY, b, 1944 Music by CAREY LANDRY

+ Scripture Lesson / Escritura Lección

Deidre Scott

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Rabbi, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And Jesus said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Humanity came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

There's A Liftin' Of The Hands

by Timothy Johnson

Engage / Sermón

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Practicing Our Faith: A Creatively Deviant Community of Christ

Silent Reflection

We Offer Ourselves

Lynn Wehman

Offertory / Ofertorio

Gospel Ensemble

We've Come To Worship You

by Cindy Cruse-Ratcliff, Israel Houghton

Great Thanksgiving

ONE: God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift our hearts to God.

ONE: Let us give thanks and praise. ALL: It is right to give thanks and praise to our God

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, holy. Holy is the Lamb, holy is the Lamb!

Proclamation of Faith

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ is here, and Christ shall come Again.

The Prayer Jesus Taught

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your community come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who have trespassed against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the community and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Response Sanctus

We come and bow before You. Love and adore You, Sing praise unto You.

For You're holy, holy.

Faithful, faithful, faithful, faithful, Faithful is the Lamb. Faithful is the Lamb!

Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunion***What A Day That Will Be***

There is coming a day when no heartaches shall come,
No more clouds in the sky, no more tears to dim the eye;
All is peace forever more on that happy golden shore
What a day, glorious day that will be.

*What a day that will be when my Jesus I shall see,
When I look upon His face, the One who saved me by His grace;
When He takes me by the hand, and leads me through the Promised Land,
What a day, glorious day, that will be.*

There's be no sorrow there, no more burdens to bear,
No more sickness, no more pain, no more parting over there;
And forever I will be with the One who died for me
What a day, glorious day, that will be.

(Chorus)

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Sweet Hour of Prayer

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Sovereign's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By Thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Communion

As we gather, break bread, and tell stories of hope through prayer, song and ritual in the practice we call "communion," we bear witness that "Life is stronger than death. People can change with God's help. And God is worthy of our thanks and praise." All are welcome at the table: you do not need to be a member of this or any church to gather as God's children at the table of Life.

A brief blessing is offered with bread and juice, available to all. Gluten-free bread is offered at the far right; Spanish blessing offered at the far left.

Please honor this time of sacred community with singing, quiet meditation or prayer that we might each receive the spiritual nourishment we seek ...

Comunion

Al reunirnos, partir el pan, y contar historias de esperanza a través de la oración, el canto y el ritual en la práctica que llamamos "comunion", damos testimonio de que "la vida es más fuerte que la muerte. Las personas pueden cambiar con la ayuda de Dios. Y Dios es digno de nuestro agradecimiento y alabanza." Todos están invitados a la mesa: no es necesario ser miembro de esta iglesia o cualquier reunir como hijos de Dios en la mesa de la Vida.

Una breve bendición se ofrece con el pan y el jugo, al alcance de todos. Pan sin gluten se ofrece en el extremo derecho; bendición españoles ofrecen en el extremo izquierdo.

Por favor respetar este tiempo de comunidad sagrada con canto, la meditación o la oración silenciosa para que podamos recibir cada uno el alimento espiritual que buscamos ...

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
The joys I feel, the bliss I share,
Of those whose anxious spirits burn
With strong desires for Thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
Where God my Savior shows us grace,
And gladly take my station there,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To God whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since I'm bid to seek God's face,
Believe the Word and trust in grace,
I'll cast on God my every care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
May I Thy consolation share,
Till, from Mount Pisgah's lofty height,
I view my home and take my flight:
This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise
To seize the everlasting prize;
And shout, while passing through the air,
"Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!"

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Through It All

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Sweet Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of our Lord.

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.*

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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**

Cassandra White

+ **Benediction / Bendición**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

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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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SPEAKING OF FAITH YOUNG ADULT SUNDAYS

SUNDAYS
10:15 - 10:45 AM
ACTIVITIES BLDG #202

Sundays Topic: Revitalizing the Spirit:

As we are walking in our faith with God, how strong can we remain in order to fight off the evilness that will try to destroy us? How will we know when and if the Holy Spirit is with and within us at all times? How do we keep it renewed and strong? Here we will take an examination of our weekly journey's with God and how our spirit is remaining strong when we are weak.



BULLETPROOF FAITH: A Spiritual Survival Study Guide for LGBTQ Christians

MONDAYS
OCTOBER 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 based on the book by Rev. Candace Chelley-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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JOYFUL SINGING 102: GETTING IN THE SANDBOX

WEDNESDAYS
OCTOBER 17 - DECEMBER 12
6:30 - 9:30 pm • CHAPEL

During this 10-class series over 9 weeks, students will enjoy Living Your Voice's group process along with individual coaching sessions focused on preparation of a solo. The class as a whole will work with one or more group songs which, together with students' solos, will debut during a "Showcase Celebration!" performance for friends and family at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Parish Hall in the Heights on Saturday, December 15. (Those preferring not to sing their solo at the Showcase Celebration! can sing with their classmates in the group song.) Classes will be held on 9 Wednesdays from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm, with an additional all-afternoon class before the Showcase on Saturday, December 15. Tuition for the 10-class series is \$300, payable in full on the first class meeting, or \$35 per class paid at each class meeting. Class is limited in size; full tuition required regardless of missed classes; some sliding scale/scholarships available.

Tony@LivingYourVoice.com



PRACTICING OUR FAITH: A WAY OF LIFE FOR SEARCHING PEOPLE

WEDNESDAYS
OCTOBER 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



SOUL CARE FOR SERVANT-MINISTRY:

a small group experience in spiritual community

SATURDAYS

OCT. 20 - INTRODUCTORY SESSION

9:30 am - Noon • Music Room

NOV. 17, DEC. 8, JAN. 19, FEB. 16,

MAR. 16, APR. 20, MAY 18

9:30 am - Noon • Chapel

Soul Care for Servant-Ministry is an on-going small group experience designed for those in ministry leadership for others with/in the Resurrection community. Believing we have been created to “serve from fullness” we gather to share in a variety of spiritually-renewing practices which encourage our ability to tend to our own spiritual lives through listening and reflecting attentively in dialogue with God, ourselves and one another. Available to anyone in active servant-ministry at Resurrection, in any form or capacity at all, we invite you to join us for an Open Introductory Session to check it out! After the Open Introductory Session participants will be asked to commit to participation in the full series. Spiritual Director Cathleen Sheil, facilitator.

SoulCare@ResurrectionMCC.org



YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 28

12:30 pm

Berryhill Baja Grill

3407 Montrose Blvd, Houston 77006

713-523-8226

www.berryhillbajagrill.com

The Young Adults of Resurrection MCC invites everyone ages 18 - 35 to join them for a fun brunch after church and a chance to make new friends and reconnect with those you may already know.



On The Journey magazine is pages full of spiritual development classes, workshops, volunteer opportunities, ministry groups, social groups, and leadership trainings especially designed to meet you right where you are in 2012!

**Available
at all
Sanctuary Entrances**



FALL YARD SALE

**POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING
DUE TO LOW VENDOR RESPONSE.**



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1ST FRIDAY PRAISE

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 2
7 pm • Sanctuary

A spirit-driven and praise-filled musical worship experience awaits one and all on this 1st Friday in November! We will enter the season of All Saints and All Souls with lifted hands and hearts, rejoicing in the wonder of our amazing God and the power of praise to transform our weeping into singing, our mourning into joy, and our daily walk into a dance with the Lord of Love! All are welcome to come and join us as we enter God's gates with praise! A love offering will be taken. MarkB@ResurrectionMCC.org



BINGO NIGHT AT BIG TEX BINGO Friday **NOVEMBER 2** **7:30 PM**

BIG TEX BINGO
13030 VETERANS MEMORIAL DR, HOUSTON, 77014

Bring your friends and family and join Resurrection for a night of fun! Over \$5,000 is given away nightly (bingo prizes and pull tabs). Big Tex offers a full service snack bar, daily food specials, beer, margaritas and more.

Resurrection MCC and Pride Charities are two of the organizations who share in the profits from Big Tex Bingo, www.BigTexBingo.com 281-586-0700.



JOYFUL SINGING 103: CLAIMING YOUR PERSONAL POWER

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 3
9:30 pm - 12:30 pm • Chapel

Joyful Singing 103 is an inward-focused, voice-based process for singers and non-singers alike to explore and heal the issues that get in the way of authentic self-expression, blocking or diminishing the strength of your unique voice. A valuable experiential resource for anyone interested in claiming a sense of personal power through reclaiming your voice - in singing and in life! Tuition for this 3-hour Joyful Singing 103 workshop is \$25.00 per person; class is limited in size, some sliding scale/ scholarships available. Tony@LivingYourVoice.com



IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 3
2 - 4 pm
Music Room

"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.

RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org



FRIENDS BY THE FIRE

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 9
7 - 9 pm • Outside

Join us for our first Fall "Friends by the Fire" sponsored by our Landscape and Facilities Team. Bring a chair and join us as we watch a movie on the side of the Activities Building! Hot Dogs, "S'mores", and Hot Chocolate will be provided. Please RSVP to be sure there are plenty of marshmallows.

Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org

NEWCOMERS WELCOME RECEPTION



NOVEMBER 11
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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MCC 101

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 10
6:30 PM | ACTIVITIES BUILDING

Ever wonder what MCC is all about? Why do we do what we do? If you'd like to learn more about who we are at Resurrection MCC, please join us for an introductory class called, "MCC 101." We will have the opportunity to discuss the mission, vision, and values of Resurrection MCC, learn more about our history, and learn about different ways people are making an impact in our faith community. If you feel God's call on your heart to do so, at the end of class you will be given the opportunity to become a member. The class is open to those wishing to become members and those who simply want to learn more about Resurrection MCC.

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DECEMBER 2, 2012 
2 PM • ACTIVITIES BUILDING
TICKETS \$10 EACH OR \$25 FOR 3

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What can YOU do?

Coming Together

What can YOU, the Resurrection MCC Congregant, do to support the new Senior Pastor?

- Place your trust in GOD'S PLAN to grow our church and missions
- Pray for our church, our leadership and our impact in the world
- Have patience in all things; be welcoming and give the Senior Pastor time to acculturate (both adapt to and influence our church culture)
- Educate yourself on large/professional size church dynamics
- Embrace the ways our church size impacts the roles and daily functions of the Senior Pastor and other leadership
- Become a lay leader to fuel the momentum of growth
- Become an involved congregant; attend ministry offerings, meetings and get to know the leadership firsthand
- Demonstrate extravagant generosity through committed tithing
- Resist the temptation to judge
- Accept that *change* is a challenge full of *opportunities*

***Resurrection MCC is doing GOD'S WORK
because of people like YOU!***

This is the fourth in a series of informational moments to be provided by the RMCC Pastoral Search Committee.



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



...and I will show you a more Excellent way
1 Corinthians 12:31

It is that time again!!!!

EXCEL of the Armadillo Retreat

November 2-4, 2012

Christian Renewal Center

Dickinson, Texas

You can register and pay at
www.excelofthearmadillo.org

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 or call 713-861-9149 x112.

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General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended October 14, 2012

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$11,946.58	\$683,287.68
Total Amount Anticipated	\$18,846.15	\$782,115.38
Total Giving Variance		(\$98,827.70)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$16,268.75	
Cash Flow Need	\$17,307.69	(A)
Ministry Plan Need	\$18,846.15	(B)
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	479	508
Programming	378	124
Total Weekly Attendance	857	632

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		OCTOBER 21
9:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:15 am	Speaking of Faith: Young Adults	Activities Building
10:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Activities Building
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	ACM Forum	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room
3:00 pm	Houston Heights Orchestra Concert	Sanctuary
MONDAY		OCTOBER 22
6:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	Activities Building
6:00 pm	Special Music Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Bulletproof Faith	Gathering Place
TUESDAY		OCTOBER 23
6:00 pm	Praise & Worship Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Rainbow of Hope NA Group	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Yoga Connections	Activities Building
WEDNESDAY		OCTOBER 24
6:30 pm	Joyful Singing 102: In the Sandbox	Chapel
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Practicing Our Faith	Gathering Place
THURSDAY		OCTOBER 25
2:30 pm	"Music Play"	Gathering Place
5:30 pm	"Music Play"	Gathering Place
6:00 pm	Special Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	OUT Later: Support for Gay Fathers	Gathering Place
FRIDAY		OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT	Mai's Restaurant
SATURDAY		OFFICE CLOSED
9:00 am	Gospel Ensemble Community Outreach	Winterhaven Retirement Center
10:00 am	"Cafe Christmas" Rehearsal	Sanctuary
2:00 pm	Ms. Holly's Halloween Bash	Activities Building
SUNDAY		OCTOBER 28
9:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:15 am	Speaking of Faith: Young Adults	Activities Building
10:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Activities Building
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Christmas Bazaar Volunteer Meeting	Chapel
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary