



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

November 4, 2012

Prelude / Preludio

Bridgett Vinson

Learning To Be The Light
by Joel Parisien and Thomas Salter

Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne

Rev. Janice Ladd

Announcements / Anuncios

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz**

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ **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**

Wayne Wiggins

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**

Friend of God

Who am I that You are mindful of me,
How You hear me, when I call.
Is it true that You are thinking of me?
How You love me! It's amazing!

*I am a friend of God.
I am a friend of God;
You call me friend!
I am a friend of God.
I am a friend of God;
You call me friend!*

God Almighty, Lord of Glory,
You have called me friend.

By Michael Gungor and Israel Houghton
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We Gather

From many places we gather here. This is a high point of our week. We see our friends. We make new friends. And we spend time with The Friend -- the loving Christ who meets us where we are, as we are. In this Sanctuary we worship, and through worship the courage within us is kindled to inspire courageous living beyond this place.

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!

+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

Thy Word

Michael W Smith recounts the story of "Thy Word" song based on Psalm 119: 105. He recalled: "I had come up with the melody. I actually had some words too, straight from David's Psalms. Amy fell in love with it, but I had no idea what the verses were supposed to say, so I just gave it to her and told her she could write it. I think she struggled a few days with it. Now, at Caribou the nights get very, very dark, and one night Amy left the studio to go back to her cabin and got totally lost- and you don't want to get lost up there; there are bears and mountain lions around. So finally, she saw a lantern in a window and she just kept stumbling towards the light until she walked right up to it and saw it was her cabin. She went inside and just said, 'Wow,' and sat down right there and wrote the verses (including the line: 'Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path'). And the next day she was in the studio singing it."

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

Practicing A Way of Life

by Dorothy C. Bass & Craig Dykstra

..., these new Christians engaged in further reflection. "Mystagogy (mist a gog)," it was called – teaching about the mysteries just experienced, teaching intended to unfold the meaning and implications of these awe-inspiring rites for the lives of those just baptized. Now, as full members of the church, the newly baptized were being sent back into their daily lives with a new identity. They would return weekly, at the least, to hear God's word, and to be nourished by bread and wine at Jesus' table. But their immediate and ongoing challenge would be to live in the world, each day, the life giving way of life into which they had been received.

... What difference will this make (the teaching of the mysteries and baptism), they now ask, as we are sent out to love and serve God and neighbor?

Praying the Psalms

Bridgett Vinson
Christy Irvin

Thy Word

by Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith

+ Scripture Lesson / Escritura Lección

Gloria Marrero

Mark 12: 28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'God is one, and besides God there is no other'; and 'to love God with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the community of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

Destiny

by Stephen Hurd, Justin Savage and Jonathan Nelson

Engage / Sermón

Vickey Gibbs

Practicing a Way of Life

The Shema: In the Shema, three passages from the Jewish Bible form the theological center of the prayer book. The passages are Deuteronomy 6:4-8 and 11:13-22 and Numbers 15:37-42. The first phrase ("Hear, O Israel") is spoken by God to Israel; it carries no message, only the fact of being addressed by God, the experience of divine attention. So Israel's response has the force of declaring that God, alone of all the claimants to divinity, is The God Whom we choose. The last phrase, is understood by some interpreters to stress the exclusivity of the choosing of God and by others to introduce a further concept: the oneness of God.

Silent Reflection

We Offer Ourselves

Rhonda Brown
Facilities Committee

Offertory / Ofertorio

Gospel Ensemble

God Is Here

by Israel Houghton, Meleasa Houghton, and Martha Munizzi

Communion / Comunion

Mark Eggleston
Joy Jolley

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

Breathe On Me Breath Of God

Breathe on me, breath of God, Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will Thy will, To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine,
Till all this earthly part of me Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God, So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life Of Thine eternity.

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Vickey Gibbs

Vickey Gibbs celebrates 31+ years of ministry in MCC. She has served MCC in numerous capacities on the local, District/Regional, National and International levels. She served/serves Resurrection MCC as a Board member, Board Clerk, Pastoral Search Committee Member, New Facility Task Force member, Lay Delegate, Teacher, Speaker, Pulpit Supply, Council of Ministry Member, Community Liaison, Creating A Life That Matters Trainer, as well as an Alto/Tenor in several choirs. She also served on the staff at Resurrection MCC for 10 years, as the Confidential Executive Assistant to Rev. Dwayne Johnson. She works with Rev. Elders Darlene Garner and Hector Gutierrez in the Office of Emerging Ministries. She currently works as Curriculum Resource Specialist in OEM. Vickey has also completed the Laity Empowered for Active Discipleship Certification Program and holds certification from the Leadership Mentoring Retreat. Vickey is currently In Care and is attending the Pacific School of Religion.

Abide With Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see—
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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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 hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:

*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, and 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.

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!

by Thomas Obediah Chisholm and William Marion Runyan
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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 ...

Comunión

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 "comunión", 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 ...

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

Mark Eggleston

+ **Benediction / Bendición**

Vickey Gibbs

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Joel Hammett

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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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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY

12:30 pm • Sanctuary

Agenda highlights include voting for Board of Director and Lay Delegate candidates, voting on the the 2013 ministry budget, and hearing exciting updates on the progress of our campus development plan. Annual Congregational Packets are available all Sanctuary entrances. Attending Congregational Meetings is one of the responsibilities of membership at Resurrection MCC. Your attendance and participation is critical so that we achieve quorum and are able to conduct the business of the church. Details on Facebook

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT NORTH



FRIDAY • 7 pm

NOVEMBER 9

Longhorn Steakhouse

26805 I-45 S

Spring, Texas 77380

www.longhornsteakhouse.com

Make new friends and reconnect with those you know over a shared meal at our newest social gathering, Friday Night OUT North!

RSVP to

FridayNightOUTNorth@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



MCC 101

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 10

9 am - Noon | Gathering Place

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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NEWCOMERS WELCOME RECEPTION



SUNDAY
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.

RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org

Naked
Spirituality

A LIFE WITH GOD
IN 12 SIMPLE WORDS

BRIAN D.
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NAKED SPIRITUALITY: A LIFE WITH GOD IN 12 SIMPLE WORDS

NOVEMBER 7
DECEMBER 19
Wednesdays • 7 - 8:30 pm
Gathering Place

According to author Brian McLaren, Naked Spirituality is a book about "getting naked - not physically, but spiritually" and "attending to the well-being of the soul clothed only in naked human skin." Inviting us to leave behind past expectations from ill-fitting 'organized religion,' and unexamined assumptions about "being spiritual," Naked Spirituality calls us, in the spirit of Advent, to experience anew the immediate reality of God's presence and to respond with openness to a more authentic spiritual life. Join us for one, some, or all of this Advent series as we prepare to meet Jesus again for the first time, with Naked Spirituality!
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



YOUNG ADULTS ROAD TRIP

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 11
6:45 am - Meet in our Large Parking Lot
7 am - Depart

The Young Adults of Resurrection MCC are gassing up their vehicles and taking their ministry on the road to visit our sister church, MCC of San Antonio!

On Fifth Sundays in 2013, our Young Adults will be attempting to visit all churches in the MCC South Texas Network to help build and enhance the presence of Young Adults in MCC.

YoungAdults@ResurrectionMCC.org



LGBTQ AND FREE IN THEE:

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 11
1 - 5 pm, Chapel

"What does the Bible say about homosexuality?" and "What did Jesus say?" These questions are at the heart of this foundational offering for those seeking to reconcile their experience of God with their understanding of Scripture. In the course of an intensive afternoon, will engage a survey of the six "lobber passages" in the Bible through the lens of our personal faith experience, current Biblical scholarship, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Light lunch will be served.

RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



THANKSGIVING OPEN TABLE & WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 22

Thursday • 11 am - 1 pm • Activities Building

You are invited to share a traditional Thanksgiving meal as an act of fellowship. All are welcome, all are fed, and all belong!

Deliver NONPERISHABLE Donations to Gathering Place on Sunday, November 11 or 18, Bag of Potatoes, Bag of Sweet Potatoes, Boxed Stuffing, Canned Cranberry Sauce

Deliver PERISHABLE Donations to Activities Building Kitchen on Wednesday, November 21, 9 am - 6 pm or Thursday, November 22, 8 - 10 am, Green Bean Casserole, Stuffing, Sweet Potato Dish, Desserts

Volunteers Needed: Kitchen Assistance, Set Up, Clean Up

Stop by the Gathering Place after Worship today to learn more.

Details and RSVP to Thanksgiving@ResurrectionMCC.org



TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE:

A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP EVENT

NOVEMBER 16

Saturday • 7 pm

University of Houston

A.D. Bruce Religion Center

We cannot change what happened. The only thing we can do is to learn from the past and to realize what discrimination and persecution of innocent people means. I believe this: it's everyone's responsibility to overcome prejudice.

– Otto Frank, Father of Anne Frank

The Houston Transgender Day of Remembrance gives us a chance to honor the memory of those of transgender experience whose lives were cut short through ignorance and hate, while bearing witness to the suffering that ignorance and hate always inspires. Remembrance affords members of the transgender community an opportunity to publicly acknowledge their humanity; it also allows all who love them to bear witness to that love by standing in public solidarity against gender-based violence and oppression. Please join members of our Resurrection choirs, our community of faith, and our community at large as we gather for this very important witness.

Details at www.tdor.org or Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org



“GENDER*KTION” FILM SCREENING:

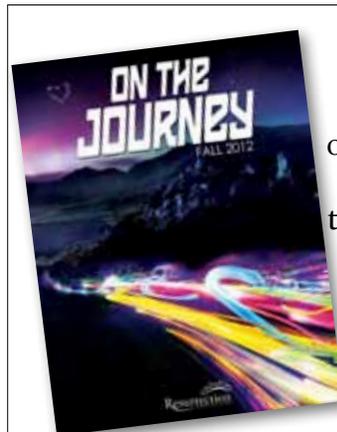
A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP EVENT

NOVEMBER 16

Friday • 7 pm • Sanctuary

The subject of gender is a taboo topic in many societies, yet fundamental to every aspect of all of our lives. “Gender*ktion: A Gender Emancipation” is the story of six individuals and their journey & triumphs through the social, religious and political landscapes of a society that struggles to understand or allow for gender variations. This documentary breaks through the gender stereotypes and ideologies to liberate our bodies, minds and spirits from our own social Gender Dysphoria. Intended to create awareness and acceptance of a misunderstood population in our society, this film is not to be missed by all desiring to take their place standing in a community of solidarity for the rights and dignity of all! Join us for this free community partners event!

Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org



On The Journey magazine is 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**

CAFE CHRISTMAS

A QUEER CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

THURSDAY, 7 PM
DECEMBER 6

FRIDAY, 7 PM
DECEMBER 7

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A GRAND AFFAIR CONCERT & DEDICATION

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 18
3 - 4 PM • SANCTUARY

Join us for a wonderful concert featuring the musical gifts of many of our talented pianists and keyboardists as they showcase our newly upgraded equipment - a Yamaha C7 Concert Grand Piano and Yamaha CP5 Keyboard! Pianists and Keyboardists include John Allen, Mark C. Brown, Kenny Cole, Joel Hammett, Christy Irvin, and Tony Pryor. Rev. Kristen will pray a special blessing at the dedication and a love offering will be received to support our Worship Arts Ministry. A reception will follow the concert in the Gathering Place.

These two instruments are vital as they are used in all Sunday Worship services and choir rehearsals. The upgrade was critical as our equipment was aging and in need of extensive, costly repairs. We completed an in-depth product analysis and cost comparison in order to make the most fiscally responsible decision about the purchase. We hope you will join us as we honor the members and friends of Resurrection MCC for this wonderful investment in the Worship Arts Ministry.

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Christmas Craft Bazaar

When: Sunday, December 2nd 2012

Where: Resurrection MCC
Activities Building

Time: 12:30pm - 5:00pm

Shop unique jewelry, accessories, home decor
and objets d'art by local artisans.
Come hungry and experience
delicious tastes of the town.

Admission is free!

All Are Welcome!



Food vendor or craft booth rental info:
www.bit.ly/ChristmasCraftBazaar



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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.



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Flowers in the Sanctuary

Flowers are donated by Annette Beall and Carolyn Gay in loving memory of Rev. Dee Lamb.

Board Member on Duty

Dr. Jackie Marshall and Eddie Domingue

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

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.

The Colt 45's Present FALL HARVEST

Co-Sponsored by the Posse and PWA Holiday Charities.
All performers welcome.

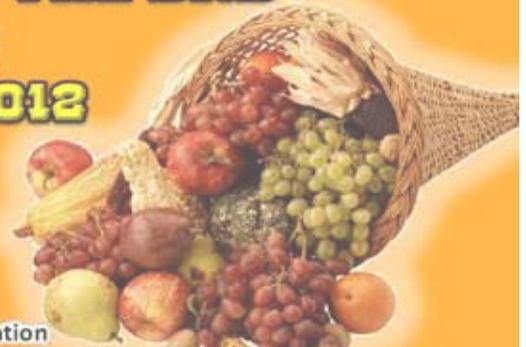
Attention: A \$250 prize to be awarded to Best Performer

Benefiting the Stone Soup & RMCC Food Pantries

SHOW STARTS 7PM AT THE BRB

2400 BRAZOS

NOVEMBER 4TH 2012



Colt 45's, Inc. is an active Nonprofit Corporation

General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended October 28, 2012

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$9,840.53	\$704,102.91
Total Amount Anticipated	\$18,846.15	\$819,807.69
Total Giving Variance		(\$115,704.78)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$16,002.34	
Cash Flow Need	\$17,307.69	(A)
Ministry Plan Need	\$18,846.15	(B)
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	453	506
Programming	81	124
Total Weekly Attendance	534	630

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).

SUNDAY		NOVEMBER 4
9:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
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	Annual Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary
3:00 pm	"Cafe Christmas" Cast Outing	Baba Yega Restaurant
MONDAY		NOVEMBER 5
6:30 pm	Facilities Committee Meeting	Gathering Place
TUESDAY		NOVEMBER 6
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		NOVEMBER 7
8:00 am	Facility Committee Tour	Neighborhood Centers Inc.
6:30 pm	Joyful Singing 102: In the Sandbox	Chapel
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Naked Spirituality	Gathering Place
7:30 pm	"Cafe Christmas" Rehearsal	Sanctuary
THURSDAY		NOVEMBER 8
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	NOVEMBER 9
6:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Community Outreach	Star of Hope
7:00 pm	"Friends by the Fire"--Movie Night	Outside
7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT North	Longhorn Steakhouse
SATURDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	NOVEMBER 10
9:00 am	MCC 101	Gathering Place
10:00 am	"Cafe Christmas" Rehearsal	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Forever Blest Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Community Outreach	Cornerstone Fellowship Church
SUNDAY		NOVEMBER 11
9:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
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	Newcomers Welcome Reception	Gathering Place
12:30 pm	Christmas Craft Bazaar Volunteer Meeting	Music Room
1:00 pm	LGBTQ & Free in Thee	Chapel
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary