



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

December 2, 2012

Invocation / Invocación

why

Call to Worship

Mark Eggleston

Let us release our despair, O God -
Let us stand naked before you, with our lamentation unveiled!
Blessed by Hope, we worship in Your Light!

Prelude / Preludio

Bridgett Vinson

Isn't That Just Like God
by Babbie Mason

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

+ Opening Song / Apertura Canción

O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to Thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to Thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times did'st give the Law,
In cloud, and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to Thee, O Israel.

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Advent

The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ in his Second Advent.

Advent also symbolizes the spiritual journey of people as they affirm that Christ has come, that He is present in the world today, and that He will come again in power. That acknowledgment provides the basis for holy living arising from a profound sense that we live "between the times" and are called to be faithful stewards of what is entrusted to us.

Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, anticipation, preparation, and of longing. There is a yearning for deliverance from the evils of the world, first expressed by Israelite enslaved in Egypt as they cried out from their bitter oppression. It is the cry of those who have experienced the tyranny of injustice in a world, and yet who have hope of deliverance by a God who has heard the cries of oppressed and brought deliverance!

It is that hope, however faint at times, and that God, however distant God sometimes seems, which brings to the world the anticipation of Jesus who will come and reign with truth, justice and righteousness over all creation. It is that hope that once anticipated, and now anticipates anew, the reign of an Anointed One who will bring peace and justice and righteousness to the world.

+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

Naked Spirituality

"How do we become truly spiritual people? How do we learn to strip away the superficialities so that our naked souls can encounter the naked God?"

With these questions from Brian McLaren's *Naked Spirituality* within us, we stand before God willing to risk authentic relationship: vulnerable, passionate, uncertain, real. What would it mean to let go of the masks and old ideas, the resistance and the fear, and meet God right where we are, just as we are? Would we offer thanks? Or apologize? Or wonder? What, in our naked longing for God, might we behold?

Silent Reflection

When all else falls away, God is there. Relinquishing the activity of worship during these moments of worshipful silence, let us listen ... pray ... see ... be seen. Let us be still and know God. May we be known by God in return ...

Naked Spirituality: A Life with God in 12 Simple Words

Brian D. McLaren

Why is the final prayer of disorientation, the prayer beyond aspiration and exasperation, the prayer beyond refusal and rage. The world doesn't make sense any more. Our old answers don't satisfy. God seems to be our enemy, not our friend. We have raged about how utterly unacceptable this is. We have faced the option of walking away and saying, "Case closed. I am now an atheist," or "&#\$\$% God! I'm on my own now!" But we have refused even that refusal. After all, where else could we go, once we acknowledge that we don't understand, if we foreclose on the possibility of hope beyond our understanding? So we choose to keep the question open: Why?

Naked Prayers

Robert Fleming

Let us go to God in prayer,
letting go of anything which separates us from Holy Presence:
Here I am, Lord, with my heart full ...
With all that I am able, Lord, I bare the truth of my struggling ...
I bring prayers of seeking, Lord; in all things may I affirm my HOPE is in you ...
Amen

+ Scripture Lesson / Escritura Lección

Jessica Jackson

Luke 21:25-36

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Humanity coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the dominion of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Humanity."

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

So Good

Words by Percy Bady

Engage / Sermón

Rev. Pat Farnan

Naked Spirituality: Why

Silent Reflection

We Offer Ourselves

Georgette L. Monaghan

Offertory / Ofertorio

Gospel Ensemble

Let The Church Say Amen

by Andraé Crouch

Communion / Comunion

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunion

Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Your name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us;
Your name is called Emmanuel.

by Bob McGee
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Jesus Name Above All Names

Jesus, name above all names;
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us;
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

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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 ...

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 ...

O Little Town Of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the joys of highest heaven.
No ear may hear Christ's coming, but in this world we're in,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

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Away In A Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

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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. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Benediction / Bendición**

Rev. Pat Farnan

Postlude / Postludió

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.

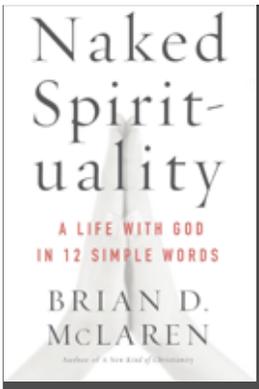
Social Action

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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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

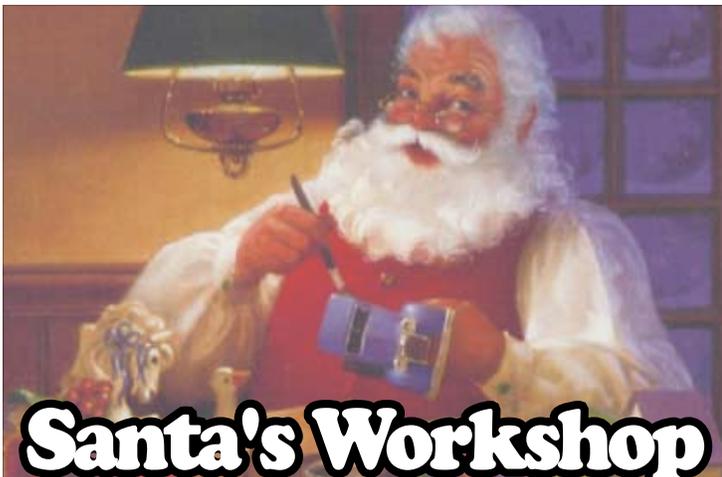
Christmas Craft Bazaar TODAY

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!



Santa's Workshop TODAY

11 am - 1 pm • Activities Building

Pin the nose on Rudolf, make an ornament, or sip hot cider with one of Santa's elves! Join us as our Youth Ministry Program hosts its annual Santa's Workshop for school-age youngsters (and infants-toddlers accompanied by a grown-up) to share in the creation of gifts and decorations for the season! A visit from Santa and possibly a reindeer or two are likely - so don't miss this holiday delight! RSVP by Sunday, November 25 so we can have plenty of supplies!

Youth@ResurrectionMCC.org

TODAY

2 PM • ACTIVITIES BUILDING

TICKETS \$10 EACH OR \$25 FOR 3

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Cafe Christmas

A Queer Christmas Musical

Thursday • December 6 • & Friday • December 7 • 7 pm

Angels we have Heard

Children's Christmas Musical

Sunday • December 16 • 1:30 pm

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Worship

Monday • December 24 • 7 pm

Resurrection
Metropolitan Community Church

Sunday Worship 9 & 11 am • Spanish & Deaf Interpretation 11 am
Children, Youth & Teen Program 11 am • Nursery Available/Handicap Accessible
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CAFE CHRISTMAS

A QUEER CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

THURSDAY, 7 PM
DECEMBER 6

FRIDAY, 7 PM
DECEMBER 7

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Landscape & Facilities Work Day & "Green" Ornament Social



SATURDAY
DECEMBER 8
9 am - Noon

Join in service as we beautify our church home for the holidays! Activities include both indoor and outdoor projects, carried out in an atmosphere of great fellowship and fun.

Afterward we will share lunch and create some environmentally-friendly tree ornaments to bring home or give as gifts in this season celebrating the blessings of our Creator! Please RSVP so we will have plenty of food and supplies!

Details and RSVP on Facebook.com/
ResurrectionMCC or Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org

MORE TO LIFE: BEYOND CANCER SUPPORT GROUP



THURSDAY
DECEMBER 6
6:30 - 8 pm, Chapel

Living with - and beyond - a cancer diagnosis is many things, including frightening, confusing, and exhausting. Even so, there are those among us who would add spiritually awakening, deepening, and freeing to the list. This monthly connection group is offered by, with, and for persons who have experienced a cancer diagnosis in their lives. Come and share, no matter where you are on the path: recently diagnosed, pre-treatment, post-treatment, somewhere in the middle, or living in remission. We gather to share spiritual and practical encouragement by sharing our stories, our spiritual insights, our ideas and our resources, together bearing witness that cancer is only part of our journey; with God and each other there truly is more to life!

MoreToLife@ResurrectionMCC.org



CHRISTMAS BASKETS

With your support, we can provide a delicious Christmas meal to our hungry neighbors. Robert Sliepka & Billy Stevens are coordinating this effort again this year. Our goal is to collect enough donations to assemble 100 baskets of food this season and there are several ways you can share the love with our hungry neighbors!

Donate Food Sundays, December 2 & 9, Gathering Place

Drop off non-perishable donations before or after Worship: Canned Corn, Canned Green Beans, Canned Vegetables, Rice (2 lb. bag), Canned Cranberry Sauce, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Dried Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Mix Package, Box of Macaroni & Cheese, Box of Stuffing, Dried Beans (2 lb. bag), Flour (4 or 5 lb. bag), Sugar (4 or 5 lb. bag), Box of Cake Mix w/ Corresponding Frosting, Box of Snack Cakes, Vegetable Oil (32 oz.)

Donate Cash Sundays, December 2 & 9

Make a financial donation so that we may purchase items that are not donated. Write "Christmas Baskets" in the memo line of your check or offering envelope and place in the offering plate.

Assemble Baskets Saturday, December 15, 10 am - 1 pm, Activities Building

Create an assembly line to pack each of the food items into laundry baskets in preparation for distribution. When we're finished, we'll enjoy fellowship over lunch from Noon - 1 pm.

Distribute Baskets Sunday, December 16, 3 - 5 pm, Activities Building

Assist with arranging baskets for distribution, signing in clients, and distributing baskets.

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

To sign up to receive a Christmas Basket for yourself or someone you know, call our Food Pantry at 713-861-9149 x103.

YOGA CONNECTIONS



Every Tuesday
7 - 8 pm | Activities Building

Please bring a mat and towel.
Everyone is welcome to join us
for these free sessions.

RSVP at [Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC](https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC)
or for more info email Yoga@ResurrectionMCC.org

Give Thanks

One of the most exciting reasons to "Give Thanks" this year has been the work of the Facilities Committee. A dozen highly skilled and devoted volunteers have assessed and prioritized our building and maintenance needs and calculated the cost of the more critical issues. They have also been actively listening to our dreams - to serve, feed and clothe our neighbor, to provide more spiritual food for the hungry, and to create safe spaces for our children to grow and mature into our future leaders - to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christian action.

Their extensive research leads to two conclusions:

- The need to complete critical repairs - protect and maintain our sacred spaces
- The need to design and construct new facilities - step into our vision for the campus

Give Thanks!

At our Annual Congregational Meeting on November 4, 2012, the members of Resurrection MCC unanimously voted to take the first step of faith and develop a budget and create a plan for Phase 1 of a master plan for the church campus - a new Activities / Community Center.

Give Thanks!

Many of the critical roof and gutter repairs have been completed utilizing the \$35,000 raised in 2011, and we have been protected through the heavy rains of this Fall.

Give Thanks!

Several leaders within our community responded in faith to "see it through." We need an additional \$55,000 to complete the repairs to sustain our sacred spaces and they gave \$33,000, or 60% of our capital needs, over and beyond their regular tithes & offerings.

Give Thanks!

The Board of Directors approved to restrict our annual "Give Thanks" Thanksgiving Offering to fund the remaining \$22,000 needed for critical repairs.

Alleluia! God has blessed us indeed!

Will you prayerfully consider lifting your praises to God and making a "Give Thanks" offering to "see it through" on or before Sunday, December 9? Your contribution will help us sustain our existing structures as we build upon our dreams. Envelopes are available at all Sanctuary entrances or you can make your contribution online at www.ResurrectionMCC.org.

God bless the builder and sustainer of our sacred spaces!

janice

Rev. Janice Ladd
Executive Director

P.S. If you have already made a Give Thanks contribution, thank you for your faithfulness!

NEWCOMERS WELCOME RECEPTION



DECEMBER 9

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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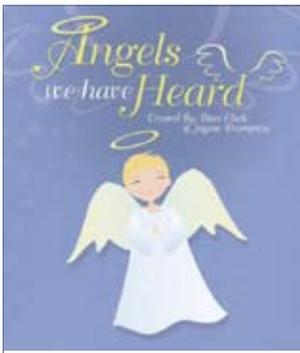
LIVING YOUR VOICE: SHOWCASE CELEBRATION!



SATURDAY
DECEMBER 15
6:30 pm, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

All members and friends of Resurrection MCC are invited to join together with Joyful Singing 102 singers, their family and friends as we celebrate each participant's triumphs and achievements in claiming their voice! Enjoy this festive showcase party during which the singers perform solos and songs together as a group; joy abounds as each singer soars to new heights! This event is free and open to all! St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 1819 Heights Blvd, 77008,

Tony@LivingYourVoice.com



"Angels we have Heard" Children's Christmas Musical

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 16

1:30 pm, Sanctuary

As the heavenly host of angels are preparing to make the biggest announcement ever - the birth of Jesus - they think that it should be announced in Paris or Rome . . . anywhere but Bethlehem. Nothing ever happens in Bethlehem. To their surprise, God's perfect plan is unfolded in a humble cattle stall!

This Christmas children's musical has fun new music, traditional carols and exciting drama. Join Sam, Halo, Slim, Skyler and Holly as they get ready with the angelic choir to announce the miraculous birth of Jesus!

The musical is hosted by our Nursery and Youth Ministry Programs. Nursery care is available for children ages 1 month through three years.

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WONDER OF WONDERS: ENTER THE ADVENT STORY



SATURDAY
DECEMBER 15

1- 3 pm, Resurrection MCC Campus

Friends and family members of all ages will find themselves moved with discovery and wonder as we enter into God's Story through this interactive, experiential engagement with Mary and Joseph and their journey of faith – making way for Jesus' arrival in our lives! Modeled on the innovative process introduced in Michael Novelli's books Enter the Story and Storying the Bible for bringing Scripture to life, this will be an incredible afternoon for young and young-at-heart alike! Come prepared to move a bit, reflect a bit, share a bit, and to enter the Advent story as never before! Activities appropriate for adults and school-age children (accompanied by an adult).

RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

KWANZAA



FRIDAY
DECEMBER 28

7 pm, Sanctuary

Kwanzaa is an African-American celebration with focus on the traditional African values of family, community responsibility, commerce, and self-improvement. Kwanzaa is a cultural celebration and not a political statement. Despite some misconceptions, it is not a substitute for Christmas. It is simply a time of reaffirming African-American people, their ancestors and culture. The word Kwanzaa, means "first fruits of the harvest" in the African language Kiswahili.

Please RSVP by December 21 to Kwanzaa@ResurrectionMCC.org

UNDECK THE HALLS



SUNDAY
DECEMBER 30

12:30 pm, Sanctuary

Join us as we prepare to ring in the New Year by properly "undecking the halls" of our Sanctuary! An afternoon of fellowship and service is open to all as we coil strands of tinsel, stow bows and bells, and pack away our ornaments and trees with great thanks for God's abundant blessing in our lives and church family! Lunch will be served, so please RSVP!

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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.



FOOD PANTRY

Open by Appointment:
713-861-9149 x103

Nonperishables Needed:

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



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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.

Board Member on Duty

Mary Wagner and Manuel Diaz

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended November 25, 2012

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$15,110.62	\$763,847.49
Total Amount Anticipated	\$18,846.15	\$895,192.31
Total Giving Variance		(\$131,344.82)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$15,913.49	
Cash Flow Need	\$17,307.69	(A)
Ministry Plan Need	\$18,846.15	(B)
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	438	503
Programming	147	125
Total Weekly Attendance	585	628

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		DECEMBER 2
9:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Christmas Craft Bazaar Set-up	Activities Building
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	Santa's Workshop	Activities Building
11:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Holiday Arts and Crafts Show	Activities Building
1:00 pm	Set Building for "Cafe Christmas"	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room
MONDAY		DECEMBER 3
6:00 pm	Spiritual Direction	Chapel
6:30 pm	Facilities Committee Meeting	Gathering Place
TUESDAY		DECEMBER 4
7:00 pm	"Cafe Christmas" Tech 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		DECEMBER 5
6:30 pm	Joyful Singing 102: In the Sandbox	Chapel
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Naked Spirituality	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	"Cafe Christmas" Dress Rehearsal	Sanctuary
THURSDAY		DECEMBER 6
6:30 pm	Beyond Cancer Support Group	Chapel
7:00 pm	"Cafe Christmas"	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	OUT Later: Support for Gay Fathers	Chapel
8:30 pm	"Cafe Christmas" Pie Social	Gathering Place
FRIDAY		OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 pm	"Cafe Christmas"	Sanctuary
8:30 pm	"Cafe Christmas" Pie Social	Gathering Place
SATURDAY		OFFICE CLOSED
9:00 am	Landscape & Facilities Work Day	Gathering Place
9:30 am	Soul Care for Servant Ministry	Chapel
10:00 am	Joyful Singing 102	Music Room
12:00 am	"Green" Ornament Social	Gathering Place
1:00 pm	Ms. Holly's Holiday Bash	Activities Building
7:00 pm	Estes-Express Lines Rental	Activities Building
SUNDAY		DECEMBER 9
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	Newcomers Welcome Reception	Gathering Place
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room
2:00 pm	Houston Heights Orchestra Concert Set-Up	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Houston Heights Orchestra Concert	Sanctuary