

December 24, 2012

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Worship




Resurrection
Metropolitan Community Church

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.

It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you . . . yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand.

- *Mother Teresa*

The nativity scene is what we remember about the Christmas story in our days. It really has lost its significance. The nativity scene happened. There was a real baby. There was most likely real animals and visitors. There was a pregnancy for God's sake. Have you ever been there for a pregnancy? That means someone had to cut the umbilical cord. Someone had to do something with the placenta. This was dirty and messy and this was our Lord.

- *Nathan Colquhoun*

Invocation / Invocación

Shavailya Long

Light

Call to Worship

Mark Eggleston

Let us rejoice in Christ Jesus, O God -
Let us sing praises, for unto us a Savior is born!
Blessed Emmanuel, we worship the Light of the World!

Prelude / Preludio

Mass Choir

Peace, Peace

Words and Music by Rick and Sylvia Powell Arranged by Fred Bock

Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Announcements / Anuncios

Mark Eggleston

+ Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ Opening Song / Apertura Canción

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to all
From heavens all gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold,
When the new heaven and earth shall own
The Prince of Peace, their King,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

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+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

A Reading from *Marianne Williamson*

It's Christmas Eve Day, and millions of people all over the world are pondering the meaning of the birth of Christ. For many, the birth of the historical Jesus is the main point of the story. For others, Christmas carries a meaning far beyond one man born two thousand years ago. Christmas in the deepest sense is the celebration of his birth inside us all.

If he's born anywhere, he is born in us. When we are angry, we can give birth to our gentleness. When we are sorrowful, we can give birth to joy. When we are at war, we can give birth to peace. Jesus represents our highest hopes, for ourselves and for the world, because he represents who we were created to be, who we can be, and who in some miraculous way, we shall be. More than that, he can help us get there.

On this day, by celebrating him, we are celebrating the extraordinary possibility and ultimate certitude that we ourselves will see the light, we will embrace the light, and ultimately we will become the light. And all will be well.

When the star in the sky is gone,
When the Kings and Princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To teach the nations,
To bring Christ to all,
To make music in the heart.

- Howard Thurman

Naked Prayers

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Let us go to God in prayer, for the Christ Child has been born!
Nothing can separate us from Holy Presence!
Here we are, Lord, with our hearts full!
With all that we are able, Lord, we give you all glory and praise!
We bring prayers of awe, Lord; in all things may we lift your holy name!
Amen.

Jesus' birth attests that God is now marching with us in history, that we do not go alone, and that our aspiration for peace, for justice, for the reign of divine law, for something holy, is far from earth's realities. We can hope for it, not because we humans are able to construct that realm of happiness which God's holy words proclaim, but because the builder of a reign of justice, of love, and of peace is already in the midst of us.

- Oscar Romero

+ **Scripture Lesson / Escritura Lección**

Marion Kirby

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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 ...

Anthem

Mass Choir
Cassandra White

Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child

Engage / Sermón

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

The Christ Child in Christmas and in YOU!

Silent Reflection

We Offer Ourselves

Meet Me at the Manger

Offertory / Ofertorio

HeavenSound Handbells

Angels We Have Heard On High

by Edward Shippen Barnes and James Chadwick

Communion / Comunion

Mark C. Brown, Mark Eggleston
Joy Jolley, Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini, Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunion

The First Noel

The First Noel, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far
To seek for a King was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both Pause and stay
Right o'er the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

Then entered in those Wise men three
Full reverently upon their knee
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

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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O Come All Ye Faithful

O Come All Ye Faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing all that hear in heaven God's holy word.
Give to our Father glory in the Highest;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,
O Jesus! for to Thee all glory giv'n.
Word of Creator, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

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O Holy Night

O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining.
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night, O night divine.

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

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Candlelight Ceremony**

Mark C. Brown

Silent Night, Holy Night

by George Frederick Handel

+ **Benediction / Bendición**

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

Postlude / Postludio

Joel Hammett

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 española 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

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.

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

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Welcome!

If you are attending Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church for the first time, we are glad to have you here! We invite you to join us each week as we worship God and learn more about Christian living in an inclusive way. All are welcome.

Make sure to visit the Concierge Desk, located in our Welcome Area, to receive a gift from us. You will find friendly volunteer hosts waiting to greet you.

Worship Services

Resurrection MCC is proud to offer a variety in our worship services. Our two Sunday services, at 9 & 11 am, are identical in form, however they contain different elements from diverse religious traditions each week.

A Special Welcome to First-Time Families!

Our nursery staff would love to meet you and your infants & children aged one month through three years! The nursery is located to the right of the Sanctuary entrance and is open during both the 9 & 11 am services.

Children and youth aged 4 - 17 years are invited to join our Youth Ministries Program during the 11 am service in the Activities Building (located across the breezeway from our main parking lot). Sign-in begins at 10:45 am. All children must be registered and signed-in to attend. Parents are welcome to join the children for Communion at Noon in the Activities Building. Snack & sign-outs begin at 12:15 pm.

About Us...

Resurrection MCC is a Christian church that follows God's call to justice for all people. We build on a rich history of social justice for, and on behalf of, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people. Since its founding in 1968, Metropolitan Community Churches have been at the vanguard of civil and human rights movements as an international advocate for vulnerable people in places where religious orthodoxy, sexism, transphobia and homophobia can result in violence and death. MCC has been on the forefront in the struggle towards marriage equality in the US and other countries worldwide and continues to be a powerful voice in the LGBTQ equality movement. MCC's ministry reaches over 43,000 members in over 250 churches in 22 countries worldwide.

Metropolitan Community Churches are on a bold mission to transform hearts, lives, and history. We are a movement that faithfully proclaims God's inclusive love for all people and proudly bears witness to the holy integration of spirituality and sexuality. Because of our faith we are called to: do justice, show kindness, and live humbly with God (Micah 6:8); explore life's questions with open hearts and minds; raise our voices in sacred defiance against exclusion, whether religious, political or systemic; reach out to those with no hope; equip new generations of remarkable, far-reaching spiritual activists.

The **MISSION** of Resurrection MCC is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christian action.

The **VISION** of Resurrection MCC is to **ATTRACT** people into a relationship with God through radical **INCLUSION** into God's family, transform them to Christ-like **MATURITY**, and **MOBILIZE** them for their life purpose.

At Resurrection MCC, every member and friend is a minister of the church. We envision a Christian community that values diversity and is as diverse and all-encompassing as creation. Through salvation, service, study, and tithing, each member and friend will live and grow in faith and be spiritually fed. We embrace four core values:

Core Values

Inclusion

Love is our greatest moral value and resisting exclusion is a primary focus of our ministry. We want to continue to be the conduits of a faith where everyone is included in the family of God, and where all parts of our being are welcomed at God's table.

Community

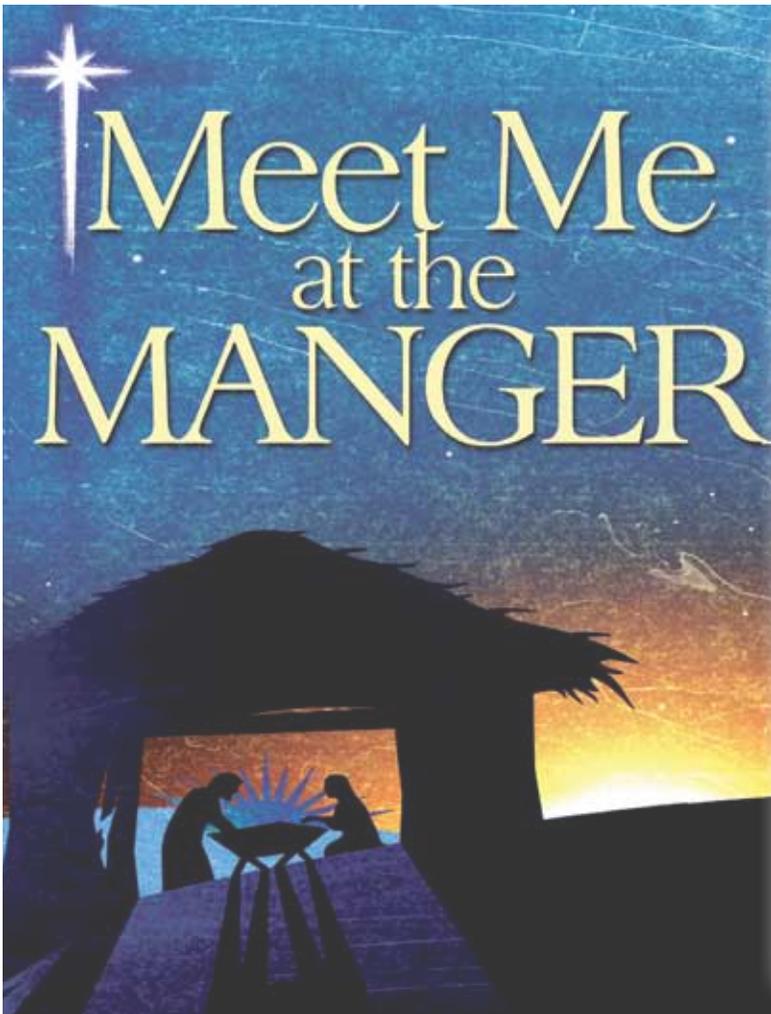
Offering a safe and open community for people to worship, learn and grow in their faith is our deep desire. We are committed to equipping ourselves and each other to do the work that God has called us to do in the world.

Spiritual Transformation

Providing a message of liberation from the oppressive religious environment of our day or to those experiencing God for the first time is what guides our ministry. We believe that when people are invited to experience God through the life and ministry of Christ, lives will be transformed.

Social Action

Working to talk less and do more, we are committed to resisting the structures that oppress people and standing with those who suffer under the weight of oppressive systems, being guided always by our commitment to Global Human Rights.



Meet Me at the MANGER

At Resurrection MCC we celebrate the gift of God's love every day, all year long.

We celebrate God's love with special joy at Christmas, blessed that long ago God put each of us "at the top of the list" and gave the most wonderful gift to us all - Jesus Christ. Each Christmas, as we gather at the manger to receive the gift of Jesus Christ anew, we come grateful. And this time, we come bringing our gifts too . . .

You're invited to join us . . . Meet Me at the Manger!

It's beautifully simple: This Christmas, as you open your hearts and make a list of your family and friends and the gifts you hope to give this Christmas, give thanks for the blessing of your loved ones and for God's provision which makes it possible for you to have gifts to bring them.

And then put Jesus on the top of the list.

In the candlelit beauty of Christmas Eve, many of us will make a special gift to the ministry of Resurrection MCC in celebration of our relationship with Jesus and his life among us. We will make an offering (beyond our regular giving) in the amount of one dollar more than the cost of the most expensive gift we have on our list. We will place it in a small gift box, and place it in a basket near the altar on Christmas Eve. For some of us, this is a way of honoring what we value most this season; for others, it's a way to say "Thank you!" or "I love you!" to God. For many of us, it is a spiritual practice, like prayer or fasting. For all of us, it is a joy and a blessing.

We hope you will join us . . . Meet Me at the Manger!

Empty gift boxes are available at all of the Sanctuary entrances.

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 "undocking 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!

MarkB@ResurrectionMCC.org

VISUAL PRAYERS

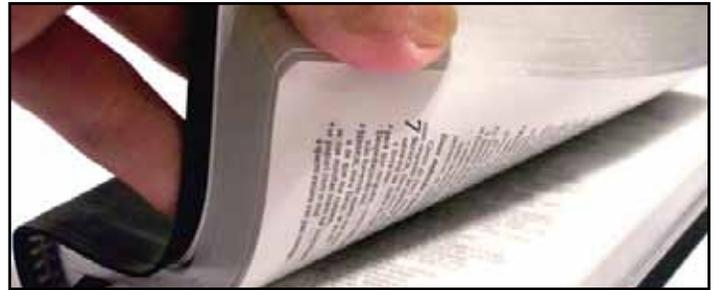


WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 2
7 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Place

"A whole year of days opens before us – as yet unknown, unspoken, unseen. What joy awaits...?" As we open into this New Year, you are invited to affirm great joy in the promise God holds for your life with the creation of Visual Prayers. During this simple collage process designed for young and old, artists and those decidedly creativity-resistant alike, will vision a year of goodness and healing for our individual lives and the world we share. Please bring a magazine or two and scissors. Gluesticks, poster-board, additional magazines, and light refreshments will be provided.

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/rmcc-events
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ENTER THE STORY: BIBLE STUDY



MONDAYS
JANUARY 7- FEBRUARY 11
7 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Place

Beginning with the Spirit which hovered over the water and drew day from night, Creation from chaos, and the first Human from the dust of the earth, God's Story is a living story! Throughout 2013 we will experience Scripture anew as we engage God's Story through the unique bible study process of "storying": entering the Scripture with experiential reading and interactive reflection designed to bring God's Story to life in our lives! All are welcome for one, some, or all of these small group studies!

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/rmcc-events
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THE PROSPEROUS HEART: Creating a Life of "Enough"



WEDNESDAYS
JANUARY 9 - APRIL 3
7 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Place

Author Julia Cameron, creator of the popular Artist's Way process, guides us in this incredible 12-week series for freeing ourselves of limiting ideas, negative patterns, and habitual fears which keep us from experiencing clarity and freedom in our financial lives. Recognizing that prosperity is a spiritual condition rooted in faith in God's care and provision, The Prosperous Heart deepens our awareness of blessing and cultivates our ability to live prosperously no matter our financial situation.

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THURSDAYS
JANUARY 10, 17, 24, 31
7 - 8 pm, Activities Building

Love your body! Move your body! Zumba into the new year! Join us Thursday evenings during the month of January for a free introduction to this salsa-inspired fitness dance. Have fun, move your body, and get fit!

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/rmcc-events
Zumba@ResurrectionMCC.org



FRIENDS BY THE FIRE

FRIDAY
JANUARY 11
7 - 9 pm, Outside

Join us for our first gathering of 2013 sponsored by our Landscape and Facilities Team. Bring a chair and blanket and join us as we share stories and laughs. Hot dogs, s'mores, and hot chocolate will be provided.

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/rmcc-events
Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org



MCC 101

SATURDAY
JANUARY 12
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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JOYFUL SINGING 102: GETTING IN THE SANDBOX

MONDAYS, **JANUARY 14 - MARCH 11**
OR
WEDNESDAYS, **JANUARY 16 - MARCH 13**
6:30 - 9 pm, CHAPEL

During this series of 10 workshops 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 on Saturday, March 16. (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 evenings from 6:30 pm to 9 pm, with an additional all-afternoon class before the Showcase on Saturday, March 16. 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. Classis limited in size; full tuition required regardless of missed classes; some sliding scale/scholarships available.

Tony@LivingYourVoice.com

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT SOUTH

FRIDAY, 7 pm
JANUARY 18

La Brisa Mexican Bar and Grill

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Join our NEWEST social dinner gathering for our friends South of Houston!

These monthly dinner gatherings are a great way to reconnect with those you may already know and is an opportunity to meet new folks and friends.

To ensure seating is available for all, please RSVP to [Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC/events](https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC/events)
FridayNightOUTSouth@ResurrectionMCC.org



IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

SATURDAY
JANUARY 5

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.

www.meetup.com/drummingcircle
RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org



JOYFUL SINGING 102: FINDING YOUR VOICE

FRIDAY, **JANUARY 25**, 6 - 9 pm, CHAPEL

SATURDAY, **JANUARY 26**, 9 am - 5 pm, CHAPEL

Whether you're a beginning singer or an experienced performer, experience the personal power of finding your voice by conquering the limitations which keep you from singing with joy! Created by voice coach, performer, and “Living Your Voice” innovator Tony Pryor, Joyful Singing 101 combines fundamental vocal technique, creative performance experiences, individual coaching, and small group exercises to guide you through a process focused on support rather than judgment to empower you to take personal risks, actualize your inner voice, and flourish in a world that yearns for authentic expression! Tuition for the weekend workshop is \$190 per person; Friday-evening-only option (for those who want to get a sample of our process) is \$40 per person. Class is limited in size; some sliding scale/scholarships available.

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GENERATION FAITH TEENS

BUY YOUR OWN BRUNCH

SUNDAY, 1 - 3 pm
JANUARY 20

IHOP Restaurant, 6508 Washington Avenue, Houston 77008
Our Generation Faith Teens will "Buy Your Own Brunch" together after church every third Sunday. Our Teen Ministry Facilitators will drive the 13-17 year-olds to and from a nearby restaurant as we share a monthly social brunch with Generation Faith. All Teens are welcome and families may attend (at nearby tables). Signed release forms required.

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REV. JANICE ON SABBATICAL UNTIL SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

As Rev. Janice continues her time of Sabbatical,
we hope that you will join with your
community of faith in keeping her in your prayers:

"Heavenly Creator, we commit Rev. Janice into your care and safekeeping during this Sabbatical. Strengthen her and release your righteousness, peace and joy into her life. May your ministering angels watch over her, surround her with your loving care, and bring her back safely and renewed in the Spirit. While she is away, please continue to guide the people of Resurrection MCC with the power of your Spirit and fill us all with your fullness, grace and love. Amen."

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FOOD PANTRY

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Nonperishables Needed:

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



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

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

Elisa Vega-Burns and Kandace Klingler
Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended December 16, 2012

| Giving (Tithes and Offerings) | Week Ended | YTD Total |
|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Total Amount Received | \$13,920.42 | \$810,412.47 |
| Total Amount Anticipated | \$18,846.15 | \$951,730.77 |
| Total Giving Variance | | (\$141,318.30) |
| Weekly Giving Comparison | | |
| Average Amount Received | \$15,890.44 | |
| Cash Flow Need | \$17,307.69 | (A) |
| Ministry Plan Need | \$18,846.15 | (B) |
| Attendance | Week Ended | YTD Average |
| Worship | 508 | 511 |
| Programming | 116 | 125 |
| Total Weekly Attendance | 624 | 655 |

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

MONDAY **DECEMBER 24**

7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service *Sanctuary*

TUESDAY **OFFICE CLOSED** **DECEMBER 25**

7:00 pm Rainbow of Hope NA Group *Gathering Place*

WEDNESDAY **OFFICE CLOSED** **DECEMBER 26**

No Events Scheduled

THURSDAY **OFFICE CLOSED** **DECEMBER 27**

No Events Scheduled

FRIDAY **OFFICE CLOSED** **DECEMBER 28**

No Events Scheduled

SATURDAY **OFFICE CLOSED** **DECEMBER 29**

7:00 pm Kwanzaa *Sanctuary*

SUNDAY **DECEMBER 30**

9:00 am **Sunday Worship** *Sanctuary*

10:15 am Fisher's Net - Prayer Time *Chapel*

10:15 am Speaking of Faith: Young Adults *Balcony*

11:00 am **Sunday Worship** *Sanctuary*

12:30 pm Un-Deck the Halls *Sanctuary*

1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*