

+ Call To Worship

Rev. Janice Ladd

One: We turned away and lost our way, we cried out.
 ALL: **You sent Deborah and for a while, we were faithful.**
 One: We turned away and lost our way, we cried out.
 ALL: **You sent Gideon and for a while, we were faithful.**
 One: We turned away and lost our way, we cried out.
 ALL: **You sent Samson, but he did not overcome.**
 One: We turned away, lost our way, we even turned on each other.
 ALL: **We cry out. O God. We cry out. Restore us!**

Preparing Our Hearts

Sandy Solis

Captivate Us
 by Charlie Hall, Christy Nockels, and Nathan Nockels

Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Announcements / Anuncios

Joy Jolley

+ Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

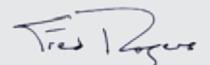
We Gather

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.

Prayers

This week we keep in prayer the people of Boston and those affected by the explosion at the Boston Marathon. This week we also keep in prayers the people of West, Texas and all those affected by the fertilizer plant explosion. For all those affected, let us remember the words of Mr. Rogers:

"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.' To this day, especially in times of "disaster," I remember my mother's words and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers - so many caring people in this world." -Fred Rogers



+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

+ Opening Song / Apertura Canción

You Are Good

Lord You are good, And Your mercy endureth forever.
Lord You are good, And Your mercy endureth forever.

*People from every nation and tongue
From generation to generation.
We worship You, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We worship You for who You are. We worship You
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, We worship You for who You are
You are good.*

Lord You are good, And Your mercy endureth forever.
Lord You are good, And Your mercy endureth forever.

(Chorus)

Yes, You are. Yes, You are. Yes, You are. So good, so good.
Yes, You are. Yes, You are. Yes, You are.

You are good all the time! All the time, You are good.
You are good all the time! All the time, You are good.

Lord You are good, And Your mercy endureth forever.
Lord You are good, And Your mercy endureth forever.

Lord You are good, And Your mercy endureth forever.
Lord You are good, And Your mercy endureth forever.

People from every nation and tongue
From generation to generation.
We worship You, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We worship You for who You are.
We worship You, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We worship You for who You are
(For who You are), for who You are!
(For who You are), for who You are!
You are good!

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Enter the Story

The Story of God's relationship with the peoples of God is a story which has the power to change our lives! As we experience a truly Living Word in the stories of the Bible texts, both ancient and ever-new, we discover our enduring connection with the Creator of the universe and the many peoples of faith who have gone before us. Realizing each of our stories is part of The Story of revelation – humanity's ongoing encounter with The Holy - God's Story literally comes to life in our lives! Join us as we enter the "big story" of the Bible in worship.

Enter the Story

Paul Gonzales

After the Israelites buried Joshua, they did evil in the sight of God and worshiped other gods. God gave them into the hands of raiders who plundered them. They were in great distress. God raised Judges to lead the people and for a while the people followed God and were restored. But then the people would turn away from God again and the cycle of social chaos began anew.

They were conquered for 8 years and then had peace for 40 years, conquered again for 18 years and then peace for 80 years. This cycle repeated again and again. Judges like Deborah and Gideon restored periods of faithfulness and found God's favor, but then the people would stray again. Later heroes would emerge like Samson, but it was not enough to restore Israel. And the tribes lost sight of who they were. They even rose up against one another.

Here we enter the story...

Rite of Membership

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

Baptism

Miracle Talbert (11 am)

+ Scripture Lesson / Escritura Lección

Shawty Augustine

Judges 2:16-23

Then the Lord raised up judges, who delivered them out of the power of those who plundered them. Yet they did not listen even to their judges; for they lusted after other gods and bowed down to them. They soon turned aside from the way in which their ancestors had walked, who had obeyed the commandments of the Lord; they did not follow their example. Whenever the Lord raised up judges for them, the Lord was with the judge, and he delivered them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the Lord would be moved to pity by their groaning because of those who persecuted and oppressed them. But whenever the judge died, they would relapse and behave worse than their ancestors, following other gods, worshipping them and bowing down to them. They would not drop any of their practices or their stubborn ways. So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel; and he said, 'Because this people have transgressed my covenant that I commanded their ancestors, and have not obeyed my voice, I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations that Joshua left when he died.' In order to test Israel, whether or not they would take care to walk in the way of the Lord as their ancestors did, the Lord had left those nations, not driving them out at once, and had not handed them over to Joshua.

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

Thank You Lord (for all You've done)

Engage / Sermón

Rev. Troy Plummer Treash

Bumpy Ride

We Offer Ourselves

Mark Eggleston

Offertory / Ofertorio

Gospel Ensemble

I Speak Life

+ Doxology

Mark C. Brown

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
by Thomas Ken

Prayer of Blessing for Our Gifts

Rev. Troy Plummer Treash

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 ...

Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunción

I Need Thee Every Hour

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine can peace afford.

*I need Thee, O I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*

I need Thee every hour; stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.

I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.

I need thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed One.

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Fill My Cup Lord

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Hold To God's Unchanging Hand

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Praise The Name Of Jesus

Praise the name of Jesus,
Praise the name of Jesus.
You're my Rock, You're my Fortress,
You're my Deliverer.
In You will I trust.
Praise the name of Jesus.

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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. Janice Ladd

+ **Benediction / Bendición**

Rev. Troy Plummer Treash

Postlude / Postludio

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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GENERATION FAITH TEENS

BUY YOUR OWN BRUNCH

1 - 3 PM
TODAY
IHOP

6508 Washington Ave • Houston, TX 77007

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.

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



Celebration Choir

Sundays
April 28,
May 12 & 26, June 9 & 23

10:15 - 10:50 am
Activities Building #104

All our young friends ages 6-14 are invited to join in celebration singing Praise & Worship music.

This new group will be lead by Jules Czarnik and Eve Messina. Questions to CelebrationChoir@ResurrectionMCC.org.



LGBTQ AND FREE

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 24

7 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Place

"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. Over a series of 3 evenings we will engage a survey of the six "clobber passages" in the Bible through the lens of our personal faith experience, current Biblical scholarship, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

YOGA CONNECTIONS

TUESDAYS

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



Dine Out, Fight AIDS

THURSDAY • 7 PM - 8:30 PM

APRIL 25

CHELSEA GRILL

4621 Montrose Blvd, Houston 77006
www.chelseagrill.com

On Thursday, April 25, restaurants across Houston will unite in the fight against HIV / AIDS. Each restaurant donates at least 25% of food bills all day long. Friday Night OUT has agreed to change their normal night out (just for this month) to THURSDAY, to support this important cause. Have dinner with your Resurrection MCC family and enjoy a fabulously fun night out with delicious food and fellowship, all for a great cause!

AIDS Foundation Houston presents this annual event to raise much needed funds for almost 100,000 people infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. There are over 27,000 men, women, and children in Houston who are infected with HIV and another 20% who are unaware of their status. Between 2006 and 2010, infections in Houston have grown 10%, making Houston the fourth fastest growing HIV+ region. Your help is needed to end new infections and treat those living with the disease.
www.diningoutforlife.com/houston

Online registration required to secure a seat.

Event is expected to reach capacity.

www.bit.ly/DOFL-Houston2013

Silk Purse

MURDER AT THE CABARET

FRIDAY

APRIL 26

7 - 9 PM • ACTIVITIES BUILDING

A Murder Mystery Dinner filled with suspense and intrigue!

You'll be transported to the grand opening of the Silk Purse Cabaret, a new gay club located in Harlem in the 1920s. This exciting evening is being attended by a "Who's Who" of New York's elite, stars of music and theater, and the movers and shakers in government and business. Anticipation abounds for the glamorous Florida Swansong to cut the opening ribbon to her nightclubclub. And while most are here to be seen and have a grand time, one has a sinister purpose in mind!

Admission to the event and dinner is free. Generous donations are encouraged to support the ministries of Resurrection MCC.

Seating is limited.

Registration required at www.bit.ly/RMCC-MurderMystery



Spirit Walk

SATURDAY

APRIL 27

10 am - Noon

Mercer Arboretum & Nature Center

For some, the natural world is most truly the dwelling place of God and time spent in it is time spent in worship. Come and enjoy the easy devotion of a walk among the flowers and trees with friends and let your spirit be refreshed by the simple beauty of creation! We will gather at the front entrance of the Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens <http://www.hcp4.net/mercer/>, walk a while, and close by informal sharing and a simple prayer.

Bring a journal, bring a friend, and watch as all of nature joins you and gives your soul a glimpse of the Divine! Carpooling available. We will leave from the church parking lot at 9:30 am to arrive at Mercer at 10:00 am.
Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org



Three in the morning and I'm still awake / So I picked up a pen and a page / And I started writing just what I'd say / If we were face to face / I'd tell you just what you mean to me / Tell you these simple truths

Be strong in the Lord and never give up hope / You're gonna do great things / I already know / God's got His hand on you / So don't live life in fear / Forgive and forget / But don't forget why you're here / Take your time and pray / These are the words I would say

These are the lyrics of the song, "The Words I Would Say" by the Sidewalk Prophets and one of the songs playing over the radio when I was getting ready for the day last Monday morning. The words of the song landed square on my heart as I realized it had not been a dream - I did wake up in the wee hours of the morning and write my resignation letter. God has stirred my rest to tell me it was time to rest . . . it was time to release my pastoral leadership of Resurrection MCC into the Holy Spirit's care.

I learned one more time that God never asks you to do something without giving you exactly what you need to complete it. The words came flying from my soul onto the page to express to the people of Resurrection MCC how much they mean to me and how sure I am that God is equipping them to be the body of Christ in this community for a new chapter in their grand God-love-story.

Resurrection MCC has 41 years of experience in this God-love-story that models the simple truth of this song: God's got a hand on us, we do not have to live in fear, we can forgive and forget, and as we pray, we will be moved towards hope and strength. Resurrection MCC has 41 years of ministry in this God-love-story to know that it is not just about us . . . it is all for-the-one! God will give us everything we need to reach: the one who has lost hope, the one who has yet to discover God's unconditional love, the one who has yet to experience the love of this community.

41 for the one! That is the gospel of Jesus and that is the vision of Resurrection MCC! What an honor and privilege it has been to be part of this community's faithful answer to that call for my entire pastoral career!

Thank you for the many ways you have cared for me and my family over the last 15 years and thank you for all of the calls and communications I have received to thank me for my service. I am blessed to be part of the legacy of Resurrection MCC.

On Sunday, April 28 we will be celebrating Resurrection MCC's 41 years of ministry and celebrating my 15 years with you. Will you join me in making a special "41st Anniversary Offering" to ensure we will continue our ministry "for the one?"

Whether you have \$41, \$410, or \$4,100 to give, I believe we can raise \$41,000 to celebrate our shared ministry together as well as ensure our legacy remains. Your gift will certainly be a blessing that will bless others in God's grand love story!

The words I would say: \$41 for the One!
Now that is the gospel!!
Peace and blessings,

Janice

Rev. Janice Ladd
Executive Pastor

If you would like to participate in our 41 for the One Anniversary offering, there are several opportunities:

- Give online at www.ResurrectionMCC.org. Select "41st Anniversary Offering" as the fund.
- Bring your offering to church on Sunday, April 21 or 28. Write "41 for the One" on the offering envelope or check memo line and place in the offering basket.
- Pray for the growth of our shared ministry -- inside our walls, our community, and our world.



RESURRECTION MCC 41ST ANNIVERSARY & FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR REV. JANICE

SUNDAY
APRIL 28

12:30 - 2 PM • ACTIVITIES BUILDING

Join us as Resurrection MCC celebrates our 41st Anniversary and 15 years of shared ministry with Rev. Janice. On this Anniversary Sunday, and also Rev. Janice's last Sunday as Executive Pastor, all are invited to share a delicious meal and fellowship with your Resurrection MCC family. You'll also have an opportunity to share your gratitude with Rev. Janice and bless her on her journey.

STRICTLY SHOWTUNES

PG-13

FRIDAY
MAY 3

8 - 9:30 PM • SANCTUARY

Join us for an unforgettable evening of showtunes sung by Steven Shannon and accompanied by Mark C. Brown. A variety of your favorite Broadway shows will be presented ranging from Avenue Q to Les Miserables to Young Frankenstein. Proceeds support the ministries of Resurrection MCC and help cover travel costs for Bayou City Performing Arts and Steven Shannon as they sing at Carnegie Hall this June!

Warning: contains adult humor and jazz hands!

\$20 Tickets Available:

Online - www.stevenshannon.eventbrite.com

Inspirations Coffee Café & Bookstore and at the Door



Join the 2013 Pastoral Care Ministry Team!

INITIAL 2013 TRAINING

FRIDAY • MAY 17 • 6 - 9 pm

SATURDAY • MAY 18 • 9 am - 9 pm

Lifeline Chaplaincy Conference Center
1415 Southmore Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77004

Are you called to be a source of strength and comfort when a life event occurs? Are you a good listener with a prayerful heart? If so, then consider becoming a Pastoral Care Minister and provide prayerful and spiritual support to congregants who are homebound or in the hospital. For more information or to fill out an application, email our Pastoral Care Coordinator Rev. Johnna Faber at PastoralCare@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Online Giving

The mission of Resurrection MCC is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christian action. We believe that lives are transformed when people are invited to experience God through the life and ministry of Christ. Financial contributions are obviously very important to the achievement of Resurrection MCC's ministry goals, and we sincerely appreciate the generous offerings that you give faithfully each and every week.

To make it more convenient for you to financially support the ministries of Resurrection MCC, we now offer a **convenient online giving payment option** through ACS. Online giving enables you to easily make your financial contributions to the church by credit card, debit card, or directly from your bank account. Online giving is a simple way for you to give, and it enables you to support the church's mission and service no matter where you are in the world.

We ask that you prayerfully consider giving online.

It's really quite easy to set up an online giving account. Account creation instructions are available on our website by clicking on the "Giving is Only a Click Away" banner, and they are also included in the "How do I give online?" handouts that are available at all entrances to the Sanctuary. We will be actively promoting the online giving program until April 28. One of us will be available between services to answer any questions or concerns that you may have regarding online giving.

For those of you who would still like to participate in the offering during services even though you give online, we are now providing quarterly "I Give Online" coupons for each Sunday in the quarter. If you wish, you can place an "I Give Online" coupon in the offering basket in place of a check or cash. If you set up a recurring gift, a receipt will be sent to your e-mail address by ACS each time your recurring gift is processed. As an alternative, you can print a copy of this receipt and place it in the offering basket in place of a check or cash.

Lastly, as our way of saying "Thank You," all online givers will be given an "I Give Online" button pin upon request. Recurring online givers will be gifted with a "Giving is Only a Click Away" mouse pad, and new recurring online givers will be entered into a prize drawing. Please visit our website or pick up a copy of the online giving handout for answers to online giving frequently asked questions.

Yours in Christ,

Eddie Domingue, Treasurer

Manuel Diaz, Assistant Treasurer

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A Letter from Our Executive Pastor

April 10, 2013

Dear Rev. Troy Plummer Treash and the People of Resurrection MCC,

With joy and peace in my heart, I am submitting my resignation as your Executive Pastor. I am joyful because I have been privileged to serve the most amazing and diverse congregation in our denomination alongside the most gifted and dedicated leaders throughout more than 7 years on staff and 15 years of total ministry with you. My heart is full of love for each of you and I feel blessed to have been part of God's call on this congregation: to spread God's unconditional love to all people. I am also peaceful because I see in you great readiness for the next step of your journey. There is simply no doubt that you are equipped, committed, and commissioned for the work of God in this community.

While on Sabbatical, God began to stir in me that it was time for me to let go of my nurturing hold of the people of Resurrection MCC. As uncomfortable as it seemed at the time, I have come to understand now that God is breaking in to do a new thing in our lives. I don't have a magic ball to know the plans for our future, but I have enough experience with God and this church to know that all will be well. When we say "Yes" to God and break our heart open for each other, we are blessed beyond our wildest imagination. So press on, church, and continue giving your very best to the work of faith and you will never be disappointed at what God will do in and through you.

I want to personally thank you, Rev. Troy, for ministering to me in this time of discernment. You indeed are the one God has called to lead this congregation and I will hold you in my daily prayers as you step with them into this next chapter of their ministry. I also want to thank the staff, Board, and leadership of today, and the many I have served with over the years, for their unwavering commitment to God and this church and the many sacrifices they have made to ensure a way would be made for others. And finally, I want to thank you, the people of Resurrection MCC, for your grace and care in nurturing and shaping my pastoral call throughout my service. I am deeply grateful for your love and inspired by your faith.

In Shared Ministry and Service,

Janice

Rev. Janice Ladd
Executive Pastor

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General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended April 14, 2013

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$20,306.25	\$264,957.80
Total Amount Anticipated	\$20,769.23	\$301,153.86
Total Giving Variance		(\$36,196.06)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$18,272.95	
Cash Flow Need	19,865.38	(A)
Ministry Plan Need	\$20,769.23	(B)
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	529	550
Programming	159	153
Total Weekly Attendance	688	702

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 2013 ministry plan goals
and strategic growth initiatives
(i.e., the amount needed to
make ministry happen)

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

Fishers Net Prayer Ministry

Fishers Net offers personal prayers on Sundays at the Prayer Wall after the 11:00 am Worship Service. Please email your prayer request to Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org. **Philippians 4:6-7** do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

SUNDAY APRIL 21

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Generation Faith/Teens: Buy Your Own Brunch	IHOP
12:30 pm	Jubilee Theater Meeting	Music Room
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary

MONDAY APRIL 22

12:00 pm	Rehearsal	Music Room
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TUESDAY APRIL 23

4:00 pm	Special Music Rehearsal	Music Room
4:30 pm	Jubilee Theater Leadership Meeting	Gathering Place
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	Activities Building

WEDNESDAY APRIL 24

7:00 pm	LGBTQ and Free in Thee	Gathering Place
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THURSDAY APRIL 25

3:00 pm	Cabaret Set-up	Activities Building
7:00 pm	Dining Out for Life	Chelsea Grill

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED APRIL 26

3:00 pm	Cabaret Set-up	Activities Building
7:00 pm	Murder at the Cabaret	Activities Building

SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED APRIL 27

10:00 am	Cabaret Clean-Up	Activities Building
10:00 am	Spirit Walk	Mercer Arboretum

SUNDAY APRIL 28

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:15 am	Celebration Choir Rehearsal	Activities Building
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	41st Anniversary Celebration & Farewell	Activities Building
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary

CARE FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

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



¡DOMINGOS!
SERVICIO RELIGIOSO
SE INTERPRETA
EN ESPAÑOL
A LAS 11 AM.

Sunday Worship
 now interpreted into
 Spanish at 11 am.