



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

December 14, 2014

+ **Prelude / Preludio**

Celebration Children's Choir  
Sanctuary Choir

## *Joy To The World*

Joy to the world the Lord is come,  
Let earth and heaven sing!  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing!

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns;  
Let all our songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

Christ rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders of His love!  
And wonders, wonders of His love!

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**Our Community Gathers / Nuestro Comunidad Se Reúne**

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

**Announcements / Anuncios**

Mark Eggleston

**Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz**

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

## Advent

In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our worlds. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait in Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love; and remembering the promises of God with prayer. From the Latin word, adventus, Advent means "arrival" or "coming" of Jesus as human into the world. Advent is a season of preparation the four Sundays before Christmas and is the beginning of the church year.

+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

+ **Gathering Song / Canción de Bienvenida**

*Sanctuary*

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy, tried and true;  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
sanctuary for You.

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**Contemporary Reading / Lectura Contemporánea**

Gemma Burns  
Elisa Vega-Burns

*Prayer, Iona Community*

When the world was dark and the city was quiet, you came. You crept in beside us. And no one knew. Only the few who dared to believe that God might do something different. Will you do the same this Advent, Holy One? Will you come into the darkness of the world; not the friendly darkness as when sleep rescues us from tiredness, but the fearful darkness, in which people have stopped believing that war will end or that food will come or that a government will change or that the church cares? Will you come into that darkness and do something different? Will you teach us how to save your people from death and despair? Will you make this world a sacred space in which your love is birthed? Will you come into the quietness of this town, not the friendly quietness as when lovers hold hands, but the fearful silence when 'the phone has not rung the letter has not come, the friendly voice no longer speaks, the doctor's face says it all? Will you come into that darkness, and do something different? Will you teach us to embrace your people? Will you make this world a sacred space in which your grace is nurtured? And will you come into the dark corners and the quiet places of our lives? We ask this not because we are guilt-ridden or want to be, but because the fullness of our lives long for depends upon us being as open and vulnerable to you as you were to us, when you came, wearing no more than diapers, and trusting human hands to hold their maker. Will you come into our lives, if we open them to you? Will you do something different and make our lives sacred places? When the world was dark and the city was quiet you came. You crept in beside us. Do the same this season, Holy One. Amen.

**Special Music / Selección Musical**

LaDy Gentry

*Mary's Prayer*

Words and Music by Mark C. Brown

+ **Scripture Reading / Lectura Bíblica**

Ken Schroeder

*Isaiah 35: 10-11*

The Lord's ransomed ones will return and enter Zion with singing, with everlasting joy upon their heads. Happiness and joy will overwhelm them; grief and groaning will flee away.

***Luke 1:41***

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

One: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem / Selección Musical**

Sanctuary Choir

***Christmastime***

by Joanna Carlson and Michael W. Smith

**Sermon / Sermón**

Rev. Troy Treash

***Sacred Space***

**Moment of Reflection / Minuto de Reflexión**

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

**We Offer Ourselves / Ofrenda**

Dee Dee Waters  
Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

**Offertory / Ofertorio**

Sanctuary Choir

***The First Noel/Pachelbel's Canon***

by arr. Michael Clawson

## 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 / Comunión

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

### Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunión

#### *Jesus Lover Of My Soul*

by John Ezzy, Daniel Grul, and Steve McPherson

#### *I Give You My Heart*

by Reuben Morgan

#### *Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble*

by Martin Smith

### + Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

### Closing Song / Canto de Salida

#### *We Wish You A Merry Christmas*

We wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year  
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin,  
We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May God's love surround you,  
Let peace dwell within you,  
And mercy continue throughout this New Year.  
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin,  
We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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### + Benediction / Bendición

Rev. Troy Treash

### + Postlude / Postludio

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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 Christ-like 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

### Resurrection MCC

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www.ResurrectionMCC.org



# Deck The Halls **TODAY**

12:30 - 3:30 pm • Sanctuary

Join us as we enjoy Christmas tunes, celebrate the upcoming Season of Advent, and decorate our Sanctuary with abundant fabulousness for Christmas! Lunch will be served, so please RSVP. Meet Mark C. Brown at the piano.

[www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141123](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141123)  
MarkB@ResurrectionMCC.org



# "A Day of Gifts" Christmas Toy Drive

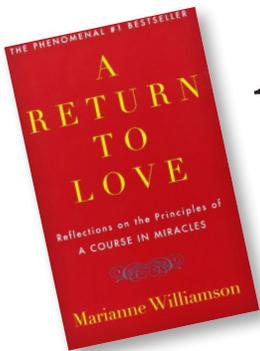
## **TODAY**

Welcome Area

*Drop off Your Christmas Toy Donations for Children Ages 4-12*

Since 2002, Dee Dee Watters & The First Amendment volunteer group have been providing Christmas toys to children in Houston's Third Ward, Fifth Ward, and neighboring low-income apartments. This year, the Houston Gaymers will help distribute the toys while dressed as popular video games characters like Spider Man and the Incredible Hulk! Please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy suitable for children ages 4-12 and place it in the large box in the Welcome Area. Your generosity will be a blessing for many children this Christmas!

[www.bit.ly/RMCC-2014toys](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-2014toys)



# A Return to Love: A Liberating Book Study

8 MONDAYS

## **NOVEMBER 3 - DECEMBER 22**

7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering Place

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure." These words from Marianne Williamson have resonated within the souls of many for the past 20 years. In this interactive book study we will explore the text and learn our way into the truth "We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone ... As we're liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."

[www.bit.ly/RMCC-2014RTL](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-2014RTL)  
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



# **Santa's Workshop**

## **TODAY**

1 - 3 pm • Activities Building

Grab your jingle bells and get ready to "Ho! Ho! Ho!" as the creative elves of our Youth Ministry Program offer their famous Santa's Workshop! School-age kids will be making delightful ornaments, delicious cookies, and other unique treats for gifting and giving! Reindeer games, hot chocolate and special Christmas surprises are all part of the fun - and if you're good a secret visit by Santa for wishes and photos might happen too! Teens and nursery-age kids accompanied by grown-ups welcome!

[www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141214](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141214)  
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# CHRISTMAS BASKETS

With your support, we can provide a basket with all the ingredients necessary for our neighbors to prepare a delicious Christmas meal for their families. Robert Sliepka & Pride Charities are coordinating this effort again this year. Our goal is to collect enough donations of food and cash to assemble 100 baskets and there are several ways you can share your love with our neighbors in need:

## DONATE FOOD

**SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 7 & 14, 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 with Corresponding Frosting.

## DONATE CASH

**SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 7 & 14**

Make a financial donation so that we may purchase items that are not donated. Make checks payable to "Pride Charities," write "Christmas Baskets" in the memo line, and place in offering plate. You may also donate online at [www.pride-charities.com](http://www.pride-charities.com). Please type "Christmas Baskets" in the notes field when paying by credit or debit card.

## ASSEMBLE BASKETS

**Saturday, December 20, 10 am - Noon, Activities Building**

Create an assembly line to pack each of the food items into laundry baskets in preparation for distribution.  
[www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141222](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141222)

## DISTRIBUTE BASKETS

**Sunday, December 21, 12:30 - 3 pm, Activities Building**

Assist with arranging baskets for distribution, signing in clients, and distributing baskets.  
[www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141221](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141221)

**Sign up to receive a Christmas Basket for yourself or someone you know by calling our Food Pantry at 281-254-8003.**

# JAVA & JESUS

THURSDAY  
**DECEMBER 18**

7:30 - 9 pm

## Inversion Coffee House

1953 Montrose Blvd, Houston 77006  
713-523-4866 • [www.inversioncoffee.com](http://www.inversioncoffee.com)

A social time for adults in their twenties and thirties to come together for fellowship, encouragement, and conversation over a cup of coffee. This month's discussion will consider our spiritual locations as individuals and community.

[www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141218](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141218)  
[YoungAdults@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:YoungAdults@ResurrectionMCC.org)



# CAMPUS CARE DAY

SATURDAY  
**DECEMBER 20**

9 am - 1 pm • Gathering Place

Join us for a special Christmas Campus Care Day when you may choose to assemble Christmas Baskets, decorate our campus for the season, or assist with other projects. Campus Care Days provide opportunities for those who like to work outside to assist with maintenance projects, yard work, tree trimming and weeding. Those who prefer to stay indoors may organize, vacuum, or choose a special project. Lunch and laughs will be held in the Gathering Place at Noon.

[www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141220](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141220)  
RSVP to [Facilities@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Facilities@ResurrectionMCC.org)

# Meet Me at the Manger

*“...there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” -- Luke 2:8-12*

Dear Members & Friends,

I don't know about you, but when I think of that night in that faraway land more than 2,000 years ago, I tremble in awe. My heart races in adoration and wonder. And most of all, I rejoice.

A Christmastime tradition at Resurrection MCC is the giving opportunity called Meet Me at the Manger. During my 21 months with you all, I've heard many stories of how people have felt as they've brought their gifts forward on Christmas Eve, meeting each other and the Christ child at that humble makeshift crib. They've described their own versions of awe, adoration, wonder, and rejoicing.

This year, we once again engage this beautiful practice and add a new dimension. Inspired by the gifts brought to Jesus at his birth in Bethlehem, we ask that you prayerfully consider making your gift at one of the suggested giving levels:

Star	\$5,000 +
Angel	\$2,500
Gold	\$1,500
Frankincense	\$1,000
Myrrh	\$750
Shepherd	\$500
Stable	\$250
Manger	\$100

Your generosity at this time of year is especially helpful as we enter 2015 with the budget approved by the congregation at its annual meeting in November, along with all the operational, staffing, programming, worship, and outreach plans that it will support.

Gift boxes will be available at every entrance to the Sanctuary on Sundays throughout December and on Christmas Eve. You may place your gift in this box and take it to the manger during the Christmas Eve service at 7 pm on December 24, or if you prefer, you may deliver your gift electronically at [www.resurrectionmcc.org/giving](http://www.resurrectionmcc.org/giving).

Please know that all of your gifts of time, talent, and treasure are immeasurably appreciated and valued by this, your church.

Rejoicing generously with you at the manger,



Rev. Troy Treash  
Senior Pastor



## **CRITICAL MASS** BIKE RIDE - GOT LOVE?

FRIDAY  
**DECEMBER 26**

6:45 - 9:30 pm  
Market Square Park, 301 Milam, Houston

*Calling all Bicyclists!*

Join fellow Resurrection MCC bikers for a Critical Mass Bike Ride - a casual mass bike ride around the city, intended to raise awareness and advocate a bicycle-friendly urban environment. All bikes and skill-levels are welcomed. The ride will last around 2 hours - about 20 miles. Meet at 6:45pm on the corner nearest Congress Ave and Travis St. in Downtown Houston. Look for the GOT LOVE? Resurrection MCC Shirts!

[www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141128c](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141128c)  
RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org



## **IMANI VIDA** DRUM CIRCLE

SATURDAY  
**JANUARY 3**  
2 - 4 pm • Activities Building

“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](http://www.meetup.com/drummingcircle)  
RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org

# LOVE THY NEIGHBOR T-SHIRTS \$15



**AVAILABLE  
TODAY**  
IN INSPIRATIONS  
COFFEE CAFÉ & BOOK STORE.



## YOUTH TEACHERS NEEDED

*Are you ready to change a young life?*

Did you know over 100 children (infants to teen) come to Resurrection MCC every month to hear the message that God loves them and their families? Can you make a difference in their life? Can you offer two hours a month to plan and teach a specially designed curriculum? Can you share God's word with them in a fun, meaningful, and safe environment?

If you answered "Yes!" you'll receive laughter, fulfillment, and satisfaction knowing you are making a difference. Teaching experience is helpful but not required. Individuals are most needed to teach 5-6 year olds and 7-9 year olds, but all volunteers are appreciated. Are you prepared to be blessed in an amazing way? Please email Joel Palomares, Youth Ministries Program Coordinator, at Youth@ResurrectionMCC.org if you are ready to make a difference.

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

Sunday Worship  
now interpreted into  
Spanish at 11 am.

English Assistive Listening  
available at 9 & 11 am

Please pick up an Audio Receiver in the Narthex.

## FOOD PANTRY

### First Sunday (Protein)

Tuna, Chicken, Vienna Sausages, Lunch Loaf

### Second Sunday (Fruits & Vegetables)

Canned Fruit, Peas, Corn, Green Beans

### Third Sunday (Carb)

Small bags of Rice/Beans, Pasta Noodles, Soup

### Fourth Sunday (Breakfast)

Cereal, Oatmeal

### Fifth Sunday (Toiletries, Travel-size)

Soap, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Shampoo

Please note that all items listed are food products that we use for the food bags. Although we are happy to accept your food donations, please consider purchasing only the items listed above.

Your continued support of this ministry is truly making a difference in the lives of many. For more information, check out our new Web site, [www.pride-charities.com](http://www.pride-charities.com), or "Like" us on Facebook.

# YOGA CONNECTIONS

**Instructors Alternate Weekly:**  
**Darrin Brindle, Robin Mack,**  
**Debbie Kelly, and Special Guests**

**TUESDAYS**  
**7 - 8 pm | Activities Building**

**Please bring water and towel. Yoga mats available to borrow. Beginner to Intermediate skill levels.**

**Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/YOGA2014](http://www.bit.ly/YOGA2014)**  
**[Yoga@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Yoga@ResurrectionMCC.org)**

## 12-STEP SUPPORT GROUPS

*Rainbow of Hope*  
**Narcotics Anonymous**



Tuesdays, 7 - 8 pm | Chapel  
 A recovery program that offers hope and freedom from active addiction in a safe space for the LGBTQ community. This group meets weekly to help each other learn a new way of life through sharing their experience, strength, and hope. 832-326-6330

**Overeaters Anonymous**



Wednesdays, 7 - 8 pm & Saturdays, 9:30 - 10:30 am | Chapel  
 A program of recovery from compulsive eating that is not just about weight loss, weight gain maintenance, obesity, or diets. This support group also addresses physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. [OA@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:OA@ResurrectionMCC.org)

*Throwback Thursday Old School*  
**Big Book Study**



Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Chapel  
 Bring Your Big Book, a highlighter, and get ready to get down with the dictionary and the first 164 pages and Dr. Bob's story! All Big Book-based 12-Step Recovery folks welcome to this open AA Meeting. [BigBook@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:BigBook@ResurrectionMCC.org)

**Advertise with us.**  
 As low as \$25 / week.  
[Ads@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Ads@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](mailto:Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org)

### General Fund Giving Report

**For Week and YTD Ended December 7, 2014**

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$23,004.93	\$804,763.27
Total Amount Anticipated	\$17,837.38	\$874,031.49
Total Giving Variance		(\$69,268.22)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$17,122.62	
Ministry Plan Need	\$17,837.38	
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	395	431
Programming	164	181
Total Weekly Attendance	559	612

**Ministry Plan Need** is the weekly amount needed per the budget approved by the congregation to achieve our 2014 ministry plan goals and strategic growth initiatives (i.e., the amount needed to make ministry happen)

# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>DECEMBER 14</b>
9:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Brunch Buddies	Welcome Center
12:30 pm	Deck The Halls	Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Houston Heights Orchestra	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	The Mankind Project Support Group	Chapel
<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>DECEMBER 15</b>
7:00 pm	A Return to Love Book Study	Gathering Place
<b>TUESDAY</b>		<b>DECEMBER 16</b>
6:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
7:00 pm	Yoga	Activities Building
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		<b>DECEMBER 17</b>
7:00 pm	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
7:00 pm	The Word Becomes Flesh	Gathering Place
<b>THURSDAY</b>		<b>DECEMBER 18</b>
6:30 pm	AA Big Book 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
7:30 pm	Java & Jesus	Antidote Coffee
<b>FRIDAY</b>		<b>DECEMBER 19</b>
OFFICE CLOSED No Events Scheduled		
<b>SATURDAY</b>		<b>DECEMBER 20</b>
OFFICE CLOSED		
9:00 am	Campus Care Day	Welcome Center
9:30 am	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
10:00 am	Praise Dance Rehearsal	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Joy of Djembe Drumming	Activities Building
<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>DECEMBER 21</b>
9:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Brunch Buddies	Welcome Center
7:00 pm	The Mankind Project Support Group	Chapel



## The Word Becomes Flesh: Embodied Advent Meditation

WEDNESDAY  
**DECEMBER 17**  
7 - 8 pm • Gathering Place

Year after year the Advent Scriptures tell an ancient and ever-new story of Humanity and Divinity becoming One. Rich with image and emotion, these verses speak of fire and light, of angels and birth, long journeys guided by stars and devotion. This story of God-With-Us is profoundly intimate yet awesome in its Mystery; we hear it within and beyond words. During these candlelit evenings we will meditate with breath, music and gentle movement, receiving an embodied Advent blessing. All welcome!

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## BRUNCH BUDDIES

# TODAY

12:30 pm

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Every Sunday, all are welcome to meet in the Gathering Place after the 11 am Worship service to connect with those going to brunch. Around 12:30 the group departs for the chosen location for the week (Restaurant name and address in the bulletin each week). Whether you're a long-time congregant or a first-time visitor, consider yourself invited to become a Brunch Buddy!

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