# Resurrection
Metropolitan Community Church

February 8, 2015

**+ Opening Hymn / Himno**

***Standin' in the Need of Prayer***

Not my brother, not my sister
But it's me, oh Lord
Standin' in the need of prayer.
Not my brother, not my sister
But it's me, oh Lord
Standin' in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, oh Lord
Standin' in the need of prayer;
It's me, it's me, oh Lord
Standin' in the need of prayer.

Not the preacher, not the deacon
But it's me, oh Lord
Standin' in the need of prayer.
Not the preacher, not the deacon
But it's me, oh Lord
Standin' in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, oh Lord
Standin' in the need of prayer;
It's me, it's me, oh Lord
Standin' in the need of prayer.

Not my father, not my mother,
But it's me, oh Lord
Standin' in the need of prayer.
Not my father, not my mother,
But it's me, oh Lord
Standin' in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, oh Lord
Standin' in the need of prayer;
It's me, it's me, oh Lord
Standin' in the need of prayer.

Not a stranger, not a neighbor,
But it's me, oh Lord
Standin' in the need of prayer.
Not a stranger, not a neighbor,
But it's me, oh Lord
Standin' in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, oh Lord
Standin' in the need of prayer;
It's me, it's me, oh Lord
Standin' in the need of prayer.

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+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

## Black History Month: Healing

During February we will be lifting some of the prominent liberation and womanist theologians and ethicists including Dr. James Cone, Dr. Emilie Townes, and Dr. Katie Cannon.

***Sunday Healing Series, 9 & 11 am***

**February 1**
Liberating Life

**February 8**
Claiming Yours

**February 15**
Are You Forgiven?

***Friday Movie & Concert Series, 7 pm***

**February 6**
The Children's March

**February 13**
A Time for Justice

**February 28**
Black History Concert

**Our Community Gathers / Nuestro Communidad Se Reúne** Rev. Troy Treash

**Announcements / Anuncios**

**Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz** Rev. Troy Treash

+ **Gathering Song / Canción de Bienvenida**

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

Did you feel the mountains tremble
Did you hear the oceans roar
When the people rose to sing of
Jesus Christ the risen one

And here we see that, God, You're moving
A time of jubilee is coming
When young and old return to Jesus
Fling wide, you heavenly gates
Prepare the way of the risen Lord

Open up the doors and let the music play
Let the streets resound with singing
Songs that bring Your hope and
Songs that bring Your joy
Dancers who dance upon injustice

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**Contemporary Reading / Lectura Contemporánea** Gemma Burns

***Black Womanist Ethics***
by Katie Cannon

Unshouted courage is the quality of steadfastness, in the face of formidable oppression. The communal attitude is far more than "grin and bear it." Rather, it involves the ability to 'hold on to life' against major oppositions. It is the incentive to facilitate change, to chip away at the oppressive structures bit by bit, to celebrate and rename their experiences in empowering ways.

**Special Music / Selección Musical** Brittany Talley

***Do You Want to Build a Snowman?***
by Kristen Anderson Lopez & Robert Lopez

## Rev. Dr. Katie Cannon

The first African-American woman ordained in the United Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Cannon focuses her work in the areas of Christian ethics, Womanist theology, and women in religion and society. She has lectured nationally on theological and ethical topics and is the author or editor of numerous articles and seven books including Katie's Cannon: Womanism and the Soul of the Black Community and Black Womanist Ethics.

Cannon is the Annie Scales Rogers Professor of Christian Ethics at Union Presbyterian Seminary and an icon in the Presbyterian world. At Union Presbyterian Seminary, Cannon's aims include helping students understand structures and systems of oppression. "The essence of the gospel of Jesus Christ … is to liberate the oppressed," which is the mandate of liberation theology, she said. That "is what Jesus was about." Black History Concert

+ **Scripture Reading / Lectura Bíblica**

***Mark 1:40-45***

A person with leprosy approached Jesus, knelt down and begged, If you are willing, you can heal me." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out a hand, touched the person with leprosy and said, I am willing. Be cleansed." Immediately the leprosy disappeared, and the person with the disease was cured. Jesus gave a stern warning and sent the person off. "Not a word to anyone," Jesus said. "Go off and present yourself to the priest and make an offering for your healing as Moses commanded, as a testimony to the religious authorities." But the person who had been healed went off and began to proclaim the whole matter freely, making the story public. As a result it was no longer possible for Jesus to enter a town openly, an Jesus stayed in lonely places. Even so, people kept coming to him from all directions.

One: This is the Word of God for the People of God.
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem / Selección Musical** — Teri Hay, Steven Shannon

***All I Ask of You***
by Andrew Lloyd Webber

**Sermon / Sermón** — Rev. Vickey Gibbs

***Healing: Claiming Yours***

**Moment of Reflection / Momento de reflexión** — Mark C. Brown

**Prayer of Reflection / Oración de Reflexión** — Rev. Troy Treash

**Offertory / Ofertorio** — Sanctuary Choir

***Canticle of Hope***
by Joseph M. Martin and J. Paul Williams

**Receiving the Gifts / Recibiendo los Dones** — Rev. Troy 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 / Comunión** Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

**Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunión**

***Come Just As You Are***
by Joseph Sabolick

***I Will Rise***
by Louie Giglio, Matt Maher, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin

***Seek Ye First***
by Karen Lafferty

**Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias** Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

\+ **Closing Song / Canto de Salida**

***This Is The Day That The Lord Has Made***

This is the day, this is the day,
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice, I will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.

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\+ **Benediction / Bendición** Rev. Vickey Gibbs

\+ **Postlude / Postludio** Mark C. Brown

***Mighty God***
by Martha Munizzi

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**Worship** | 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 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. Inclusion is a primary focus of our ministry. We believe that all people, as they are and where they are, should be welcomed at God's table.

**Community**

Our deep desire is to offer a safe and open community for people to worship, learn, share, and grow in their faith. 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**

A message of liberation guides our ministry. We believe that when people are invited to experience God through the life and ministry of Christ, lives are transformed.

**Justice**

We are committed to uplifting all people and standing with those who suffer under the weight of oppressive systems. We are guided by our commitment to global human rights.

The Grief Recovery Method℠

# The Grief Recovery Method:
## The Action Program for Moving Beyond Loss

An 8-Week Grief Recovery Group with Larry Leutwyler at Resurrection MCC

EIGHT THURSDAYS

**February 19, 26**
**March 5, 12, 19, 26**
**April 2, 9**

7 - 9 pm • Gathering Place

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: TODAY**

Simply defined, grief is the normal and natural reaction to significant emotional loss of any kind. The range of emotions associated with grief is as varied as there are people and personalities. Grief is individual and unique. As every relationship is unique, so are the feelings and thoughts each person will have about the relationship that has been altered by death, divorce, or for other reasons. Recovery from loss is accomplished by discovering and completing all of the undelivered communications that accrue in relationships. We are all advised to "Let Go," and "Move On," after losses of all kinds. Most of us would do that if we knew how.

The Grief Recovery Method® Outreach Program provides the action choices that help people move beyond the pain caused by loss. It is a seven-week program which creates a safe environment in which to look at old beliefs about dealing with loss; to look at what losses have affected your life; and to take new actions which lead to completion of the pain attached to one of those losses.

The Grief Recovery Method® Outreach Program is not an occasional, drop-in group. For the safety and success of all participants, commitment and attendance are essential. The fee for the program is $120. (Scholarships are available)

The Grief Recovery Method® Outreach Program is led by Chaplain Larry Leutwyler, who has been trained and certified by The Grief Recovery Institute® and is currently on staff with Bering Support Network.

Register: $50 deposit to register today. Balance due by first class. Minimum of 6 pre-registered participants. Maximum of 12. Confirmation of minimum registration achieved sent to all participants on Monday, February 9.

Registration Required: www.bit.ly/RMCC-grief2015
Grief@ResurrectionMCC.org

# LGBTQ AND FREE

WEDNESDAY
## FEBRUARY 11
7 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Place

This foundational offering is for all who seek to reconcile their experience of God, their sexuality, and their understanding of Christian Scripture. We will engage study of the 6 "clobber passages" in the Bible through the lens of our personal faith experience, current Biblical scholarship, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. If you are asking "What does the Bible say about homosexuality?" or "What does Jesus say about being gay?" please join us!

www.bit.ly/RMCC-20150128
RevVickey@ResurrectionMCC.org

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH
## FILM DISCUSSION SERIES

## *America's Civil Rights Movement: "A Time for Justice"*

Friday, February 13
7 - 8:30 pm
Gathering Place

In "A Time for Justice," four-time Academy Award-winning filmmaker Charles Guggenheim captured the spirit of the civil rights movement through historical footage and the voices of those who participated in the struggle. Narrated by Julian Bond and featuring John Lewis, the 38-minute film allows today's generation of students to witness firsthand the movement's most dramatic moments—the bus boycott in Montgomery, the school crisis in Little Rock, the violence in Birmingham, and the triumphant 1965 march for voting rights.

# FEEL THE LOVE:
## FAMILY FITNESS CELEBRATION

SUNDAY
**FEBRUARY 15**
Noon - 2 pm • Activities Buidling

The family that plays together, stays HEALTHY together! Bring your loved ones of all ages to the Activity Building today for a family-friendly session of YOGA or ZUMBA! Or maybe you will get hands-on with an everybody-welcome HEALTHY SNACKS COOKING CLASS! Come, feel the love, and get your bodies moving in a healthy direction as a family of faith - and fun! - this spring! (Comfy clothing helpful, but no special attire or equipment needed; all invited to participate at your own levels!)
Youth@ResurrectionMCC.org

EQUALITY TEXAS
FAITH
ADVOCACY DAY

# Faith Advocacy Day

TUESDAY
**FEBRUARY 17**
First United Methodist Church of Austin
Family Life Center• 1300 Lavaca St, Austin TX 78701

Equality Texas and Texas Freedom Network invite you to participate in your government by meeting face-to-face with your representatives and sharing how your faith informs your support for ending discrimination in Texas based on bias against sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. This is an opportunity for you to ask state leaders to pass inclusive policies that protect all children, end discrimination, and strengthen relationships.

Advanced registration is required in order to prepare constituent-matched materials and make strategic lobbying team assignments. Lunch will be provided. All are invited to join our clergy, members, and friends for this day of advocacy in Austin. Required registration at www.bit.ly/faith-advocacy. If you need a ride from church, or have a ride to offer, email Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org.

# ASH WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY
**FEBRUARY 18**
7 - 8 pm • Sanctuary

*From dust we have been formed; to dust we shall return . . .*

As we acknowledge the impermanence of our bodies, we claim the eternal Light within each of us. Join us as we enter into the season of Lent, reaching toward the Holy and releasing all that would deny the Light within. A ritual imposition of ashes will be included in this time of worship for those who choose to receive them.

www.bit.ly/RMCC-20150218
MarkB@ResurrectionMCC.org

# YOUNG ADULT SPIRITUALITY GROUP

MONDAY
**FEBRUARY 23**
6:30 - 8:30 PM
832-304-4722

The Young Adult Spirituality Group is a connections opportunity for individuals in their 20s and 30s. We meet monthly for fun, connection, and lively conversation around the integration of spirituality and our life experiences. Meeting location details at www.bit.ly/RMCC-YAS or YAS@ResurrectionMCC.org.

# PROJECT LEAP

**Project LEAP is a free 17-week class that teaches people how they can help plan for local HIV prevention and care services. The class is open to everyone, <u>especially</u> those who are HIV positive.**

## Learning

## Empowerment

- The class meets one day each week, usually on Wednesdays, starting in March and ends with the Class Graduation in July 2015.

## Advocacy

- There are 2 classes to choose from:
  - Day class (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)
  - Evening class (5:30 pm - 9:30 pm)

## Participation

- All class materials are provided at no cost - including lunch or dinner. Assistance with transportation or childcare is also available.

***Student Quotes:***

"Fabulous presenters, facilitators and most of all, beyond awesome classmates. Thank you for sharing. I have learned so much!"

"Project LEAP has had a huge impact on my life. It has given me knowledge and experience I will carry with me for the rest of my life."

"Project LEAP has given me the knowledge to be a champion advocate for people living with HIV and AIDS."

"My favorite part of today's class was the panel of speakers, hearing how far AIDS has come in Houston and the personal perspectives. I really enjoyed it."

"It has meant the world to me to be a part of this program. I feel more knowledgeable on HIV/AIDS and the Ryan White Planning Council."

"Project LEAP has helped me to get out of the house and do something worthwhile. This class has helped me to learn skillful ways to help better the lives of people with HIV and other illnesses."

"Project LEAP has given me the opportunity to become a more effective Council Member."

"Project LEAP has meant increasing my knowledge to become a better advocate for persons living with and affected by HIV/AIDS."

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**An application and in-person interview are required.** To have an application form mailed to you please call the Ryan White Planning Council Office of Support at (713) 572-3724 or you can apply online: **www.surveymonkey.com/S/PLEAP2015**

**<u>Applications must be received by 5:00 pm on Monday, February 27, 2015</u>**

If you have questions about Project LEAP or the application process, please contact Diane Beck: 713-572-3724, **Diane.Beck@hctx.net** or visit **www.rwpchouston.org**

# *FRIENDS BY THE FIRE*

FRIDAY

## FEBRUARY 20

7 - 9:30 pm • Outside

Please bring a chair and blanket and join us as we watch "The Wiz" on the side of the Activities Building! Gourmet sausages and dogs, "S'mores", Pop-Corn, and Hot Chocolate will be provided. All are welcome.... see you there! sponsored by the Campus Care Team.

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# Everyday Miracles:

## Turning from Fear to Love

6 WEDNESDAYS

## FEBRUARY 25 - APRIL 5

7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering place

What if miracles were available to us everyday? The miraculous shift from living in fear to living from love IS available daily, if we would just open our hearts and eyes to see that God is acting through the universe to provide all that we need, day by day! This Lenten season we will engage devotional excerpts from "A Year of Miracles" by Marianne Williamson to choose love over fear and to discover anew God's miracles of spiritual comfort, strength, guidance, freedom, and abundance in our lives! RevVickey@ResurrectionMCC.org

ANNUAL

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONCERT & RECEPTION

FRIDAY

## FEBRUARY 27

7 - 9 PM • Sanctuary & Gathering Place

The Resurrection MCC Gospel Ensemble with accompanist, Christy Irvin, and drummer, Dejuana Jernigan, under the direction of Cassandra White, is proud to present its annual Black History Concert. Please join us in celebrating a night of amazing gospel music. The event is free and there will be an opportunity to present a love gift for the general fund of the church. A reception, hosted by the Sanctuary Choir, will follow in the Gathering Place.

Cassandra@ResurrectionMCC.org

# KINKY BOOTS

SUNDAY MATINEE

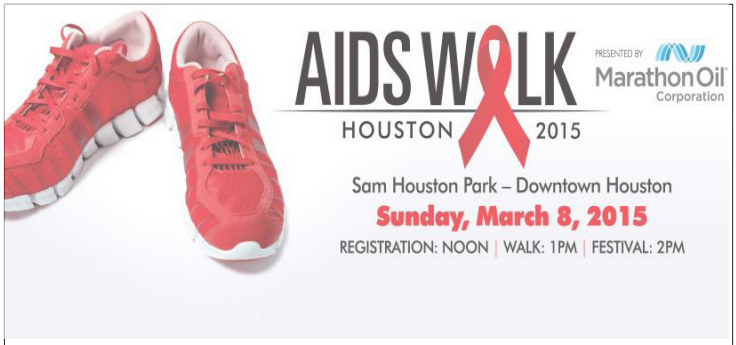
## FEBRUARY 22

2:00 pm • Theatre Under the Stars
800 Bagby, Houston 77002

Kinky Boots tells the true story of a struggling shoe factory owner who forms an unlikely partnership with a drag queen to save the family business. Written by Harvey Fierstein with music from Cindy Lauper, the musical won six Tony Awards, including Best Musical and Best Orginal Score. Tickets are limited and available online or in Inspirations Bookstore. Mezzanine Seats Only $69! ($20 off regular price)

*Only 40 Seats are available. Ticket sales end when sold out or on Sunday, February 15.*

*Purchase Tickets Online at www.bit.ly/kinkyboots2015*




**Full Details: www.bit.ly/AWH2015**

**Noon - Registration**
**1 pm - Walk**
**2 pm - Festival**

Resurrection MCC is blessed again this year to have been chosen as a benefiting agency of the 2015 Houston AIDS Walk. This means that nearly 70% of the funds our team raises comes back to Resurrection MCC to support our HIV/AIDS Benevolence Fund. This fund provides critical financial support to those affected by HIV and AIDS. Many of our clients come to us struggling to receive all the support they need from agencies in our area. With your help, we are able to assist with rent, utilities, and other expenses.

Proceeds from AIDS Walk Houston also benefit AIDS Foundation Houston and nine other local HIV/AIDS service organizations. This provides 100,000 Houstonians each year with education, pediatric programs, housing, food, medical care, counseling, and job training.

Ways to Participate:

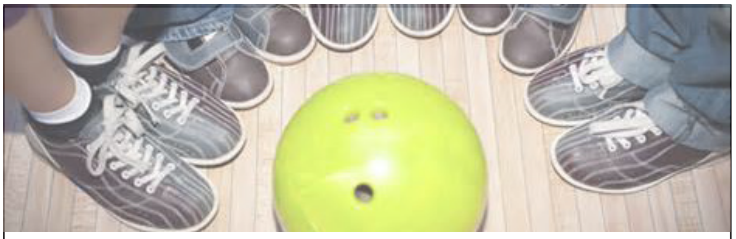
**WALK & RAISE FUNDS** - Join our team at www.bit.ly/AIDSWalk2015. For PARTICIPANT TYPE, select "Walker." For ROLE, select "Join a Team." For CHOOSE A TEAM, select "Resurrection MCC." Once you register, you will find all the information you need to create a personal page and send out electronic fundraising opportunities to your friends, family, and coworkers.

**BE A "VIRTUAL" WALKER & RAISE FUNDS** - If you are unable to join us on March 9 for the 3.1 mile walk due to a prior commitment or physical difficulty, you may still participate with fundraising. First, register online at www.bit.ly/AIDSWalk2015. For PARTICIPANT TYPE, select "Virtual Walker." For ROLE, select "Join a Team." For CHOOSE A TEAM, select "Resurrection MCC." Once you register, you will find all the information you need to create a personal page and send out electronic fundraising opportunities to your friends, family, and coworkers.

**DONATE** - If you aren't able to walk with us or help us raise funds, we would still love and appreciate your financial support of our team. Simply go to www.bit.ly/AIDSWalk2015 donate and select one of our Walkers to make your donation. And remember, 70% returns to Resurrection MCC to fund our HIV/AIDS Benevolence Fund.To donate to a member of our AIDS Walk team,

Our official t-shirt for the walk this year is our popular "Got Love?" t-shirts. They are available in Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift shop on Sundays. (This is suggeted attire and is not required for participation)

Thank you for your continued support of those affected by HIV/AIDS both inside and beyond our walls!



YOUTH MINISTRIES

# BOWLING BONANZA

SUNDAY

## MARCH 4

1 PM - 4 PM
AMF Windfern Bowling Lanes
14441 Northwest Fwy, Houston 77040

Mr. Joel and our Youth Ministry Program will host this after-church event at AMF Bowling Lanes for our Resurrection MCC families! Young people of all ages, together with their grown-ups (AKA parents), are invited to share some fun and games at the lanes! All are welcome; space reservation would be helpful.

Youth@ResurrectionMCC.org

# *Spirit Walk* at the ARBORETUM

SATURDAY

## MARCH 7

10 AM - NOON, Houston Arboretum
4501 Woodway Dr, Houston 77024
www.houstonarboretum.org

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 meditative walk among the trees and let your spirit be refreshed by the simple beauty of creation! We will gather at 10 am at the front entrance of the Houston Arboretum & Nature Center, then walk a while and close by informal sharing and a simple prayer at noon. Bring a journal, bring a friend and be renewed! Parking on site but arrive early.

Facilities@ResurrectionMCC.org

Houston Equal Rights Ordinance

HERO

HOUequality.com

May 28, 2014

# HERO TRIAL UPDATE & PLANNING SESSION

THURSDAY

## FEBRUARY 12

7 PM • GATHERING PLACE

HOUequality will provide an update on the HERO trial and participants will be asked for input about a possible ballot referendum. Over 80 faith leaders came out in support of HERO but opponents continue to try to make equality and religion an either/or discussion - we know that faith and equality actually go hand-in-hand. John Gorczynski, with Texas Catholics for Inclusion, will talk about Faith Advocacy Day on February 17 in Austin.

www.bit.ly/HERO-20150212

# Marriage March for Equality

## Friday
## February 13

**11:30 am, County Clerk's Office, 201 Caroline St**

Join us outside the County Clerk's office with signs supporting marriage equality. Around Noon, several same-sex couples will go upstairs and attempt to obtain marriage license applications. After being denied, we'll walk about a mile through downtown with our signs. We'll end at City Hall, 900 Bagby St, with a brief demonstration and update on the fight for equality.
**www.bit.ly/Marriage2015**

# 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**.

## EXCEL Graduates!

**Join us for EXCEL in Faithfulness Weekend**

## March 13 – 15, 2015

Text or call Terry Talley for details

713-416-4647

## General Fund Giving Report — For Week and YTD Ended February 2, 2015

| Giving (Tithes and Offerings) | Week Ended | YTD Total |
|---|---|---|
| Total Amount Received | $17,198.17 | $72,416.52 |
| Total Amount Anticipated | $17,156.25 | $85,781.25 |
| Total Giving Variance | | ($13,364.73) |
| **Weekly Giving Comparison** | | |
| Average Amount Received | $14,483.30 | |
| Ministry Plan Need | $17,156.25 | |
| **Attendance** | **Week Ended** | **YTD Average** |
| Worship | 361 | 436 |
| Programming | 428 | 220 |
| Total Weekly Attendance | 789 | 656 |

**Ministry Plan Need** is the weekly amount needed per the budget approved by the congregation to achieve our 2015 ministry plan goals and strategic growth initiatives (i.e., the amount needed to make ministry happen)

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| SUNDAY | | FEBRUARY 8 |
|---|---|---|
| **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 | Brunch Buddies | *Welcome Center* |
| 7:00 pm | The Mankind Project Support Group | *Chapel* |
| **MONDAY** | | **FEBRUARY 9** |
| 6:30 pm | Living Your Voice 102 | *Chapel* |
| 6:30 pm | Instrumental Rehearsal | *Sanctuary* |
| 7:00 pm | Gay Men's Chorus of Houston Rehearsal | *Music Room* |
| **TUESDAY** | | **FEBRUARY 10** |
| 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* |
| **WEDNESDAY** | | **FEBRUARY 11** |
| 7:00 pm | LGBTQ and Free in Thee | *Gathering Place* |
| 7:00 pm | Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting | *Chapel* |
| **THURSDAY** | | **FEBRUARY 12** |
| 6:30 pm | AA Big Book 12-Step Meeting | *Chapel* |
| **FRIDAY** | **OFFICE CLOSED** | **FEBRUARY 13** |
| 7:00 pm | Black History Month Film Discussion Series | *Gathering Place* |
| **SATURDAY** | **OFFICE CLOSED** | **FEBRUARY 14** |
| 9:30 am | Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting | *Chapel* |
| **SUNDAY** | | **FEBRUARY 15** |
| **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* |
| 12:00 pm | Feel the Love: Family Fitness | *Activities Building* |
| 12:30 pm | Brunch Buddies | *Welcome Center* |
| 7:00 pm | The Mankind Project Support Group | *Chapel* |

## A SPECIAL BRUNCH BUDDIES

### BENEFITING HRC AND AND AIDS FOUNDATION HOUSTON

## TODAY

12:30 pm

### HUGHES HANGAR

**2811 WASHINGTON AVE, HOUSTON 77007,**
**WWW.HUGHESHANGAR.COM, 832-704-8964**

Every Sunday, all are welcome to gather at a local restaurant to make new friends and reconnect with those you may already know.This Sunday is a special Brunch Buddies as the brunch will benefit two of our community partners, HRC and AIDS Foundation of Houston. Whether you're a long-time congregant or a first-time visitor, consider yourself invited to become a Brunch Buddy!

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## SOUTH GULF COAST NETWORK GATHERING

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

## MARCH 6 & 7

FRIDAY, 6:30 PM - Opening Worship
SATURDAY, 8 AM - Morning Worship
SATURDAY, 9 AM - Workshops Begin

**HOST CHURCH:**
**MCC of New Orleans**
**6200 St. Charles Ave, New Orleans, LA 70118**

*REGISTER ONLINE: www.bit.ly/MCC-20150306*