



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

February 18, 2015

Prelude / Preludio

Joel Hammett

Opening Prayer / Oración de Aperture

Rev. Vickey Gibbs

+ Opening Hymn / Himno

### *Love Divine All Excelling*

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
All thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation;  
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver,  
Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return and never,  
Nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

by Sandy Wilkinson and John Zundel  
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## Ash Wednesday

It is a dramatic shift from Mardis Gras (Fat Tuesday) to Ash Wednesday. All of the festivities that use up all the “fats” for rich foods come to an apex on Fat Tuesday. During the traditional church season of preparation for Easter known as Lent, such richness of food and festivities is avoided as a form of fasting. The hinge between the celebration and the fasting is Ash Wednesday. Instead of requiring torn clothes, sack cloth, lying in ashes and severe fasting of ages past, we mark the day by confessing our desire to prepare for Easter by entering a new exploration for the 40 days of Lent and symbolically by using ashes to make the sign of the cross on our foreheads. The ritual reminds us to intentionally focus on a way that brings us closer to God. The traditional disciplines of preparation include prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. In what way will you make space in your day to prepare?

+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

*Psalm 51*

One: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**ALL: Create in me a clean heart O God.**

One: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**ALL: Create in me a clean heart O God.**

One: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

**ALL: Create in me a clean heart O God.**

One: Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**ALL: Create in me a clean heart O God.**

+ **Exchange of Peace**

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

+ **Gathering Song / Canción de Bienvenida**

*Open The Eyes of My Heart*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You, I want to see You.

*To see You high and lifted up, Shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your power and love, As we sing, Holy, holy, holy.*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You, I want to see You.

(Chorus x2)

As we sing, Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.

Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.

**Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18**

Beware of practicing your piety before others to attract their attention; if you do this, you will have no reward from your Heavenly Parent. when you do acts of charity, for example, don't have it trumpeted before you; that is what hypocrites do in the synagogues and the streets, that they may be praised by others. The truth is, they've already received their reward in full. But when you do acts of charity, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing; your good deeds must be done in secret, and your Heavenly Parent--who sees all that is done in secret--will repay you. Ans when you pray, don't behave like the hypocrites; they love to pray standing up in the synagogues and on street corners for people to see them. The truth is, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go to your room, shut the door, and pray to God who is in that secret place, and your Heavenly Parent--who sees all that is done in secret--will reward you.

And when you fast, don't look depressed like the hypocrites. They deliberately neglect their appearance to let everyone know that they are fasting. The truth is, they have already received their reward. But when you fast, brush your hair and wash your face. Don't let anyone know you're fasting except your Heavenly Parent--who sees all that is done in secret--will reward you.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon / Sermón**

Rev. Troy Treash

***The Truth Is...***

**Sermon Reflection / Sermón Reflexión**

***Confitemini Domino (Come and Fill Our Hearts With Your Peace)***

by Words and Music by Jacques Berthier

Confitemini Domino,  
Quoniam bonus.  
Confitemini Domino,  
Alleluia!

Come and fill our hearts with Your peace.  
You alone O God are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with Your peace,  
Alleluia!

Words and Music by Jacques Berthier

**Invitation to Give / Ofrenda**

Rev. Vickey Gibbs

## 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.

## Offertory / Ofertorio

### *Give Thanks*

by Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because God's given, Jesus Christ, God's Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because God's given, Jesus Christ, God's Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong" Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us"

And now let the weak say, "I am strong" Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks.

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Because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks.

Give thanks, We give give thanks to you, Give thanks.

Words and Music by Henry Smith  
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## Imposition of Ashes / Imposición de la Ceniza

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

### + Closing Hymn / Himno de Salida

#### *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Lord, listen to Your children praying.  
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to Your children praying,  
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Words and Music by Ken Medema  
© 1973

### + Benediction / Bendición

Rev. Troy 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 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.

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

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The Grief Recovery Method<sup>SM</sup>

## 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. Maximum of 12 participants.

Registration Required: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-grief2015](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-grief2015)  
[Grief@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Grief@ResurrectionMCC.org)



## CAMPUS CARE DAY

SATURDAY  
**FEBRUARY 21**  
9 am - 1 pm • Gathering Place

Campus Care Days provide opportunities for those who like to work outside to assist with maintenance projects, yard work, tree trimming and weeding. Projects this month include painting, replacing ceiling tiles, and window caulking. Lunch and laughs will be held in the Gathering Place at Noon.

[www.bit.ly/RMCC-20150221](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20150221)  
RSVP to [Facilities@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Facilities@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](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-YAS) or [YAS@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:YAS@ResurrectionMCC.org).

# 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:**

**[Yoga@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Yoga@ResurrectionMCC.org)**



# TOASTMASTERS

MONDAYS

## FEBRUARY 23

6:30 - 8 PM • Gathering Place

Impress your clients, your boss, or even a potential employer during your next job interview. Speak with confidence in one-on-one situations and in presentations for groups of 20 to over 200. Surprise yourself by becoming a member of Toastmasters and see how your personal goals will come true. With Toastmasters you will learn by doing as you improve your public speaking skills in a super supportive environment. Join us for the introductory meeting of our very own Toastmaster Club right here at Resurrection MCC on Monday, February 23, at 6:30 pm. Contact Horacio Rodriguez at 954-662-4926 for details. [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org)



## 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](mailto:RevVickey@ResurrectionMCC.org)



## 20th ANNIVERSARY 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.

[www.bit.ly/RMCC-20150227](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20150227)

[Cassandra@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Cassandra@ResurrectionMCC.org)



# File Your Taxes for **FREE!!**

*\*For those who  
earn less than  
\$58,000/yr*



*Learn how the Affordable Care Act can affect your taxes,  
how to use your Health Insurance, how the Ryan White  
Health Insurance Assistance Program can help with your  
health insurance costs and have a tax professional file your  
taxes (no appointment needed)*

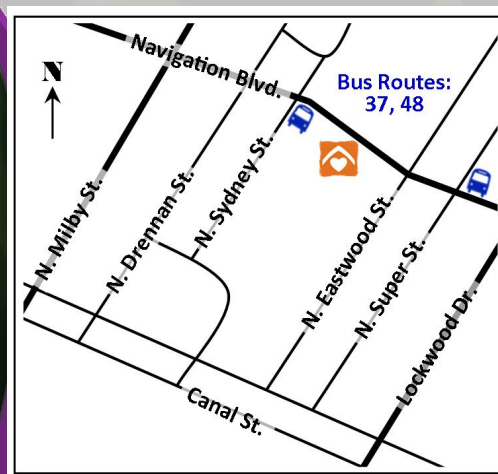
**Light refreshments  
will be served.**

**For more information, contact:  
Ryan White Planning Council  
Office of Support  
713 572-3724**

**Saturday, March 14, 2015  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Ripley House  
4410 Navigation Blvd.  
Room 208  
Houston, TX 77003**

**Event Sponsors:**







## HIV / STD Testing

by Planned Parenthood

SUNDAY

### MARCH 1

10 am - 1 pm • Gathering Place

*After both Worship Services*

Free rapid HIV testing (results in 15 minutes), as well as standard testing for Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, Hepatitis C, and Syphilis (results in 2 weeks). Knowing your HIV and STD status is the best way for you to stay healthy and avoid spreading sexually transmitted illnesses. Get tested and take control.

[www.plannedparenthood.org](http://www.plannedparenthood.org)



## IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

SATURDAY

### MARCH 7

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 Activities Building, as well as other locations for other special drumming occasions.

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



## CAMPUS CARE TEAM MEETING

MONDAY

### MARCH 2

6:15 - 7:30 pm • Conference Room

**RESURRECTION NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

We are looking for persons interested in stepping up during this Operations transition time. The Campus Care Team is responsible for assessing the ever-changing conditions on our campus and grounds. We meet monthly to plan and execute much needed maintenance projects in and around our church home. Other opportunities in this ministry are hosting Friends By The Fire, Spirit Walks, and Campus Care Days. All are welcome to attend this meeting and see if this ministry is a fit for your Spirit! Dinner served at 6:15 pm

[www.bit.ly/RMCC-20150302](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20150302)  
[Facilities@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Facilities@ResurrectionMCC.org)



## FRIDAY NIGHT OUT CENTRAL

FRIDAY • 7 - 9 pm

### MARCH 6

**Baba Yega**

2607 Grant St, Houston, TX 77006

Join us for another Friday evening filled with food, fun and friends. To help ensure that we have adequate seating, we ask that you please RSVP and let us know if you will be attending. As always, friends and family (including children) are welcome!

[www.bit.ly/RMCC-20150306c](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20150306c)  
[FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org)



Sam Houston Park – Downtown Houston

**Sunday, March 8, 2015**

REGISTRATION: NOON | WALK: 1PM | FESTIVAL: 2PM

**Full Details: [www.bit.ly/AWH2015](http://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](http://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.

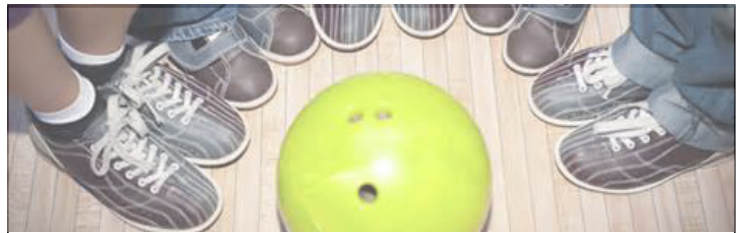
**BE A "VIRTUAL" WALKER & RAISE FUNDS**

- 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](http://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](http://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 suggested 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](mailto:Youth@ResurrectionMCC.org)



# *Spirit Walk* at the ARBORETUM

SATURDAY

**MARCH 7**

10 AM - NOON, Houston Arboretum

4501 Woodward Dr, Houston 77024

[www.houstonarboretum.org](http://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](mailto:Facilities@ResurrectionMCC.org)



# MCC 101

SUNDAY

## MARCH 15

12:45 - 3:30 pm • Gathering Place

Learn more about who we are at Resurrection MCC in this introductory class. We'll discuss the mission, vision, and values of Resurrection MCC, learn more about our history, and discover the many ways people are making an impact in our faith community. At the end of class you will be given the opportunity to become a member if you feel God's call on your heart to do so. The class is open to those wishing to become members and those who simply want to learn more about Resurrection MCC.

[www.bit.ly/RMCC-20150118](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20150118)  
RevMichael@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



*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



## 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.*



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## General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended February 8, 2015

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$17,913.48	\$84,330.00
Total Amount Anticipated	\$17,156.25	\$102,937.50
Total Giving Variance		(\$18,607.50)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$14,055.00	
Ministry Plan Need	\$17,156.25	
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	376	426
Programming	120	204
Total Weekly Attendance	496	630

**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)



# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

## SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 15

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
12:00 pm	Feel the Love: Family Fitness	Activities Building
12:30 pm	Brunch Buddies	Welcome Center
7:00 pm	The Mankind Project Support Group	Chapel

## MONDAY

OFFICE CLOSED

FEBRUARY 16

6:30 pm	Living Your Voice 102	Chapel
7:00 pm	Gay Men's Chorus of Houston Rehearsal	Music Room

## TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 17

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 18

7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel

## THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 19

6:00 pm	Houston Pride Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	YAS Connections Group	
6:30 pm	AA Big Book 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
7:00 pm	Grief Recovery Method	Gathering Place

## FRIDAY

OFFICE CLOSED

FEBRUARY 20

7:00 pm	Friends By The Fire: The Wiz!	Bayou Side of Activities Bldg.
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## SATURDAY

OFFICE CLOSED

FEBRUARY 21

9:00 am	Campus Care Day	Welcome Center
9:30 am	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
1:00 pm	Joy of Djembe Drumming	Activities Building
3:00 pm	Houston Pride Band Concert	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Houston Pride Band Reception	Gathering Place

## SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 22

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
2:00 pm	Kinky Boots	Hobby Center
7:00 pm	The Mankind Project Support Group	Chapel



# KINKY BOOTS

SUNDAY MATINEE

## FEBRUARY 22

2:00 pm • Hobby Center  
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 Original 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.**

Purchase Tickets Online at [www.bit.ly/kinkyboots2015](http://www.bit.ly/kinkyboots2015)



## 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

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