



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

February 7, 2016

+ **Opening Song / Canción de Apertura**

*Lift You Up*

We give You the highest praise for You are worthy to be lifted up.  
We give You the highest praise for You are worthy to be lifted up.  
We give You the highest praise for You are worthy to be lifted up.  
We give You the highest praise for You are worthy to be lifted up.

Worthy, worthy, worthy, You are worthy to be lifted up.  
Worthy, worthy, worthy, You are worthy to be lifted up.

We give You the highest praise for You are worthy to be lifted up.  
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Worthy, worthy, worthy, You are worthy to be lifted up.  
Worthy, worthy, worthy, You are worthy to be lifted up.

Lift You up! Lift You up! Lift You up!  
Lift You up! Lift You up! Lift You up!

We lift You up! We lift You up! We lift You up!  
We lift You up! We lift You up! We lift You up!  
We lift You up! We lift You up! We lift You up!  
We lift You up! We lift You up! We lift You up!

Jesus, we lift You up, Jesus! Jesus, we lift You up, Jesus!  
Jesus, we lift You up, Jesus! Jesus, we lift You up, Jesus!  
Jesus, we lift You up, Jesus! Jesus, we lift You up, Jesus!

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

Rev. Vicky Gibbs

**Announcements / Anuncios**

Mark Eggleston

+ **Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz**

Rev. Vicky Gibbs

## We Gather

From many places we gather here. This is a high point of our week. We see our friends. We make new friends. And we spend time with The Friend -- the loving Christ who meets us where we are, as we are. In this Sanctuary we worship, and through worship the courage within us is kindled to inspire courageous living beyond this place.

## How Many Licks?

We explore Paul's letter to the Corinthians as a message for today to a diverse community. With lessons about how to be ourselves within community, how to be unique and to be interdependent at the same time, how to dig deeper into love and truth that connects us all while celebrating different gifts, we will explore how many licks it takes to get to the center just like a Tootsie Pop. Have fun and discover!

+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit. / De pie por favor.

+ **Gathering Song / Recopilación de Canciones**

*Ubuntu*

Ubuntu, Ubuntu, Sharing our visions and dreams.  
Ubuntu, where justice, Flows like a life giving stream.  
The people together Joining our hearts and our hands  
To welcome the stranger And cherish the friend  
And to work for the peace of the land And so we do life.

One: Just like a mother.  
All: Just like a mother.  
One: Tenderly holding,  
All: Tenderly holding,

One: This new creation,  
All: This new creation,  
One: Making and molding,  
All: Making and molding,  
One: A holy nation,  
All: A holy nation,

Marked by the water And given our name.  
Moved by God's Spirit Revived by holy flame!  
Ubuntu, Ubuntu, Sharing our visions and dreams.  
Ubuntu, where justice, Flows like a life giving stream.  
The people together Joining our hearts and our hands  
To welcome the stranger And cherish the friend  
And to work for the peace of the land And so we do life.

One: Dreaming and daring,  
All: Dreaming and daring,  
One: To live this communion,  
All: To live this communion,  
One: That breaks us and binds us,  
All: That breaks us and binds us,  
One: Holds us and heals us,  
All: Holds us and heals us,  
One: Frees us and finds us,  
All: Frees us and finds us,

God give us courage To do what we say  
Christ give us strength  
For the living of these days!  
Ubuntu, Ubuntu, Sharing our visions and dreams.  
Ubuntu, where justice, Flows like a life giving stream.  
The people together Joining our hearts and our hands  
To welcome the stranger And cherish the friend  
And to work for the peace of the land  
And so we do life. And so we do life. And so we do life.

+ **Call & Response**

Marty Williams

One: Prepare us to go to all the people to announce good news.  
**ALL: We will tell them the purposes of God are being fulfilled.**  
One: Just as Christ appeared to the least of the apostles,  
**ALL: Christ promises to walk life's road with us.**  
One: By your grace O God, we have our lives to share,  
**ALL: We recognize that the grace of God is not given in vain.**  
One: Grant us faith to heed Christ's command,  
**ALL: Grant us courage to try what seems to be impossible.**

One: May Your love, Holy One empower us,

**ALL: May serving God increase our trust.**

One: May we serve you with songs of thanksgiving,

**ALL: May our steadfast love of You O God endure forever. Amen.**

**Anthem / Seleccion Musical**

Gospel Ensemble

***The Lord Is My Shepherd***

by Unknown arr. Sissy Houston

+ **Scripture Lesson / Lectura Bíblica**

Sam Smith

***1 Corinthians 15:1-11***

Now I would remind you, siblings of the good news that I proclaimed to you which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon / Sermón**

Rev. Troy Treash

***The Very Center***

**Special Music / Especial Musical**

Jennifer Sanchez - Dancer  
Aaron Reines - Flue Player  
& Joel Hammett - Pianist

***From My Journal***

**We Offer Ourselves / Nos Ofrecemos**

Wayne Wiggins

**Invitation to Give / Ofrenda**

Angela Whorton

**From My Journal**

by Gary Schocker

Gary Schocker (pronounced Show-ker), a renowned flute player, composer and pianist, as well as the most-published and among the most-played living composers/arrangers for flute, composed From My Journal being an intimate conversation between two people without the use of words.

## 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 unfermented 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

Gospel Ensemble

### *Center of My Joy*

by Gloria Gaither, William J. Gaither, and Richard Smallwood

## Prayer of Receiving / Oración de Recepción

Deacon Marcial Renteria

## Communion / Comunión

Deacon Marcial Renteria,  
Rev. Troy Treash, Rev. Vickey Gibbs

## Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunión

### *Oh to Be Kept by Jesus*

Words and Music by Thurston Frazier

### *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

by Thomas Obediah Chisholm and William Marion Runyan

### *Amazing Grace*

by Edwin Othello Excell and John Newton

## Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias

Rev. Vickey Gibbs

## + Closing Song / Canto de Salida

### *It Is Well With My Soul*

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

*It is well with my soul,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

by Philip Paul Bliss and Horatio G. Spafford  
Public Domain, CCLI# 25376

## + Benediction / Bendición

Rev. Troy Treash

## + Postlude / Postludio

Joel Hammett

## Executive Team

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

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www.ResurrectionMCC.org

# 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.

Our **MISSION** is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christ-like action.

Our **VISION** is to boldly experience, engage, and embody our faith to transform ourselves and the world into the full expression of Christ's inclusive love.

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

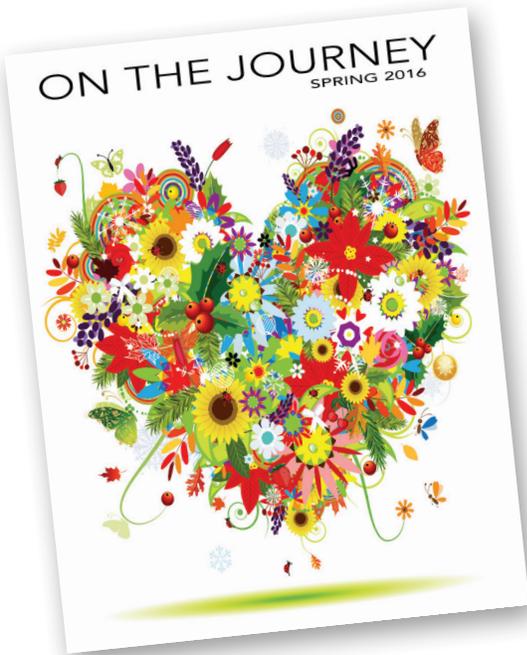
Our deep desire is to offer a safe and open community for people to worship, learn, share, and grow in their faith. We are committed to equipping ourselves and each other to do the work that God has called us to do in the world.

### 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.

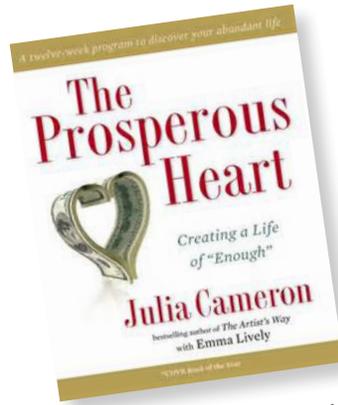
### Justice

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.



Pick up the latest edition of our *On the Journey* magazine from any Sanctuary entrance today!

## Available at Sanctuary Entrances



## Prosperous Heart

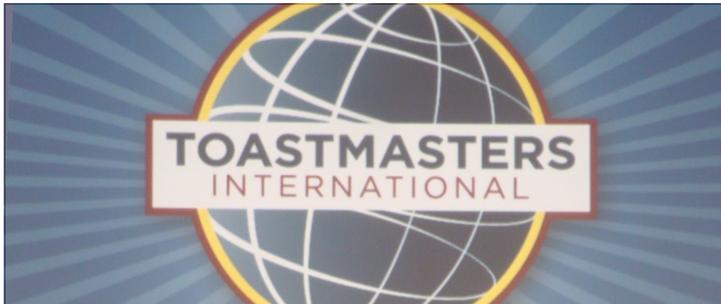
Wednesdays

# January 6 - March 30

7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering Place

Join us for an eleven-week program for using your creative heart and soul to lead you to prosperity in all the areas of your life. With inspiring new daily tools and strategies that follow in the footsteps of Cameron's groundbreaking *The Artist's Way*, this book guides readers in developing a life that is as full and as satisfying as they ever thought possible. Book available in Inspirations Bookstore.

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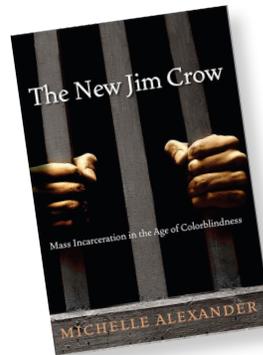
# TOASTMASTERS

## MONDAYS

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. Contact Horacio Rodriguez at 954-662-4926 for details.

toastmasters@resurrectionmcc.org  
www.meetup.com/findyourvoicet Toastmasters



## The New Jim Crow

Sundays

# January 17 - February 21

Chapel, 1 - 2:30 pm

*The New Jim Crow* highlights the racial dimensions of the War on Drugs. It argues that federal drug policy unfairly targets communities of color, keeping millions of young, black men in a cycle of poverty and behind bars. The book begins by disproving claims that racism is dead. Those who believe that full equality been achieved would do well to notice many African Americans' reality today. Join us for this six week book study as we discuss and discover truths hidden in plain sight. Book available in Inspirations Bookstore.

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# HIV / STD Testing

by FLAS

(Fundación Latinoamericana de Accion Social)

## TODAY

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.flasinc.org](http://www.flasinc.org)



# LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Saturday

## February 13

10 am - 2 pm • Music Room

This training is open to all who are currently participating or have an interest in participating in leadership at Resurrection MCC. The training will cover recruiting, managing, appreciating and transitioning volunteers. The training will be led by Rev. Vickey Gibbs, Director of Life Development, Shiv Dharan, Director of Operations, Mark C. Brown, Director of Worship Arts, and special guests. A light lunch will be provided. For more information please contact Mark C. Brown at [MarkB@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:MarkB@ResurrectionMCC.org). Please register by February 6 for child care to [Nursery@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Nursery@ResurrectionMCC.org)



Wednesday

## February 10

7 - 8 pm • Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lenten discipline for observant Christians. It is traditionally a time of fasting and prayer in preparation for receiving or reaffirming baptism at Easter. Priests, Clergy, Deacons and Lay Leaders usually place blessed ashes in the form of the cross on individuals' foreheads to remind them of mortality, sorrow for sins, change, and forgiveness. Please register for child care to [Nursery@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Nursery@ResurrectionMCC.org)

[Rev.Troy@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Rev.Troy@ResurrectionMCC.org)



FRIDAY • 7 - 9 pm

## FEBRUARY 12

### Saltgrass Steak House

1803 Shepherd Dr, Houston, TX 77007

713-869-7074 • [www.saltgrass.com](http://www.saltgrass.com)

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.resurrectionmcc.org/fnoc](http://www.resurrectionmcc.org/fnoc)

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

# ALL CHURCH WORKDAY

SATURDAY  
**FEBRUARY 20**

9 am - 1 pm • Gathering Place

During All Church Workdays, we get together to love on, clean up, organize, and maintain our church. This day we would like to clean storage area, power wash outside ceiling, and paint parking lines. Join us at 9 am in the Welcome Area to choose an indoor or outdoor project. Lunch and laughs will be held in the Gathering Place from Noon - 1 pm.

Shiv@ResurrectionMCC.org



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

# GOSPEL BRUNCH

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

1 - 3 PM • RESURRECTION MCC ACTIVITIES BUILDING  
ADULTS \$15 • YOUTH 5-18 \$7.50 • CHILDREN 1-4 FREE  
ADVANCE SALES ONLY. TICKET SALES END FEB. 23

Under the direction of Cassandra White, the Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church Gospel Ensemble and friends will perform in a spirit-filled celebration as you enjoy a light brunch.  
Child care provided with pre-registration to Nursery@ResurrectionMCC.org  
Tickets available at [www.ResurrectionMCC.org/gospelbrunch](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org/gospelbrunch)

Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church  
Sunday Worship 9 & 11 am • Nursery Available • Handicap Accessible  
11 am - Spanish & Deaf Interpretation, Youth & Teen Program  
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[www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org)



# JOY OF DJEMBE DRUMMING

SATURDAY  
**FEBRUARY 20**

1 - 5 pm  
Activities Building

The advanced group of drummers from the Imani Vida Drum Circle meet to rehearse for community event performances.

For an audition to join, email  
Greg@ResurrectionMCC.org



# UPPITY WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

Sundays

**MARCH 6, 13, 20, 27**

2 - 3:30 pm • Chapel

Uppity Women of the Bible is a four volume DVD-based series featuring Hebrew Bible professor Dr. Lisa Wolfe. Combining careful scholarship with humor and fresh insights, Dr. Wolfe presents just what we need for lively, thoughtful discussion of Ruth, The Song of Songs, Esther and Judith.  
RevVickey@ResurrectionMCC.org

**¡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.



## houston food bank

Thursday  
**March 10**

6 - 9 pm

**Houston Food Bank, 535 Portwall St, Houston 77029**

Join us in the fight against hunger as we volunteer with the Houston Food bank. We'll assist others in processing food that will help feed our hungry neighbors. Wear jeans, t-shirt, and tennis shoes (shorts and open-toed shoes are not permitted for safety reasons). Wear a Resurrection MCC "Love Thy Neighbor" shirt if available.

Registration Required: [www.ResurrectionMcc.org/food-bank](http://www.ResurrectionMcc.org/food-bank)  
 Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org

## LOVE THY NEIGHBOR T-SHIRTS \$15



**LOVE THY NEIGHBOR**

THY HOMELESS NEIGHBOR  
 THY JEWISH NEIGHBOR  
 THY BLACK NEIGHBOR

THY GAY NEIGHBOR  
 THY UNDOCUMENTED NEIGHBOR  
 THY WHITE NEIGHBOR

THY TRANSGENDER NEIGHBOR  
 THY CHRISTIAN NEIGHBOR  
 THY HIV+ NEIGHBOR

THY RACIST NEIGHBOR  
 THY ADDICTED NEIGHBOR  
 THY ATHEIST NEIGHBOR

THY IMPRISONED NEIGHBOR  
 THY DISABLED NEIGHBOR  
 THY MUSLIM NEIGHBOR

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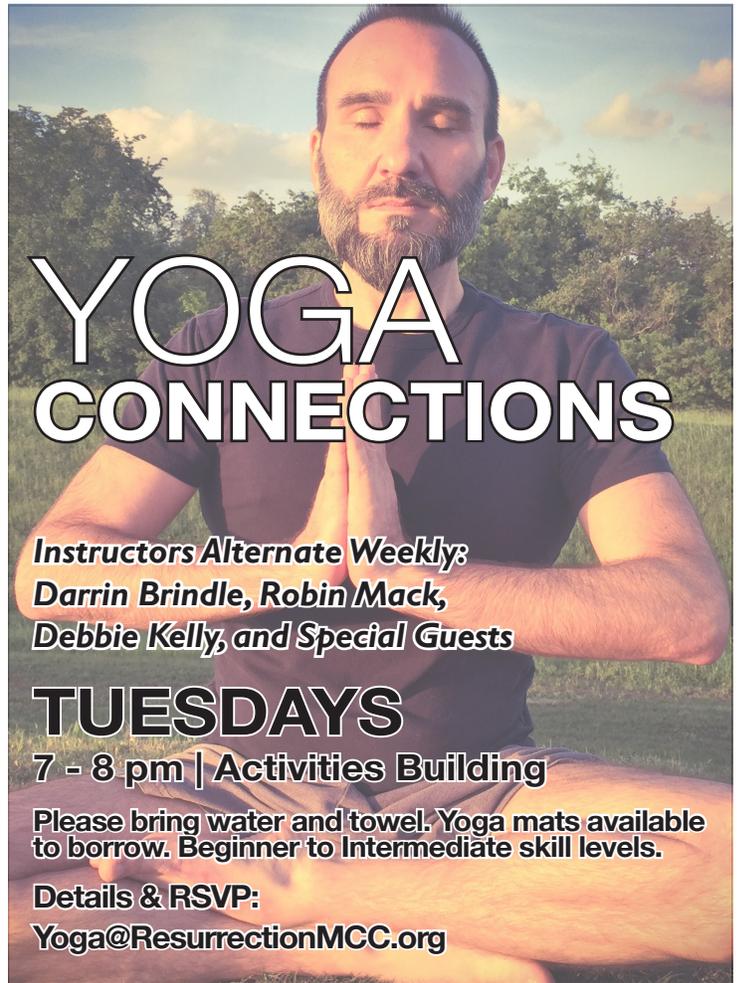
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## We Make the Road by Walking - A Year Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation and Activation

by Brian McLaren

The fifty-two (plus a few) weekly readings can each be read aloud in 10 to 12 minutes and offer a simple format for insightful reflections and transformative practices. Organized around the traditional church year, these readings give an overview of the whole Bible and guide an individual or a group of friends through a year of rich study, interactive learning, and personal growth. Perfect for Brunch Buddies, Friday Night Out, HOME Groups (virtual or real world) or individual study, each reading invites you to cultivate an honest, intelligent understanding of the Bible and of Christian faith in 21st century. We will engage with discussion questions designed to challenge, stimulate, and encourage. Join the Facebook group, We Make The Road By Walking, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1639782216294899/>, to participate. A new post will appear each Friday.  
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# 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**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

*One of the wonderful things about Sunday School teachers is that we always need more! There is room for you! Join us this season (February through May).*

### FIVE REASONS YOU SHOULD TEACH:

- 1. THE STUDENTS ARE DELIGHTFUL:** They will enrich your spirit, expand your horizons and grow your faith – you need them in your life!
- 2. THE LESSONS ARE COMPELLING:** They will challenge your thinking, give you new ways of sharing your faith, and deepen your own relationship with Jesus Christ. The lesson plans and materials have been selected and provided for you.
- 3. THE TIME COMMITMENT IS FINITE:** You commit to a specific Sunday or series of Sundays throughout the season. We rotate leadership responsibilities so that every leader has the opportunity to attend worship regularly.
- 4. THE TEAMWORK IS UPLIFTING:** The community of Sunday School leaders will delight and encourage you and help you feel the creative energy of the Spirit. Newcomers are paired with experienced leaders – and we always need two leaders in every class to ensure the students' and teachers' safety.
- 5. YOU PROMISED:** Every time we baptize a child we promise to guide and nurture our children by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ. Volunteering to lead Sunday School is a terrific way to make good on this vital promise.

**Contact: RevVickey@ResurrectionMCC.org**

## JOURNEY INTO FAITHFULNESS



Experience God's faithfulness as you explore more deeply living in union with God at a spiritual retreat where you are provided with the tools necessary to keeping alive your commitment to God, Yourself, and Others.

Join the Excel in Faithfulness Team

**March 11 - 13, 2016**

Christian Renewal Center  
1515 Hughes Rd.  
Dickinson, TX 77539

For more information, email [moandta@msn.com](mailto:moandta@msn.com) or visit our table in the RMCC Gathering Place on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> or Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup>.

# 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



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*Please sample and enjoy our edible offerings at Coffee Talk every Sunday after Worship Services in the Gathering Place.*

# 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.*

## **Celebrating Your Birthday!**

We would like to send you birthday greetings on your special day so please take a moment to complete your profile in ACS so that we are able to celebrate your birthday with you. It is easy to do. Just go to our Web site at [www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org) click on the "My Journey" logo and create or update your profile.

## **General Fund Giving Report**

**For Week and YTD Ended January 31, 2015**

	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Actual</b>
General Offerings	\$70,367.61	\$64,349.78
Fundraising	\$4,513.74	\$0.00
Events/Leases	\$11,876.71	\$13,681.28
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$86,758.06</b>	<b>\$78,031.06</b>
Variance		(\$8,727.00)
	<b>Week Ended</b>	<b>YTD Average</b>
Attendance		
Worship	430	422
Programming	310	165
Total Weekly Attendance	740	588

**Ministry Plan Need** is the weekly amount needed per the budget approved by the congregation to achieve our 2016 ministry plan goals and strategic growth initiatives.

# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

This schedule lists open offerings for which all are invited to participate.  
This is not a comprehensive list of all events on campus.

## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7

9:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Coffee Talk!	Gathering Place
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Coffee Talk!	Gathering Place
12:30 pm	Brunch Buddies	
1:00 pm	The New Jim Crow	Chapel

## MONDAY FEBRUARY 8

6:15 pm	Campus Care Team Meeting	Conference Room
6:30 pm	Toastmasters	Gathering Place

## TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9

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 10

12:30 pm	Lenten Daily Devotional	Virtual
6:30 pm	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary

## THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11

6:30 pm	AA Big Book 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
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## FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED FEBRUARY 12

7:00 pm Friday Night Out- Central

## SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED FEBRUARY 13

9:30 am	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
10:00 am	Resurrection MCC Leadership Training	Music Room

## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14

9:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Coffee Talk!	Gathering Place
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Coffee Talk!	Gathering Place
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# COFFEE TALK

**Every Sunday  
After Both Worship Services  
Gathering Place**

A new opportunity to make friends over conversation and breakfast snacks, begins this Sunday! Following both worship services, you may enjoy coffee, tea, as well as sweet and savory breakfast snacks served in the Gathering Place. We hope you will find this as a great opportunity to meet new friends and reconnect with those you already know. To help with Coffee Talk, please email [CoffeeTalk@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:CoffeeTalk@ResurrectionMCC.org) or simply stop by, have a cup of coffee, and chat.



# BRUNCH BUDDIES TODAY

12:30 pm

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Join us at a nearby restaurant every Sunday. The restaurant name and address will be printed in this location 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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