

# PLAYBILL®

July 24, 2016



# WICKED

THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE WITCHES OF OZ

## 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.

## On Broadway: Journey to Freedom

Act 1:  
*West Side Story*  
July 10

Act 2:  
*The Color Purple*  
July 17

Act 3:  
*Wicked*  
July 24

Act 4:  
*Hairspray*  
July 31

## + Opening Song

### *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise Christ's name! I'm fixed upon it,  
Name of God's redeeming love.

Hitherto Thy love has blest me;  
Thou hast bro't me to this place;  
And I know goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wond'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
God to rescue me from danger,  
Bo't me with unchanging love.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

by Robert Robinson  
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**Our Community Gathers / Nuestro Comunidad Se Reúne**

Rev. Vickey Gibbs

**Announcements / Anuncios**

Mark Eggleston

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

Rev. Vickey Gibbs

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**Gathering Song**

*Consider Yourself*

Consider yourself at home  
Consider yourself a one of the family  
We've taken to you so strong  
It's clear, we're going, to get along  
Consider yourself, well in  
Consider yourself a part of the furniture  
There isn't a lot, to spare  
Who cares?..What, ever we've got, we share!  
If it should chance to be  
We should see  
Some harder days  
Empty larder days  
Why grouse?  
Always-a-chance we'll meet  
Somebody  
To foot the bill  
Then the drinks are on the house!  
Consider yourself our mate  
We don't want to have no fuss,  
For after some consideration, we can state  
Consider yourself  
One of us!

by Lionel Bart

**Liturgical Theater**

Jubilee Theater

A Monologue from *Wicked*  
LaDy Gentry as Elphaba

**Special Music**

Jules Czarnik

*Popular*  
words and music by Stephen Schwartz

*Isaiah 5:7, 13, 20*

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are God's pleasant planting; God expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry! Therefore my people go into exile without knowledge; their nobles are dying of hunger, and their multitude is parched with thirst. Ah, you who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

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

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen**

**Childrens Moment**

Cassandra White

**Anthem / Seleccion Musical**

Sanctuary Choir

*No One Mourns the Wicked*

words and music by Stephen Schwartz

**Sermon / Sermón**

Rev. Troy Treash

*Journey to Freedom - Wicked*

**Moment of Reflection / Momento de Reflexión**

Joel Hammett

Invitation to Give

Rev. Vickey Gibbs

Offertory/ Ofertorio

Sanctuary Choir

*For Good/Defying Gravity*

Prayer of Receiving

Angela Whorton

Communion / Comunción

Rev. Vickey Gibbs  
Angela Whorton  
Rev. Troy Treash

Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunción

*Nada Te Turbe*

Words and Music by Unknown

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

by Paul Baloche

*I Can Only Imagine*

by Bart Millard

## 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 ...

## Comunción

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 "comunción", 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.

+ **Closing Song / Canto de Salida**

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be.  
With God as Creator  
United all are we.  
Let us walk with each other  
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow.  
To take each moment  
And live each moment  
With peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth,  
And let it begin with me.

by Jill Jackson and Sy Miller  
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+ **Benediction / Bendición**

Rev. Troy Treash

+ **Postlude / Postludio**

Reprise - *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

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

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.

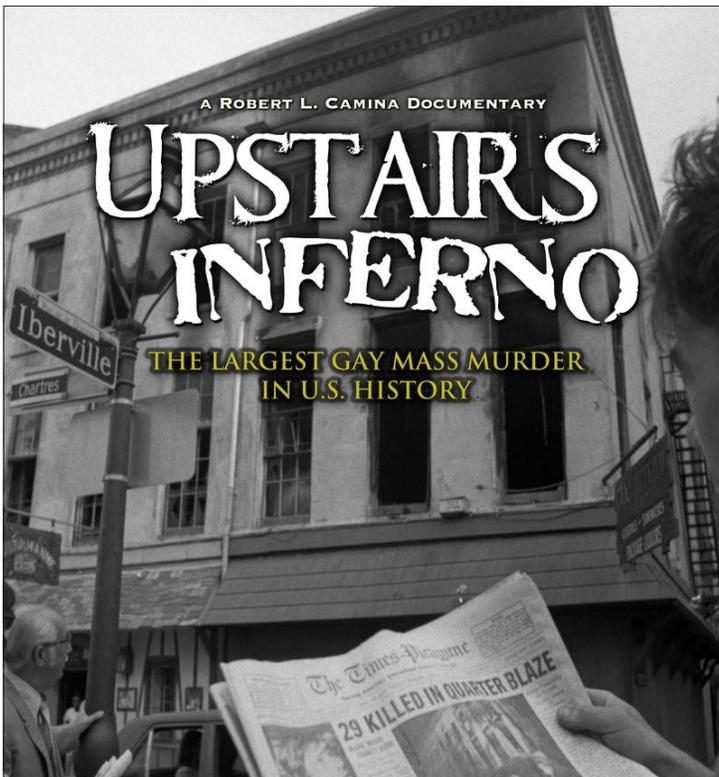
### Justice

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.

A ROBERT L. CAMINA DOCUMENTARY

# UPSTAIRS INFERNO

THE LARGEST GAY MASS MURDER IN U.S. HISTORY



**Free QFest Screening**  
**TODAY**  
 1 PM • SANCTUARY

## THE GIFTS OF Imperfection



Wednesday  
**JULY 20, 27**  
 7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering Place

In the book *The Gifts of Imperfection* by Brené Brown, a leading expert on shame, authenticity, and belonging, shares ten guideposts on the power of Wholehearted living—a way of engaging with the world from a place of worthiness.

RevVickey@ResurrectionMCC.org



Grieving Well

## IN THE MEANTIME: Thoughts on Grieving Well

Saturday  
**JULY 20**  
 10 - 2 pm • Gathering Place

I heard someone say once, "To be human is to grieve." I couldn't agree more. Finding hope during times of grief.

RevVickey@ResurrectionMCC.org

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

Please bring your donations

**SUNDAYS  
 JULY 31 &  
 AUGUST 7**



**Items Most in Need:**  
 2" Binders  
 Flashdrives  
 Loose Leaf Paper  
 Pencils  
 Pens (black or blue)  
 Highlighters  
 Pencil Pouches  
 Spiral Notebooks

Olle Middle School in Alief ISD Students, staff, parents, and administrators work together to ensure that all students feel valued and have the opportunity to succeed.

Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org

# BROADWAY MUSICAL REVUE

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6**

Doors Open at 6:30 pm • Show at 7:00 pm

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 7**

Doors Open at 2:30 pm • Show at 3:00 pm

Resurrection MCC Activities Building

In its fifth year, Broadway Revue showcases some of Resurrection MCC's finest vocalists, dancers, and musicians performing some of the best-loved songs of Broadway.

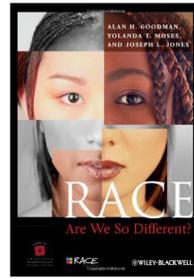
**\$20 Advance Tickets • \$30 at the Door**

Price includes all food and beverages, including non-alcoholic options, wine, beer, and cocktails; and of course, the show.

Child care provided for infants through age three. RSVP to [Nursery@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Nursery@ResurrectionMCC.org)

[www.ResurrectionMCC.org/broadway-revue](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org/broadway-revue)

 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)



## RACE: Are We So Different?

Sundays

**AUGUST 7, 14, 21, 28**

1 - 2:30 pm • Chapel

Today, it seems that our country, and our world, is more divided than ever. There are messages all around convincing us to believe the divisive arguments of "us versus them". However when we look at Scripture we see that God is a God of unity, compassion, and inclusion. We must ask ourselves, what our role is in ensuring that our communities are inclusive and equal. Are there racial divisions around me and what is my response? This is a unique series, which enables the facilitation of these hard discussions in the context of faith as well as provides guidance on how to connect with and change communities. Take this moment to transform yourself, transform your community and be the change you want to see in the world.

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## IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

SATURDAY  
**AUGUST 6**  
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)



## HIV / STD Testing

by FLAS

(Fundación Latinoamericana de Accion Social)

Sunday

**AUGUST 7**

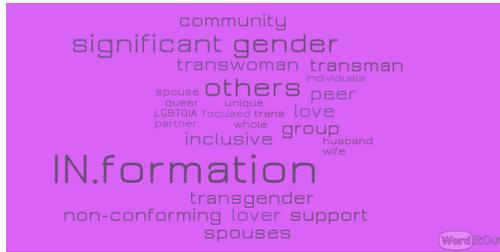
10 am - 1 pm • Gathering Place

*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)

# IN.formation



Sunday  
**AUGUST 31**

7 - 8:30 pm • Activities Building

IN.formation is a peer support group focused on creating a gender inclusive community for transgender and gender non-conforming individuals, spouses and significant others.

Kick off date – July 11  
Regular Meetings – 2nd and 4th Mondays  
Meeting time – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
E-mail Address: [IN.formation@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:IN.formation@ResurrectionMCC.org)  
Facilitators – A O Ferguson, Jake Maxwell, Jessica Truscott, Carlotta Maxwell

## Water to Wine Club Leaders Needed

We are looking for LEADERS (5 individuals/couples) to lead Water to Wine Clubs in Pearland, Spring/Cypress, Katy, Galena Park/Deer Park and The Heights.

Starting a wine club is the perfect excuse to set aside time every month to spend with old and new friends. Not only can we enjoy interesting conversation and great company, we can all learn about many different kinds of wine.

The Leader is responsible for, starting the wine club in your area. You will create a schedule for the wine tastings and will rotate hosts for the different parties. The leader should host the first meeting and will be responsible for sending out reminders. The Leader will work with the Leaders of the other Water to Wine Clubs to schedule all group outing/tasting annually.

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## 12-STEP SUPPORT GROUPS



*Rainbow of Hope*

### Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesdays, 7 - 8 pm | Chapel

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



### Overeaters Anonymous

Wednesdays, 7 - 8 pm &

Saturdays, 9:30 - 10:30 am | Chapel

A program of recovery from compulsive eating that is not just about weight loss, weight gain maintenance, obesity, or diets. This support group also addresses physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.  
[OA@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:OA@ResurrectionMCC.org)

## SE BUSCA: PARTICIPANTES PARA MES DE HERENCIA LATIN@

Sept 18 y 25 Oct. 2 y 9, 2016

Buscamos representar a más países Latin@s posible.

Si sienten el llamado para leer, cantar, tocar instrumentos, organizar, decorar, cocinar, anfitrión, participar o orar para estos servicios favor de comunicarse con nosotros en el correo electrónico adjunto. Su ayuda en cualquier tamaño es agradecida.

## WANTED: PARTICIPANTS FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

September 18, 25, October 2, 9

We are looking to represent as many countries as possible.

If you feel called to read, sing, play musical instrument, organize, decorate, cook, host, participate or pray please communicate at the email attached. Your help in any amount is appreciated.

[MHL2016@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:MHL2016@ResurrectionMCC.org)

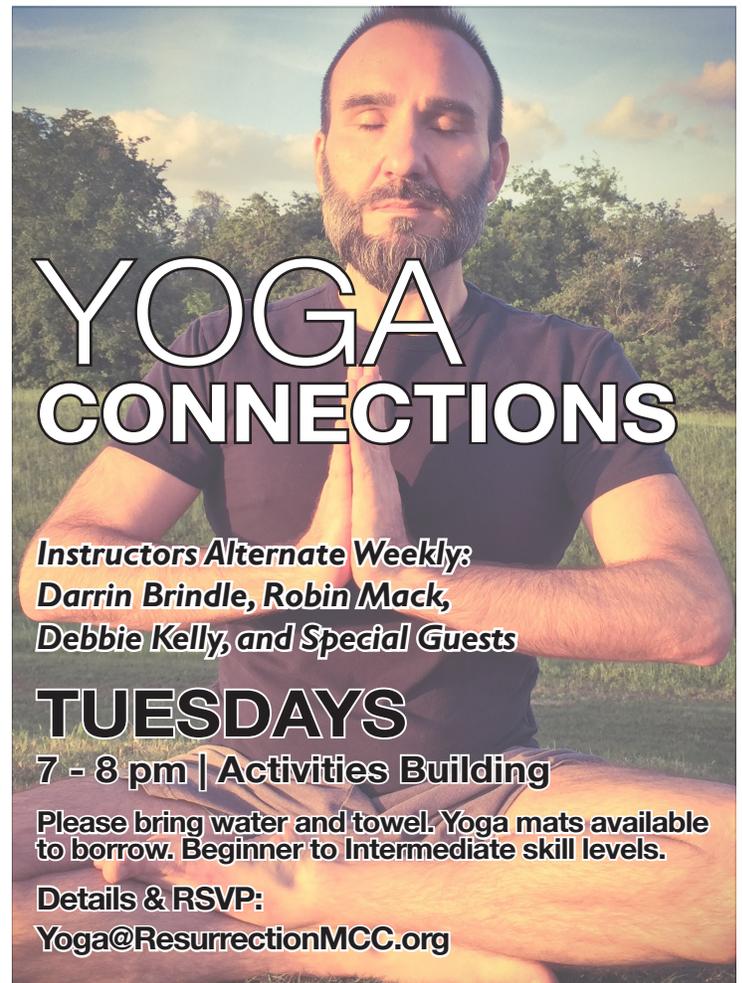
**¡DOMINGOS!**  
**SERVICIO RELIGIOSO**  
**SE INTERPRETA**  
**EN ESPAÑOL**  
**A LAS 11 AM.**

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.



**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**

**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.

<b>General Fund Giving Report</b>		<b>For Week and YTD Ended July 10, 2016</b>	
	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Actual</b>	
General Offerings	\$435,825.19	\$421,374.46	
Fundraising	\$27,956.03	\$14,551.74	
Events/Leases	\$73,559.26	\$93,284.89	
<b>Total Income</b>	\$537,340.48	\$529,211.09	
Variance		(\$8,129.39)	
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Week Ended</b>	<b>YTD Average</b>	
Worship	399	399	
Programming	320	351	
Total Weekly Attendance	719	750	

**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 JULY 24

<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Coffee Talk!	Gathering Place
10:30 am	Fishers Net	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Coffee Talk!	Gathering Place
12:30 pm	Brunch Buddies	
12:15 pm	Coffee Talk!	Gathering Place
1:00 pm	Devotion in Motion	Sanctuary

## MONDAY JULY 25

6:30 pm	Toastmasters	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	The Mankind Project Support Group	Chapel
7:00 pm	Transformative Ministry Support Group	Activities Building

## TUESDAY JULY 26

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 JULY 27

6:30 pm	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
7:00 pm	The Gifts of Imperfection	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Devotion in Motion	Sanctuary

## THURSDAY JULY 28

No Events Scheduled

## FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED JULY 29

No Events Scheduled

## SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED JULY 30

9:30 am	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
10:00 am	In the Meantime	Gathering Place
10:00 am	Devotion in Motion	Sanctuary

## SUNDAY JULY 31

<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Coffee Talk!	Gathering Place
10:30 am	Fishers Net	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Coffee Talk!	Gathering Place
12:30 pm	Brunch Buddies	
12:30 pm	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon	Gathering Place
1:00 pm	Devotion in Motion	Sanctuary
2:00 pm	Wicked	



# 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.



**NEXT WEEK: JAX GRILL**

# BRUNCH BUDDIES

**TODAY • 12:30 PM**

**Taquerias Arandas #3**

920 N. Shepherd

[taqueriarandas.com](http://taqueriarandas.com) • (713) 426-0804

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!

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