Resurrection
Metropolitan Community Church

January 15, 2017

Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Communidad Se Reúne	Rev. Troy Treash
Announcements / Anuncios	Angela Whorton
Rite of Baptism (9 am)	Rev. Vickey Gibbs Rev. Troy Treash
Rite of Membership (11 am)	Angela Whorton Rev. Vickey Gibbs Rev. Troy Treash
+ **Exchange of Peace / Saludo de la Paz**	Rev. Troy Treash

+ **Worship Set / Conjunto de Adoración**

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.

(Repeat 2x)

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I Know Who I Am

I know who I am, I know who I am, I know who I am, I am Yours, I am Yours.
I know who I am, I know who I am, I know who I am, I am Yours, I am Yours.
And You are mine, Jesus, You are mine. You are mine, Jesus, you are mine.

I was running and You found me. I was blinded and You gave me sight.
You put a song of praise in me. Oh, oh, oh, oh!

I was broken and You healed me. I was dying and You gave me life.
Lord, You are my identity I know, I know, I know, I know!

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

Underdogs and Outsiders Series

The Bible is full of surprises. At every turn, from the beginning of the Old Testament right through the end of the New, we find God working in unexpected, even strange ways to bring about God's purposes. As if to remind us of this, the Gospel of Matthew presents a genealogy of Jesus before telling the story of his birth, including subtle references to the times God worked through unlikely people. Unlikely people like you and I.

In our sermon series, *Underdogs and Outsiders*, we remember this strange history of God working in our world through five unlikely women who are named in the family tree of Jesus: Tamar, a forgotten daughter-in-law and widow; Rahab, a prostitute; Ruth, a foreigner; Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, an adulteress; and of course Mary, a young virgin. We will explore the stories of each of these five women, showing how they all played a pivotal role in God's purposes yesterday and today. Join us as we uncover new dimensions of the story of God's people and how that story comes into focus in the hope for the Messiah. Join in as we look for and find God in unexpected places.

I know who I am, I know who I am, I know who I am, I am Yours, I am Yours.
I know who I am, I know who I am, I know who I am, I am Yours, I am Yours.
And You are mine, Jesus, You are mine. You are mine, Jesus, you are mine.

I was running and You found me. I was blinded and You gave me sight.
You put a song of praise in me. Oh, oh, oh, oh!

I was broken and You healed me. I was dying and You gave me life.
Lord, You are my identity, I know, I know, I know, I know!

(solo)

I know who I am, I know who I am, I know who I am, I am Yours, I am Yours.
I know who I am, I know who I am, I know who I am, I am Yours, I am Yours.
And You are mine, Jesus, You are mine. You are mine, Jesus, you are mine.

You are mine, Jesus, You are mine. You are mine, Jesus, you are mine!

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Draw the Circle Wide

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone; we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

(Repeat)

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: No one stands alone.
Standing side by side,
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone; we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

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Contemporary Word / Lectura Contemporanea Andrew Zahorsky

Underdogs and Outsiders
by Tom Fuerst

I knew one thing clearly: If nothing else Ruth concerns itself with unlawful, unorthodox, and unexpected love. Whether addressing the love between an Israelite woman (Naomi) and her Moabite daughter-in-law (Ruth), or the love between the Israelite Boaz and the foreigner Ruth, this book shows a host of self-sacrificing, self-giving, relationships of intentional affection that lie outside the cultural norms of its day....Ruth challenges all the "us versus them" categories that make people feel secure in their identity.

One: In these human words God's voice is heard.
All: Amen.

Children's Blessing / Niños Bendición

Anthem / Selección Musical — Gospel Ensemble

What Does the Lord Require of You?
by Mark Miller

+ **Scripture Lesson / Lectura Bíblica** — Dee Garrett

Ruth 4:11-17

Then the elders and all the people at the gate said, "We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the family of Israel. May you have standing in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem. Through the offspring the Lord gives you by this young woman, may your family be like that of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah."

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. The women said to Naomi: "Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth."Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him. 17 The women living there said, "Naomi has a son!" And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon / Sermón — Rev. Vickey Gibbs

Underdogs and Outsiders: Ruth

Moment of Reflection / Momento de Reflexión — Mark C. Brown

We Offer Ourselves / Nos Ofrecemos — Lisa Fitzgerald, Brenda Flewellen

Invitation to Give / Invitación Para Dar — Angela Whorton

Offertory / Ofrenda — Gospel Ensemble

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.

Prayer of Receiving / Oración de Recepcíon Angela Whorton

Communion / Comunión Rev. Troy Treash

Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunión

Break Now the Bread of Life
by Mary Artemisia Lathbury, Gerald Peterson, and William Fiske Sherwin

I Love to Tell the Story
by William Gustavus Fischer and Arabella Catherine Hankey

Open My Eyes That I May See
by Bob Burroughs and Clara H. Fiske Scott

Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias Rev. Troy Treash

+ **Closing Song / Canto de Salida**

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hand hath made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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

+ **Postlude / Postludio**

Underdog!

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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 - 19 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.

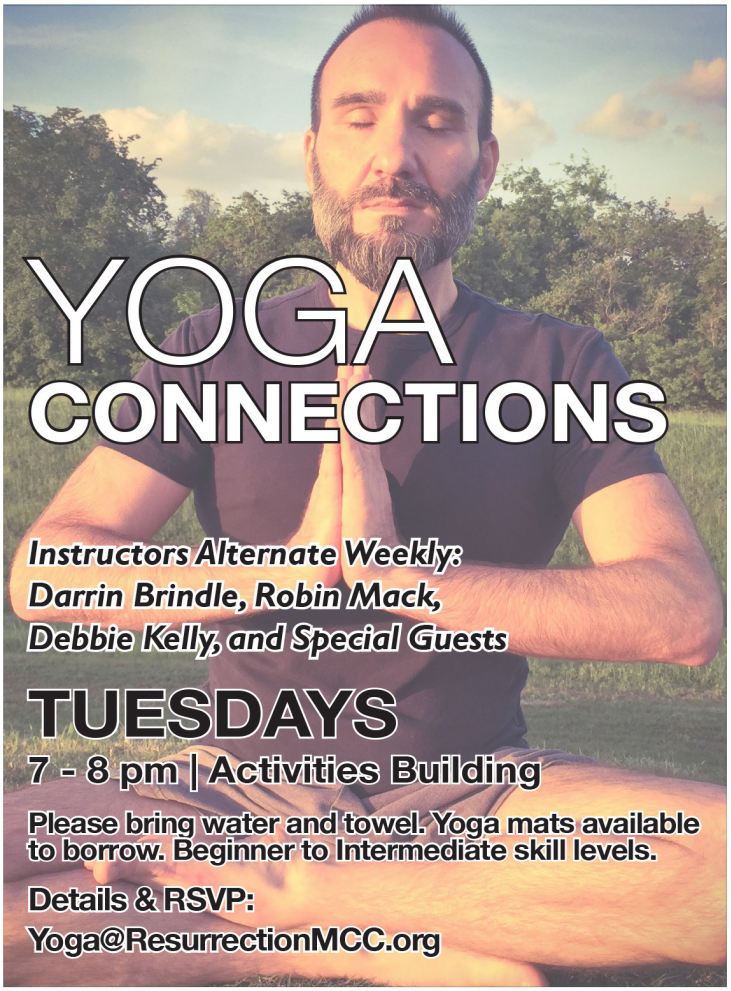
Justice

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.

COFFEE TALK

Every Sunday
After Worship
Gathering Place

Coffee Talk is an opportunity to make friends over conversation and breakfast snacks every Sunday! We hope you will find this as a great way to meet new friends and reconnect with those you already know. Due to a change in our arrangement with a catering group, we are in need of finger foods each Sunday. Please consider bringing and sharing your favorite sweet or savory dish at Coffee Talk. Contact Shiv@ResurrectionMCC.org with questions or offerings.



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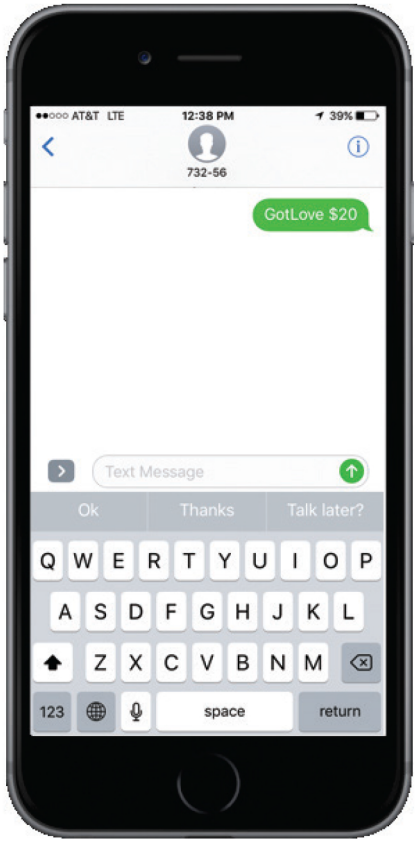

RMCC Positive: HIV / AIDS SUPPORT GROUP

THURSDAYS

7 pm • Gathering Place

Few can question the value of support groups in helping you transition from being a person with HIV to a person truly living with HIV. We will provide a safe, non-judgmental environment where people can communicate freely and find the emotional support and education you need to better normalize HIV in your life.

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DBSA
Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance
Greater Houston
www.dbsahouston.org

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance Houston

EVERY THURSDAY
JANUARY 19
7 - 8:30 pm • Workroom

Free and confidential support group for individuals living with, or family and friends affected by, depression and bipolar disorders. We help individuals, family members, and friends understand these two difficult, yet treatable, mental disorders. In addition, DBSA works to educate the public about depression and bipolar disorders, confront social stigma, and advocate for the rights of people living with mental disorders.

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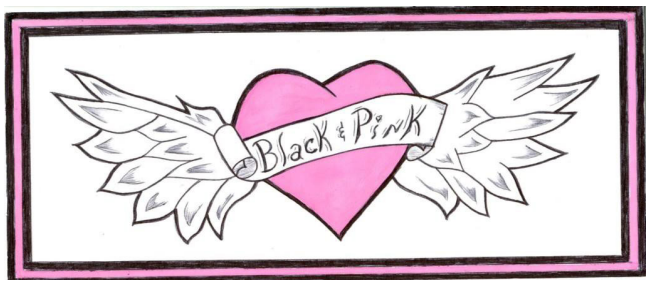

Prison Pen Pal Introductory Meeting

TODAY
1 - 2:30 pm • Gathering Place

Join Free World allies who write and support LGBTQ prisoners. We will work toward the abolition of the prison industrial complex rooted in the experience of currently and formerly incarcerated people. We are outraged by the specific violence of the prison industrial complex against LGBTQ people, and respond through advocacy, education, direct service, and organizing.

Justice@resurrectionMCC.org

THURSDAYS
7 - 8:30 pm • Chapel

Join our Young Adult Actively Serving Saints (YAASS) weekly as they explore Covenant, a fresh look at a timeless promise. The Biblical concept of covenant speaks to an enduring commitment between God and God's fruitful people. It's a promise -- to live in a loving relationship with and for each other. Our purpose is to engage participants in conversations about this unique and special relationship -- as well as our relationships with each other and the world around us -- as we study the Bible.

YoungAdults@ResurrectionMCC.org

Water 2 Wine Club
PEARLAND

SATURDAY
JANUARY 28
5:30 - 9 pm
13418 Moonlit Lake Lane
Pearland, TX 77584

Join us for drinks and hors d' oeuvres as we meet, greet, and plan for the future.

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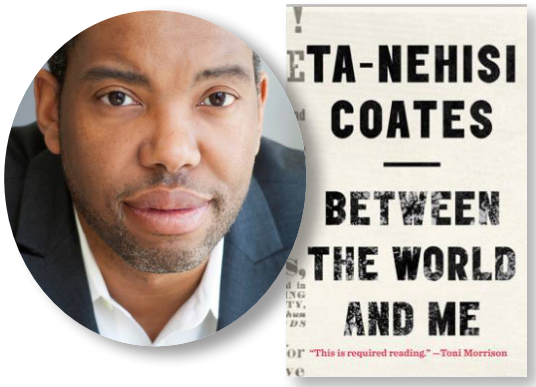
or email RevVickey@ResurrectionMCC.org



An Exploration of

***Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates**

WEDNESDAYS

JANUARY 18, 25

7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering Place

This profound work offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. Americans have built an empire on the idea of "race," a falsehood that damages us all but falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men -- bodies exploited through slavery and segregation, and, today, threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion.

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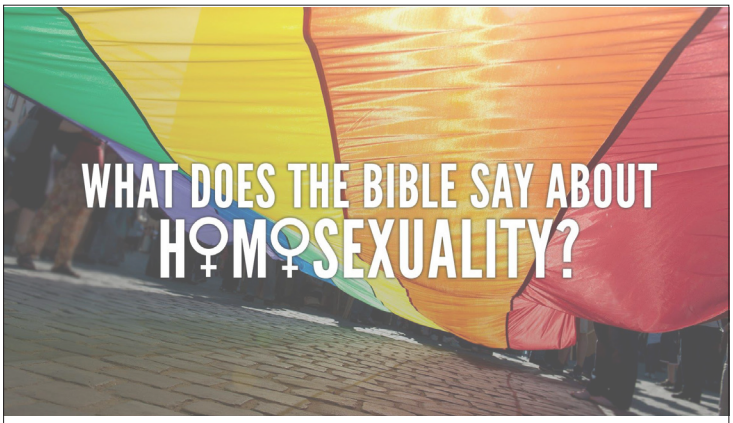

SUNDAYS

JANUARY 15, 22, 29

1 - 2:30 pm • Chapel

Using the studies of Yale historian John Boswell ("Same-Sex Unions in Pre-Modern Europe"), New Testament seminary professor L. William Countryman, and others, we will examine the story of Sodom (where the sin was inhospitality), Jude's decrying sex with angels, and five texts (Leviticus 18:22, Leviticus 20:13, Romans 1:27, I Corinthians 6:9, and I Timothy 1:10).

For pre-reading schedule, please email RevVickey@ResurrectionMCC.org

THIRD SATURDAYS

JANUARY 21

9 am - 1 pm • Gathering Place

During All Church Work Days, we get together to love on, clean up, organize, and maintain our church. 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

Planning Team Meeting

FOURTH SUNDAYS

JANUARY 22

1 - 3 pm • Gathering Place

"What does God require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?"
--Micah 6:8

Our Justice Ministry educates and engages its members in shaping public policy in keeping with what we believe to be the essence of Jesus' prophetic ministry of God's vision of a just and loving world. Topics will vary each month.

Justice@ResurrectionMCC.org

YAASS Planning a Successful Life: Finances

FOURTH SATURDAYS

JANUARY 28

11 am - 1 pm • Gathering Place

As young adults, it is often difficult to begin life with a good financial strategy or plan. Join us monthly as we learn how to plan, save, and be financially savvy and successful. Effectively creating the coins for retirement is a must! Different agencies and individuals will speak on issues like budgeting, planning to buy your first home, repairing your credit, getting credit, and other topics.

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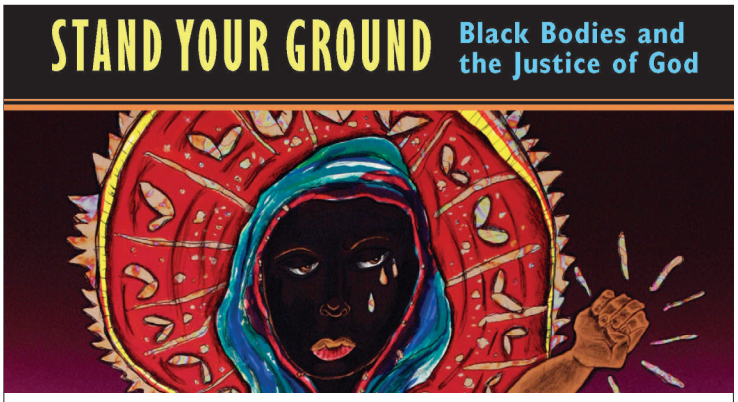

WEDNESDAYS

FEBRUARY 1, 8, 15, 22

7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering Place

For 4 weeks, we will engage the book, *Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God*, by Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas. On the Sunday morning following the Trayvon Martin verdict, African-American preachers around the country addressed the questions, "Where is the justice of God?" and "What are we to hope for?" This study is an attempt to seriously consider the social and theological questions for Christians raised by this and similar stories.

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SUNDAY

JANUARY 29

1 - 2:30 pm • Gathering Place

Join us as we view the Netflix documentary *13th*, Ava Duvernay's film that investigates the roots of America's mass incarceration problem.

Justice@ResurrectionMCC.org

CONCERT

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 2

7 - 9 pm • Gathering Place

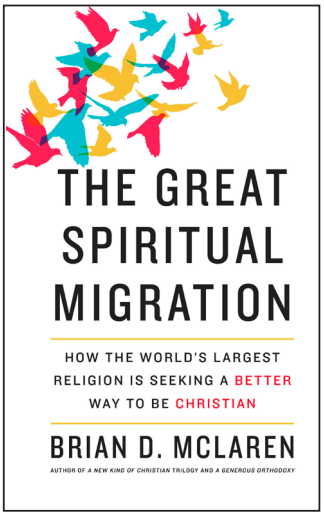
Jason and deMarco are no strangers to Resurrection MCC. Since leaving Houston, they have been living on a ranch in Franklin, TN with their family. These dynamic singers will astound you. They have traveled around the world with their music and even had a reality show. You will not want to miss this ecumenical musical experience. This is a free event and a love offering will be collected. For nursery care (infant to 3 years), RSVP to Nursery@ResurrectionMCC.org

MarkB@ResurrectionMCC.org

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 4
6 - 10 pm • Activities Building

You are invited to celebrate the eve of Super Bowl Sunday with Souper Bowl Bingo! Wear your favorite team's colors, donate cans of food, play bingo, win prizes, and help Pride Charities stock the shelves of the Food Pantry! A concession stand with food and drinks will be available. Doors open at 6 pm. Bingo begins at 6:30 pm.

Info@Pride-Charities.org



10 SUNDAYS
BEGINNING FEBRUARY 5
1 - 2:30 pm • Chapel

For 10 weeks, we will explore "The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion is Seeking a Better Way to Be Christian" by Brian McLaren. The Christian story, from Genesis until now, is fundamentally about people on the move -- outgrowing old, broken religious systems and embracing new, more redemptive ways of life. It's time to move again.

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SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 18
11 am - 1:30 pm • Activities Building

Our 2017 Gospel Brunch features entertainment by Resurrection MCC's Gospel Ensemble and friends. Brunch will be served prior to the entertainment. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased through Resurrection MCC's Inspirations Bookstore, online, or from any Gospel Ensemble member. We hope you will join us as we celebrate Black History Month. Email Nursery@ResurrectionMCC.org to request child care for infants to 3 years of age. Tickets available online at www.ResurrectionMCC.org/gospel-brunch

Cassandra@ResurrectionMCC.org

TRAPPED:
What Remains of a Woman's Right to Choose?
DOCUMENTARY

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 12
1 - 3 pm • Gathering Place

Since 2010, 288 laws regulating abortion providers have been passed by state legislatures. In total, 44 states and the District of Columbia have measures subjecting abortion providers to legal restrictions not imposed on other medical professionals. Unable to comply with these far-reaching and medically unnecessary laws, clinics have taken their fight to the courts.

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CHRISTIAN MYSTICS: 365 READINGS & MEDITATIONS

Spiritual maverick Matthew Fox believes that through the ages religious patriarchal hierarchy and rigidity have obscured Christianity's most beneficial and essential teachings: those that arise out of personal, mystical experiences of the Divine. A true religious renewal, according to Fox, can arise only through the mystical dimension of faith. In "Christian Mystics," he offers a wide-ranging collection of quotations from Christianity's greatest mystics and prophets of the past two thousand years. Fox explores and celebrates the mystical path with insightful commentary on the thoughts and revelations of some of history's greatest religious visionaries. Beginning on January 1, receive a daily devotional by joining our Facebook group: www.ResurrectionMCC.org/mystics

NEXT WEEK: TY SEAFOOD KITCHEN

BRUNCH BUDDIES

TODAY • 12:30 PM

Demeris BBQ

1702 West Loop North, Houston 77008
www.demeris.com • 713-681-7204

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

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

Support Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Monday
from 7:00 to 8:30 pm
7:00 pm to 7:45 pm Transgender/GNC Support
7:00 pm to 7:45 pm Spouses and Partners Support
7:45 pm to 8:30 pm Both groups meet together

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 click on the "My Journey" logo and create or update your profile.

General Fund Giving Report — For YTD Ended January 8, 2017

	Anticipated	Actual
General Offerings	$19,732.23	$22,354.81
Fundraising	$2,551.75	$1,000.00
Events/Leases	$3,731.81	$4,995.00
Total Income	$26,015.79	$28,349.81
Variance		$2,334.02
Attendance	**Week Ended**	**YTD Average**
Worship	373	333.5
Programming	209	204
Total Weekly Attendance	582	537.5

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		JANUARY 15
9:00 am	**Worship Service**	**Sanctuary**
10:15 am	Coffee Talk	Gathering Place
10:45 am	Generation Faith Teens	Activities Building
11:00 am	**Worship Service**	**Sanctuary**
12:15 pm	Coffee Talk	Gathering Place
12:30 pm	Brunch Buddies	Welcome Area
1:00 pm	Bible & Homosexuality	Chapel
1:00 pm	Prison Pen Pal Intro Meeting	Gathering Place
1:30 pm	Devotion in Motion	Sanctuary

MONDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	JANUARY 16
6:30 pm	Toastmasters	Gathering Place

TUESDAY		JANUARY 17
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		JANUARY 18
6:30 pm	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
7:00 pm	"Between the World and Me"	Gathering Place

THURSDAY		JANUARY 19
7:00 pm	HIV / AIDS Support Group	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	YAASS Covenant Bible Study	Chapel

FRIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	JANUARY 20
	No Events Scheduled	

SATURDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	JANUARY 21
9:00 am	All Church Work Day	Welcome Center
9:30 am	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
1:00 pm	Joy of Djembe Drumming	Activities Building

SUNDAY		JANUARY 22
9:00 am	**Worship Service**	**Sanctuary**
10:15 am	Coffee Talk	Gathering Place
10:45 am	Generation Faith Teens	Activities Building
11:00 am	**Worship Service**	**Sanctuary**
12:15 pm	Coffee Talk	Gathering Place
12:30 pm	Brunch Buddies	Welcome Area
1:00 pm	Bible & Homosexuality	Chapel
1:00 pm	Justice Ministry Meeting	Gathering Place
1:30 pm	Devotion in Motion	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Mankind Project Support Group	Chapel

PRIDE CHARITIES, INC.

2016 Update

As we close the books on 2016 and look forward to God's plans for 2017, Pride Charities wants to thank the members and friends of Resurrection MCC for their generosity and faithfulness to this most important ministry.

Pride Charities distributed a record number of 1,278 bags of groceries in 2016. We increased our days serving from 4 to 5 days a month, with each of these days filled with helping Houston's needy with food and clothing. We will continue to serve as many families as we can in the new year.

We also provided a record number of Christmas bags to those in need this season. Although the final count is not in, we have delivered 166 of the 185 bags created as of January 1. We hope to get the rest of the bags to our clients during the month of January. This annual event would not be possible without the generous donations of our members and friends.

Pride Charities would like to continue to ask for your generous support in 2017. For those of you who like to shop, we are changing our request pattern in 2017 by month instead of week. The month of January, we would like to ask you for boxes of cereal and oatmeal. The month of February will be devoted to small cans of tuna and chicken. Look for future month requests in the Worship bulletin. If you would prefer to make a cash donation, please go to www.pride-charities.org and donate on the website.

Finally, we are always looking for volunteers. If you have 3-4 hours each month or each quarter and want to help us in the pantry, please contact us at info@pride-charities.org. We would love to have your help!