



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

February 5, 2017

+ Opening Song / Canción de Apertura

*Mighty God*

You're a mighty God, powerful and holy God.  
You're a mighty God, powerful and holy God, yea!  
You're a mighty God, powerful and holy God.  
You're a mighty God, mighty, mighty, God.

You're a mighty God, powerful and holy God.  
You're a mighty God, powerful and holy God, yea!  
You're a mighty God, powerful and holy God.  
You're a mighty God, mighty, mighty, God.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood  
But against principalities in the heavenlies.  
And We will stand and hold our ground  
For we have all authority, power in Jesus name.  
Don't you worry 'bout a thing.

You're a mighty God, powerful and holy God.  
You're a mighty God, powerful and holy God, yea!  
You're a mighty God, powerful and holy God.  
You're a mighty God, mighty, mighty, God.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood  
But against principalities in the heavenlies.  
And We will stand and hold our ground  
For we have all authority, power in Jesus name.  
Don't you worry 'bout a thing.

Powerful mighty and holy, majesty Your name is worthy  
Holy One the Lamb of Glory, mighty God, You're a mighty God.  
(Repeat 4X's)

Powerful, Majesty, Holy One, Mighty God, You're a mighty God.  
(Repeat 2x's)

Powerful, Majesty, Holy One, Mighty God,  
Don't you worthy 'bout a thing!

by Martha Munizzi  
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**Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne**

Rev. Troy Treash

+ Announcements / Anuncios

Angela Whorton

+ Exchange of Peace / Saludo de la Paz

Rev. Troy Treash

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

## Stand Together

Over the next four Sundays, Rev. Troy and Rev. Vickey will **Stand Together** to help us begin the hard work of justice, creating within ourselves the beginnings of the Kingdom of God. This Black History month, we will explore the impact of believing that a nation, a race, a faith is exceptional, chosen, blessed to be a blessing. The Pilgrims wove Anglo-Saxon (whiteness) exceptionalism into the early fabric of US political culture and identity.

Builders of a new nation of Christian character immediately preached that the master-slave relationship was divinely ordained; that black persons as inherently criminal and violent. Whether we like it or not, we have been trained to be biased towards "white/light" as good and "black/dark" as evil. As a people of faith, we must faithfully address the truth of our country's original sin, and how it is yet manifested in our country, city, congregation and our personal lives.

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Slavery is often called America's original sin, but Kelly Brown Douglas names it exceptionalism. The death of Trayvon Martin spurred Douglas to author, *Stand Your Ground*. Join us to explore how exceptionalism continues to ensure violence from slavery through lynching and segregation to today's stand-your-ground culture. Jesus calls us into kingdom, not exceptionalism. Will we hear the call?

**February 5**  
The Body of God

**February 12**  
The Freedom of God

**February 19**  
The Justice of God

**February 26**  
The Time of God

## Gathering Song / Canción de Reunión

### *Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble*

Do you feel the hatred tremble, When all who love join in one song  
And all the streams flow as one river, To wash away our brokenness

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

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

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Songs that bring Your hope and, Songs that bring Your joy

Dancers who dance upon injustice, Dancers who dance upon injustice  
Dancers who dance upon injustice

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## Contemporary Word / Lectura Contemporanea

Elisa Vega-Burns

### *Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God*

by Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas

"If Trayvon was of age and armed, could he have stood his ground on that sidewalk?" is the question that President Barack Obama asked during a July 19, 2013, press conference in which he tried to help the nation understand the black community's response to Trayvon Martin's killer being found not guilty. For black people it was a rhetorical question. They had asked and answered it well before President Obama posed it. It was a topic of conversation within black households, barbershops, beauty parlors, and churches not long after the circumstances of Trayvon's murder came to light. While black women and men may not have known the details of the Stand Your Ground law that provided the rhetorical backdrop for Trayvon's slaying, within their historical consciousness they understood the reason for it. The black community instinctively knew this law was concerned with defending and protecting property—and not just any property. It was meant to safeguard America's most cherished property—the property at the very heart of American identity and America's sense of self. This law concerns the property that keeps America "exceptional."

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

## Children's Blessing / Bendición de los Niños (11 am)

Cassandra White

## Special Music / Música Especial

Ruthie Irvin

### *I'm Letting Go*

by Francesca Battistelli, Ian Eskelin and Tony Wood

**1 Peter 2:1-10**

Stop being hateful! Quit trying to fool people, and start being sincere. Don't be jealous or say cruel things about others. Be like newborn babies who are thirsty for the pure spiritual milk that will help you grow and be saved. You have already found out how good God really is.

Come to Jesus Christ. He is the living stone that people have rejected, but which God has chosen and highly honored. And now you are living stones that are being used to build a spiritual house. You are also a group of royal priests, and with the help of Jesus Christ you will offer sacrifices that please God. It is just as God says in the Scriptures,

“Look! I am placing in Zion, a choice and precious cornerstone. No one who has faith in that one will be disappointed.”

You are followers of the Christ, and that stone is precious to you. But it isn't precious to those who refuse to follow him. They are the builders who tossed aside the corner stone that turned out to be the most important one of all. They disobeyed the message and stumbled and fell over that stone, because they were doomed.

But you are God's chosen and special people. You are a group of royal priests and a holy nation. God has brought you out of darkness into the marvelous light. Now you must tell all the wonderful things that God has done. The Scriptures say,

“Once you were nobody. Now you are God's people. At one time no one had pity on you. Now God has treated you with kindness.

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

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

**Anthem / Selección Musical**

Gospel Ensemble

***She/He Lives in You***

by Sir Elton John

**Sermon / Sermón**

Rev. Vickey Gibbs

Rev. Troy Treash

***Standing Together: The Body of God***

**Moment of Reflection / Momento de Reflexión**

Mark C. Brown

**Statement of Faith / Declaración de fe**

Jacqui Jones

**Invitation to Give**

Van English

## 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 / Ofrenda

Gospel Ensemble

## Prayer of Receiving / Oración de Recepción

Van English

## Communion / Comunión

Rev. Denise Junious

## Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunión

### *We Are One in the Spirit*

by Gordon Schultz

### *Yes God is Real*

Words and Music by Kenneth Morris

## Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias

Rev. Denise Junious

## + Closing Song / Canto de Salida

### *Oh Give Thanks*

(Repeat 2x)

Oh give thanks unto the Lord, For God is good, yes God is good.

Oh give thanks unto the Lord, For God is good, yes God is good.

For God is worthy, worthy, For God is good, yes God is good,

For God is worthy, worthy, For God is good, yes God is good.

For God is good, yes God is good. For God is good, yes God is good.

Words and Music by Judith Christie-McCallister

## + Benediction / Bendición

Rev. Vicky Gibbs

Rev. Troy Treash

## + Postlude / Postludio

Joel Hammett

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**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 - 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.



# THE GREAT SPIRITUAL MIGRATION

HOW THE WORLD'S LARGEST RELIGION IS SEEKING A BETTER WAY TO BE CHRISTIAN

**BRIAN D. MCLAREN**  
AUTHOR OF A NEW KIND OF CHRISTIAN TRILOGY AND A GENEROUS ORTHODOXY

# TODAY

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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# STAND YOUR GROUND

Black Bodies and the Justice of God



WEDNESDAYS

# FEBRUARY 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. For pre-reading material, please email [RevVickey@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevVickey@ResurrectionMCC.org)

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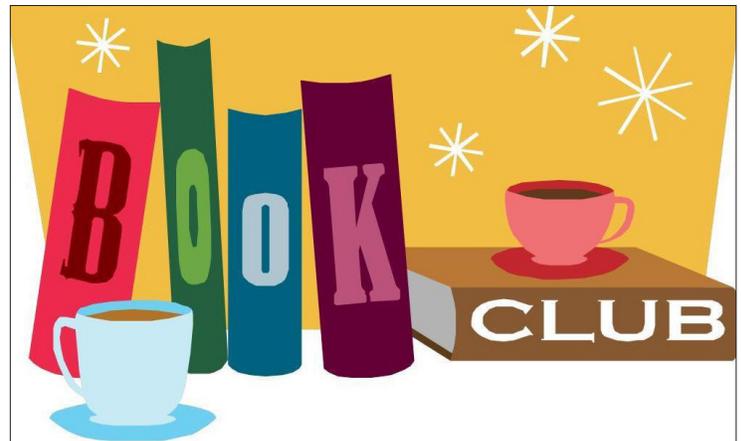
# HIV / STD TESTING

# TODAY

10 am - 1 pm • Gathering Place

Free testing for HIV, Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, and Syphilis (results in 2 weeks), as well as Hepatitis C (results in 15 minutes). 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.offeringhope.org](http://www.offeringhope.org)



SECOND THURSDAYS

# FEBRUARY 9

***Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly**

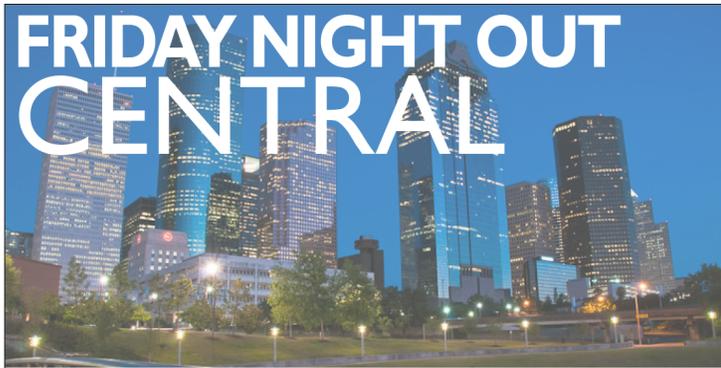
6:30 - 8 pm • Conference Room

Book clubs have become a popular way for readers to discuss books in an informal setting. Join us as we dive in and discuss a different book each month.

March 9 - *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi  
April 13 - *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman  
Books available in Inspirations bookstore.

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# FRIDAY NIGHT OUT CENTRAL



FRIDAY • 7 - 9 pm

## FEBRUARY 10

### Theo's Restaurant

812 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77006  
(713) 523 - 0425

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!

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



## CAMPUS CARE TEAM MEETING

MONDAY

## FEBRUARY 13

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

[Shiv@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Shiv@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.

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



# OWLS

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# SOCIAL

WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 15

11:30 am - 1:30 pm • Gathering Place

Our speaker, attorney Jennifer Salazar, will be addressing the legal needs of OWLS. Join in the fun, food, and fellowship of our Older Wiser Leaders Serving (OWLS). Bring your favorite covered dish and join us for games, crafts, informative lectures, fellowship, and just plain fun.

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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](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org/gospel-brunch)

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THIRD SATURDAYS  
**FEBRUARY 18**

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.

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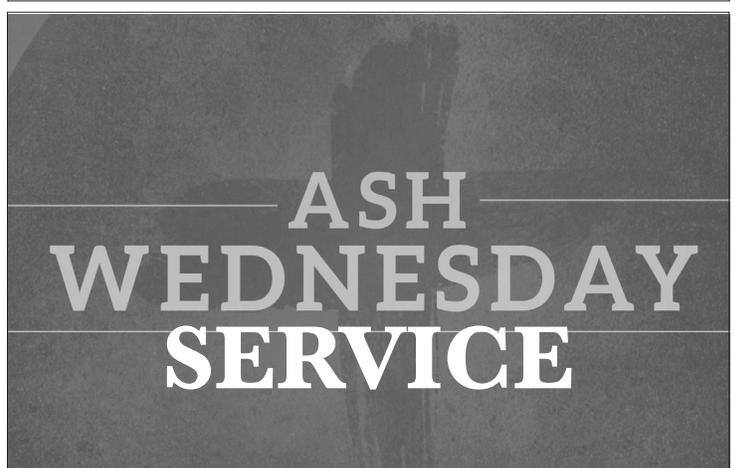


SUNDAY  
**FEBRUARY 26**

1 - 3 pm • Gathering Place

This documentary puts the narrative in the hands of Black LGBT people who are struggling with the intersections of sexuality, faith, and race. The stories in the documentary are varied, passionate, and inspiring. Clay Cane, who created and produced the film, traveled to Atlanta, where church and LGBT culture cross paths like nowhere else, to dive into one of the most taboo topics in the Black community.

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WEDNESDAY  
**MARCH 1**

7 - 8 pm • Sanctuary

With the traditional placement of ashes in the sign of the cross on our foreheads, we step into the season of Lent for intentional preparation for Easter. Ash Wednesday is the hinge moment when we are reminded of two things together -- we are created in divine love and we return to dust, our infiniteness and our finiteness.

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FRIDAY  
**MARCH 3**  
 7 - 9 pm • Sanctuary

Let's go bowling! Prizes will be given for various fun categories. It should be a great evening with lots of laughs! Cost is \$10 per person, which includes two hours of bowling, bowling ball, and shoes. Food and drinks are available at the snack bar.

Pre-registration required at  
[www.ResurrectionMCC.org/bowlarama](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org/bowlarama).  
 This event is limited to 20 people.

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# FOOD PANTRY

## February: Canned Chicken & Tuna

Our Food Pantry, operated by Pride Charities, is in need of unexpired food donations every Sunday. Please consider bringing a few items on Sunday and placing them in the shopping basket located in the Welcome Center. You may make a cash donation by writing your check to "Pride Charities" and placing it in the Sunday offering plate. Financial donations are also accepted online at [www.Pride-Charities.org](http://www.Pride-Charities.org). Your continued generosity provides life-sustaining nourishment to the families we serve. Volunteers are needed to help with food distribution. If you would like to sign up to volunteer once a month, please email [Info@Pride-Charities.org](mailto:Info@Pride-Charities.org).



**SUNDAY, MARCH 5**  
 Sam Houston Park  
 1100 Bagby St, Houston 77002

Full Details: [www.ResurrectionMCC.org/aids-walk](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org/aids-walk)  
 Noon - Registration • 1 pm - Walk

Resurrection MCC is blessed again this year to have been chosen as a benefiting agency of the 2016 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.ResurrectionMCC.org/aids-walk](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org/aids-walk). 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 6 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.ResurrectionMCC.org/aids-walk](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org/aids-walk). 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.ResurrectionMCC.org/aids-walk/donate](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org/aids-walk/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.

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!

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



## Miss Your Face in This Place

As ministers of Resurrection MCC, we have an exciting new way to reach out to those you have been missing in Worship. Located in the Gathering Place, there is a wooden box with cards and pens that you can use to write down the name of someone you haven't seen in a few weeks. Then, we'll send an email to let them know they are missed. We'll even include a brief message, if you'd like. Thank you for helping to demonstrate God's love.

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Depression and Bipolar  
Support Alliance

Greater Houston

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

## Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance Houston

### THURSDAYS

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



## RMCC Positive: HIV / AIDS SUPPORT GROUP

### THURSDAYS

7 pm • Gathering Place

February 2 • Workroom

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 men can communicate freely and find the emotional support and education you need to better normalize HIV in your life.

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



## TEACHERS & ASSISTANTS NEEDED

As you have had the opportunity to see on Sundays, our children's ministry is growing! Because it is growing we are in need of 20+ individuals who are willing to assist one Sunday a month for six months in our children's spiritual development ministry.

There will be at least four members of each teaching team and the curriculum is simple and easy to implement. If you are interested in serving our children this way, or would like to review the curriculum before making a commitment, please contact Rev. Vickey Gibbs at [RevVickey@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevVickey@ResurrectionMCC.org).

## 45TH ANNIVERSARY



The Resurrection MCC Justice ministry is hosting an art auction in celebration of our church's 45th Anniversary Gala. We are calling on artists to donate pieces of art to the auction to strengthen our mission to demonstrate love through action. Individuals can donate their own original pieces or donate a piece of art that they own.

Digital mock ups or actual pictures of the pieces can be submitted until March 15. Artists/donors will need to have the final version of the art to the church by April 8. 95% of the funds raised on each piece will be donated to Resurrection MCC. 5% will be donated to an external LGBT-related nonprofit of the artist's choice.

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

**INformation** 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](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org) click on the "My Journey" logo and create or update your profile.

### General Fund Giving Report

For YTD Ended January 29, 2017

	Anticipated	Actual
General Offerings	\$63,536.04	\$59,053.66
Fundraising	\$8,284.00	\$1,000.00
Events/Leases	\$12,103.88	\$8,369.23
<b>Total Income</b>	\$83,923.92	\$68,422.89
Variance		(\$15,501.03)
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	383	371
Programming	470	340
Total Weekly Attendance	853	711

**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 5

9:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
10:15 am	Coffee Talk	Gathering Place
10:15 am	HIV / STD Testing	Gathering Place
10:45 am	Generation Faith Teens	Activities Building
11:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
12:15 pm	Coffee Talk	Gathering Place
12:15 am	HIV / STD Testing	Gathering Place
12:30 pm	Brunch Buddies	Welcome Area
1:00 pm	The Great Spiritual Migration	Chapel

## MONDAY FEBRUARY 6

6:30 pm	Toastmasters	Gathering Place
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## TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7

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 8

6:30 pm	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
7:00 pm	Black Bodies & Justice of God	Gathering Place

## THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9

6:30 pm	Book Club Group	Conference Room
7:00 pm	HIV / AIDS Support Group	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Depression Bipolar Support Group	Work Room
7:00 pm	YAASS Covenant Bible Study	Chapel

## FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED FEBRUARY 10

7:00 pm	Friday Night Out - Central
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## SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED FEBRUARY 11

9:30 am	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
11:00 am	YAASS Planning Team	Conference Room

## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12

9:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
10:15 am	Coffee Talk	Gathering Place
10:45 am	Generation Faith Teens	Activities Building
11:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
12:15 pm	Coffee Talk	Gathering Place
12:30 pm	Brunch Buddies	Welcome Area
1:00 pm	The Great Spiritual Migration	Chapel
1:00 pm	"Trapped" Documentary	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	The Mankind Project Support	Chapel



# 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.



**NEXT WEEK: BELLISSIMO RISTORANTE**

# BRUNCH BUDDIES TODAY • 12:30 PM

**ASIA MARKET THAI RESTAURANT**

4822 Fulton Street, Houston 77008

www.asiamarkethouston.com • 713-863-7074

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