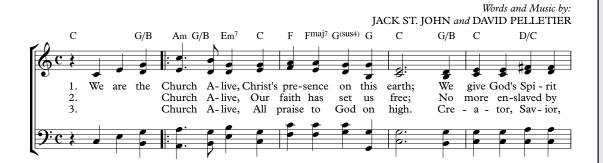


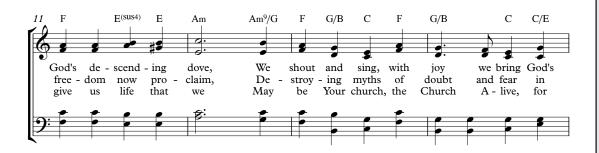
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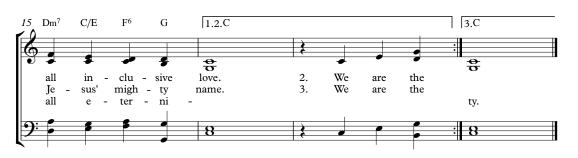
+ Opening Song / Canción de Apertura

We Are the Church Alive









+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit. / Usted está invitado a levantarse en cuerpo o espíritu.

We Are the Church Alive

was written by two of Metropolitan Community Churches' musicians in 1980. It is an anthem that is sung in MCC's around the world. This piece of music is composed by two gay men who came through similar struggles that many of us have faced. Please lift your voices and sing this LGBTQI Anthem.

Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Communidad Se Reúne	Rev. Vickey Gibbs
Announcements / Anuncios	Angela Whorton
Rite of Membership / Ritual de nuevos miembros (11 am)	Angela Whorton Rev. Troy Treash Rev. Vickey Gibbs
+ Exchange of Peace / Saludo de la Paz	Rev. Vickey Gibbs
+ Gathering Song / Canción de Reunión All Are Welcome	
Let us build a house where all are named, Their songs and visions heard And loved and treasured, taught and claimed As words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: All are welcome, all are welcome, All are welcome in this place. Words and Music by Marty Haugen © 1994 GIA Publications, INC	
Children's Blessing / Benedición de los Ninós (11 am)	Cassandra White
Contemporary Word / Lectura Contemporanea	Video
Hairspray: Dream	

+ Scripture Lesson / Lectura Bíblica

Romans 3:27-31

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is God not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since God is one; and God will justify the circumcised on the ground of faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

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

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Anthem / Selección Musical

Sanctuary Choir

The Nicest Kids in Town by Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman

Sermon / Sermón

Rev. Troy Treash

The Gospel According to Hairspray: Go For It

Moment of Reflection / Momento de Reflexión

Mark C. Brown

Ministry Moment / Momento informativo

Iris Rodriguez

Invitation to Give / Invitación a dar

Angela Whorton

Offertory / Ofrenda

Sanctuary Choir

The Light of GloryWords by Joseph M. Martin, Music by Joseph M. Martin and David Angerman

Prayer of Receiving / Oración de Recepcion

Angela Whorton

Communion / Comunión

Rev. Vickey Gibbs Rev. Nancy Benson-Nicol

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. Glutenfree 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.

Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunión

Hope is Dawning

by Michael Gungor, Aaron Keyes, Matt Maher, and Johnny Parks

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less by Edward Mote

What the World Needs Now

by Hal David and Burt Bacharach

Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias

Rev. Vickey Gibbs

+ Closing Song / Canto de Salida

Friend of God

Who am I that You are mindful of me That You hear me when I call Is it true that You are thinking of me How You love me it's amazing!

> I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God. You call me friend! I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God, You call me friend!

Who am I that You are mindful of me That You hear me when I call Is it true that You are thinking of me How You love me it's amazing!

I am a friend of God,
I am a friend of God,
I am a friend of God.
You call me friend!
I am a friend of God,
I am a friend of God,
I am a friend of God,
You call me friend!
You call me friend!

by Michael Gungor and Israel Houghton © 2003 Integrity's Praise! Music and Vertical Worship Songs, CCLI# 3991651

+ Benediction / Bendición

Rev. Troy Treash

+ Postlude / Postludio

Friend of God

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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 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 - 12 years are invited to join our Youth Ministries Program during the 11 am service in the Activities Building (located across the breezeway from our Sanctuary building). During the 11 am Worship service, children will be invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a brief blessing, and volunteers will then escort them to the Activities Building.

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.

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.



CUBAN PHOTO EXHIBIT & CULTURAL IMMERSION EVENING

SATURDAY, JULY 29

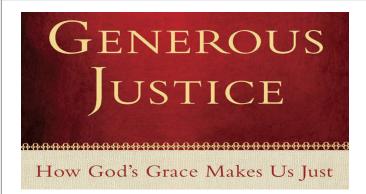
7 - 10 pm • Gathering Place

Resurrection MCC and Photographer Iris Rodriguez invite you to experience the breadth and beauty of Cuba during this evening of festivities!

Bid on beautiful Cuban photos in our silent auction. Enjoy delicious Cuban food and beverages. Take a photo in our "Cuban" photo booth. Enter contests and much more!

Proceeds benefit our MCC communities in Cuba (Somos Iglesia Metropolitana de la Comunidad en Cuba) and La Casa de Todos (our Spanish ministry at Resurrection MCC)

Cuba@ResurrectionMCC.org



WEDNESDAYS JULY 19 - AUGUST 23

Gathering Place

It is commonly thought in secular society that the Bible is one of the greatest hindrances to doing justice. Isn't it full of regressive views? Didn't it condone slavery? Why would we look to the Bible for guidance on how to have a more just society? We'll challenge these preconceived beliefs and present the Bible as a fundamental source for promoting justice and compassion for those in need. Come explore a life of justice empowered by an experience of a generous, gracious justice.

RevVickey@ResurrectionMCC.org

CUBA PILGRIMAGE

SEPTEMBER 2 - 9, 2017

We are excited to host a pilgrimage on behalf of Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church and our UFMCC denomination as we connect with our new ICM (UFMCC) communities in Cuba. The recent executive order by the U.S. President does not impact our pilgrimage, which qualifies on religious, educational, and humanitarian reasons.

ITINERARY

September 2 - 4 / Havana

Visit several museums, The Historic Center (Old Havana), Revolution Plaza, CENESEX, Martin Luther King Center, and meet with Activists and Transcuba Network (Transgender Community)

September 4 - 6 / Santa Clara

Visit the Che Memorial, City Walking Tour, and the first cultural LGBT Center

September 6 - 9 / Matanzas & Varadero

Visit Rebel Slave Route Museum, Cuban party with a Folkloric Orishas Dance, a group of traditional Cuban music Transformism Theater and animation (Drag Queen & Trans Show), and Participate in Somos ICM Services (MCC Religious Service)

COST

Lodging, Food, Transportation - \$1,130 - Includes Bed & Breakfast (bedroom, bathroom, and breakfast), food, excursions, all necessary ground transportation and services. Services include all incidentals (i.e. cost for bathroom facilities, etc.). (\$1,000 CUC)

Travel - \$434.56 - Air transportation to and from Havana, Cuba. Roundtrip group rate is on United Airlines with fare, fees, service charges, and taxes included.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Travelers need to reserve their space with a \$500 deposit by Sunday, July 23. The remaining \$1,064.56 must be paid by Sunday, August 6. If you prefer, you may make a full payment of \$1,564.56. Payments can be made online at www.ResurrectionMCC.org/cuba or by check to Resurrection MCC. If payment is made by check, please be sure to include your cell phone number on the check and write "Cuba Pilgrimage" in the memo line. You are encouraged to register early as we are opening this invitation to other Metropolitan Community Churches. Refunds will not be processed after August 10.

GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

Informational gatherings will be held for planning, coordination, and questions on Sunday, July 23, at 1 pm; Sunday, August 6, at 1 pm; and a final pre-trip gathering on Saturday, August 26, at 6 pm.

Additional details available at www.ResurrectionMCC.org/cuba
If you have questions, please contact Iris Rodriguez at Cuba@ResurrectionMCC.org.



MCC Conference for People of African Descent, Friends & Advocates

AUGUST 3 - 5, 2017 ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Since 1998, the PAD Conference has been a landmark MCC event that is rooted in the African-American cultural experience. The conference really is for everyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, or nationality. Everyone is invited to come share in and experience the richness of African-American culture.

This year's theme GROUNDED IN LOVE reflects our commitment to stand firmly upon the foundation of God's love for us — a love that compels us to live with a holy boldness that honors who we are and where we have come from and that also frees us to become who God is calling us to be.

Full details and register: padconference.mccchurch.org



In the wake of last year's production of Jesus Christ Superstar, you will enjoy the hair-raising music of the Broadway hit Hairspray. Songs from the musical will be performed by the talented singers of the Worship Arts Department and the concert is produced by the Sanctuary Choir. Tickets are \$30 in advance in Inspirations Book Store and online at www.ResurrectionMCC.org/hairspray. Tickets are \$40 at the door.

MarkB@ResurrectionMCC.org



AUGUST 10

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

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. Books available in Inspirations bookstore.

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CAMPUS CARE TEAM MEETING MONDAY AUGUST 14

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. 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



SOCIAL

SATURDAY AUGUST 16

11:30 am - 1:30 pm • Gathering Place

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.

OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org



THAT MATTERS

WEEKENDS August 25-27 September 22-24 October 27-29

Creating a Life that Matters (CLM) is all about relationships: intentional, authentic relationships – with the Sacred, our Self, and our Passion. CLM transforms lives and inspires people to more directed, clear, passionate involvement in their life and in the life of the planet, through the support of their local MCC. This weekend retreat will be implemented over the fourth weekends of August, September, and October. Registration fee is \$150. Pre-registration required at www.ResurrectionMCC.org/clm.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

10 am - 2:30 pm • Activities Building

Enjoy Coffee Talk after the 9 am service and a catered lunch after the 11 am service when our Ministry Teams will share with you why they enjoy ministering in our church. Are you searching for a way to get connected and serve in our church? Here's your chance to find out who sets the communion table, learn how the ushers know what to do, and know if you have to come up with the lessons to teach in Children's Church. It's fun to serve!

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SMALL GROUP STUDY

Do you have at least 5 friends, a TV/notebook and 90 minutes a week for 6 weeks? Are you interested in exploring who God is and how God works in the world? If so, email RevVickey@ResurrectionMCC. org for instructions on how to access this wonderful study based on the book and movie, The Shack.

Based on the movie in theaters this past March, The Shack, is a 5-week study designed to help people experience the life-changing goodness, grace, and presence of God. Using engaging scenes from the film, paired with relevant Scripture, these resources are an invitation to experience the ultimate truth about love, loss, and forgiveness.

Watch the trailer at www.ResurrectionMCC.org/shack



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



Resurrection MCC depends on your time and your talents to minister to over 1,000 people each month! There are a few ministries which are currently most in need of your support. If you are interested, or have questions about what may be required, please email Connections@ ResurrectionMCC.org. Your email will be forwarded to a ministry team lead who will be in touch.

Bookstore Cashier
Children's Teachers & Assistants
Coffee Talk Host
Communion Server (English & Spanish)
Concierge Desk
Greeter
Prayer Wall
Readers (English & Spanish)
Usher





HIV / AIDS BENEVOLENCE FUND

Operated by Pride Charities, the HIV/AIDS Benevolence Fund provides critical financial support to those affected by HIV and AIDS. Many of their clients are struggling to receive all the support they need from agencies in our area. With your help, this fund provides assistance with rent, utilities, phone, medication, and other expenses. If you are in need of financial support, please contact Pride Charities at 346-313-3956 or Debbie@Pride-Charities.org.



Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance

Greater Houston 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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LA CASA DE TODOS GRUPO DE ESTUDIO BÍBLICO

(SPANISH BIBLE STUDY)

JUEVES

7 - 8:30 pm • Capilla

¿Te gustaría conocer más sobre la Biblia? ¿Quieres conocer el mensaje de Dios para tu vida? ¿Sabes que Dios te ama, sin importar a quién ames? El propósito será que por medio de clases dinámicas y prácticas podamos llegar al conocimiento de las verdades espirituales de una manera sencilla, para poder entender, practicar y vivir en la conciencia de que Dios nos ama y no rechaza a nadie por su orientación o por ser diferentes. Buscamos llegar a la comunidad TLGBQ+ Latina, para ir formando una comunidad de fe que responda a sus necesidades y en su propio idioma.

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Miss Your Face in This Place

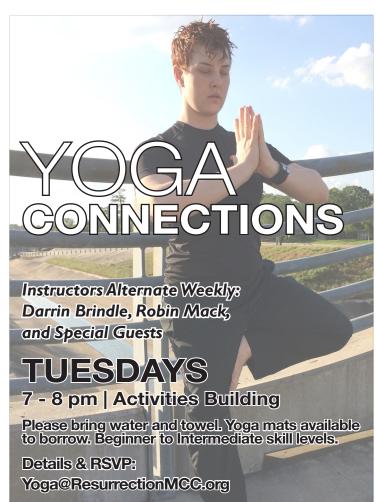
As ministers of Resurrection MCC, we have an exciting new way to reach out to those you have been missing in Worship. Located in the Sanctuary, there is a wooden box with cards and pens that you can use to write down the name of someone you haven't seen in a few weeks. Then, we'll send an email to let 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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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 July 9, 2017

	Anticipated	Actual
General Offerings	\$399,365.25	\$371,236.37
Fundraising*	\$17,000.00	\$26,345.80
Events/Leases	\$99,076.00	\$89,028.19
Total Income	\$515,441.25	\$486,610.36
Variance		(\$28,830.89)
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	346	430
Programming	412	391
Total Weekly Attendance	758	821

* In 2017, the anticipated fundraising amount will be adjusted according to the actual dates when the fundraising events occur.

Ministry Plan Need is the weekly amount needed per the budget approved by the congregation to achieve our 2017 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 23
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9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Meaningful Connection Group	Chapel
10:15 am	Coffee Talk	Gathering Place
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Generation Faith Teens	Activities Building
12:15 pm	Coffee Talk	Gathering Place
12:30 pm	Brunch Buddies	Welcome Center
1:30 pm	Cuba Pilgrimage	Gathering Place
7:30 pm	The Mankind Support Group	Chapel

MONDAY JULY 24

6:30 pm	Toastmasters	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	In.Formation Support Group	Chapel

TUESDAY JULY 25

6:00 pm	Sight-Reading/Sight-Singing 101	Music Room
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous 12-Step I	Meeting Chapel
7:00 pm	Yoga	Activities Building

WEDNESDAY JULY 26

6:30 pm	Overeaters Anonymous	12-Step Meeting	Chapel
7:00 pm	Generous Justice	Gathe	ring Place

THURSDAY JULY 27

7:00 pm	Depression Bipolar Support Group	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Grupo de Estudio Biblico	Chapel

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED JULY 28

No Events Scheduled

SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED JULY 29

9:30 am	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Mee	eting Chapel
1:00 pm	Hairspray Set Construction	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Cuba Photo Exhibit & Reception	Gathering Place

SUNDAY JULY 30

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Coffee Talk	Gathering Place
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Generation Faith Teens	Activities Building
12:15 pm	Coffee Talk	Gathering Place
12:30 pm	Brunch Buddies	Welcome Center



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. 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: Tia Maria's Mexican Restaurant

BRUNCH BUDDIES

TODAY • 12:30 PM

Cafe Express

1422 W. Gray St, Houston 77019

www.cafe-express.com • 713-522-3100

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! Hosts: Larry Lopez and Bill Schwaiger

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