



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

January 28, 2018

+ **Opening Song / Canción de Apertura**

*For Everyone Born*

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, For everyone born, a star overhead,

*And God will delight, When we are creators of justice and joy,  
Compassion and peace, Yes, God will delight  
When we are creators of justice, Justice and joy!*

For woman and man, a place at the table, Revising the roles, deciding the share,  
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power, For woman and man, a system that's fair,

*(Chorus)*

For young and for old, a place at the table, A voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, For young and for old, the right to belong,

*(Chorus)*

For just and unjust, a place at the table, Abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
In anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy, For just and unjust, a new way to live,

*(Chorus)*

For gay and for straight, a place at the table, Transgender and queer in one single tree,  
Engaging each gift and blessing each covenant, For gay and for straight, a new way to be.

*(Chorus)*

For everyone born, a place at the table, To live without fear, and simply to be,  
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship, For everyone born, the right to be free,

*(Chorus)*

by Shirley Erena Murray  
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**Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne**

Rev. Vickey Gibbs

**Announcements / Anuncios**

Mark Eggleston

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

Rev. Vickey Gibbs

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

**Jesus and the  
Disinherited**

Jesus is a partner in the pain of the oppressed and the example of His life offers a solution to ending the descent into moral nihilism.

Hatred does not empower--it decays. Only through self-love and love of one another can God's justice prevail.

**January 7**  
*Jesus*

**January 14**  
*Fear*

**January 21**  
*Deception*

**January 28**  
*Hate*

**February 4**  
*Love*

**February 11**  
*Life*



## Howard Washington Thurman

(November 18, 1899 – April 10, 1981) was an influential African-American author, philosopher, theologian, educator, and civil rights leader.

As a prominent religious figure, he played a leading role in many social justice movements and organizations of the twentieth century. Thurman's theology of radical nonviolence influenced and shaped a generation of civil rights activists, and he was a key mentor to leaders within the movement, including Martin Luther King, Jr.

Thurman served as dean of Rankin Chapel at Howard University from 1932 to 1944 and as dean of Marsh Chapel at Boston University from 1953 to 1965. In 1944, he co-founded, along with Alfred Fisk, the first major interracial, interdenominational church in the United States.

Howard Thurman died on April 10, 1981 in San Francisco, California.

## + Gathering Song / Canción de Reunión

### *Chainbreaker*

If you've got pain, God's a pain taker, If you feel lost, God's a way maker  
If you need freedom or saving, God's a prison-shaking Savior  
If you've got chains, God's a chain breaker

If you've got pain, God's a pain taker, If you feel lost, God's a way maker  
If you need freedom or saving, God's a prison-shaking Savior  
If you've got chains, God's a chain breaker

If you believe it, If you receive it, If you can feel it, Somebody testify  
If you believe it, If you receive it, If you can feel it, Somebody testify  
If you believe it, If you receive it, If you can feel it, Somebody testify

If you've got pain, God's a pain taker, If you feel lost, God's a way maker  
If you need freedom or saving, God's a prison-shaking Savior  
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If you need freedom or saving, God's a prison-shaking Savior  
If you've got chains, God's a chain breaker.

by Jonathan Smith, Mia Fieldes, and Zach Williams

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

Debbie Mansfield

## Contemporary Word / Lectura Contemporanea

### *Jesus and the Disinherited*

by Howard Thurman

Hate's another of the hounds of hell that dog the footsteps of the disinherited  
in season and out of season, During times of war hatred becomes quite respectable,  
even though it has to masquerade often under the guise of patriotism.

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

All: Amen

## Special Music / Música Especial

Ketrick Braggs

### *I'm Here*

by Allee Willis, Brenda Russell and Stephen Bray

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## + Scripture Lesson / Lectura Bíblica

### *Matthew 5:3-10*

"You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and God's rule.

"You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

"You're blessed when you're content with just who you are—no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought.

“You’re blessed when you’ve worked up a good appetite for God. God’s food and drink in the best meal you’ll ever eat.

“You’re blessed when you care. At the moment of being ‘care-full,’ you find yourselves cared for.

“You’re blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.

“You’re blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That’s when you discover who you really are, and your place in God’s family.

“You’re blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God’s kingdom.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem / Selección Musical**

Sanctuary Choir

***Blessed Are You***

by Craig Courtney

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**Sermon / Sermón**

Rev. Troy Treash

***Jesus and the Disinherited: Hate***

**Moment of Reflection / Momento de Reflexión**

Mark C. Brown

**We Offer Ourselves / Nos Ofrecemos**

Tammy Powers-Maurelli

**Invitation to Give / Invitación a Dar**

Sharri McGlaughting

*You may also give by credit or debit card at the Welcome Center Kiosk  
or by texting GOTLOVE to 73256.*

**Offertory / Ofrenda**

Sanctuary Choir

***Come Build a Church***

by Ken Medema

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**Prayer of Receiving / Oración de Recepción**

## 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.

## Communion / Comunión

Rev. Vickey Gibbs

## Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunión

### *As the Deer*

by Martin Nystrom

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### *In This Very Room*

by Carol Harris and Ron Harris

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### *I Exalt Thee*

by Russell Bergin

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias

Rev. Vickey Gibbs

## + Closing Song / Canto de Salida

### *I Am Free*

Through you the blind will see, Through you the mute will sing  
Through you the dead will rise, Through you all hearts will praise  
Through you all hatred flees, Through you my heart screams  
I am free, Yes, I am free

I am free to run. (I am free to run.)  
I am free to dance. (I am free to dance.)  
I am free to live for You. (I am free to live for You.)  
I am free! (I am free!)  
I am free! (I am free!)

I am free to run. (I am free to run.)  
I am free to dance. (I am free to dance.)  
I am free to live for You. (I am free to live for You.)  
I am free! (I am free!)  
I am free! (I am free!)

by Jon Egan

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## + Benediction / Bendición

Rev. Troy Treash

## + Postlude / Postludio

### *I Am Free*

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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

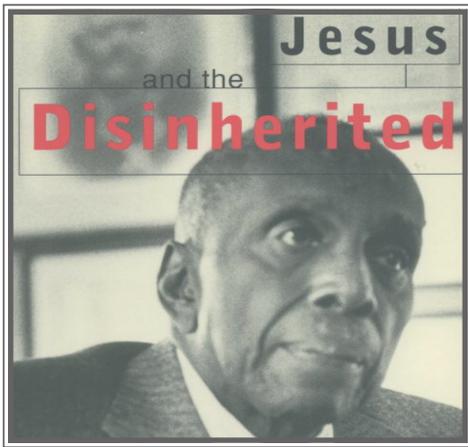
Our deep desire is to offer a safe and open community for people to worship, learn, share, and grow in their faith. We are committed to equipping ourselves and each other to do the work that God has called us to do in the world.

### 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.



WEDNESDAYS  
**JANUARY 10 - FEBRUARY 7**  
Gathering Place • 7 - 8:30 pm

Can the Gospel be read as a manual of resistance for the poor and disenfranchised? In his classic work, *Jesus and the Disinherited*, acclaimed theologian and leader Howard Thurman demonstrates that Jesus is a partner in the pain of the oppressed. By the example of Jesus' life, we are offered a solution to ending the descent into moral nihilism. Learn how hatred does not empower -- it decays. Only through self-love and love of one another can God's justice prevail.

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**FEBRUARY 4**

10 am - 1 pm  
Gathering Place

Free testing for HIV (results in 60 seconds) & Syphilis (results in 2 weeks). Knowing your status is the best way for you to stay healthy and avoid spreading sexually transmitted illnesses. Get tested and take control. Testing provided by Fort Bend County Clinical Health Services.

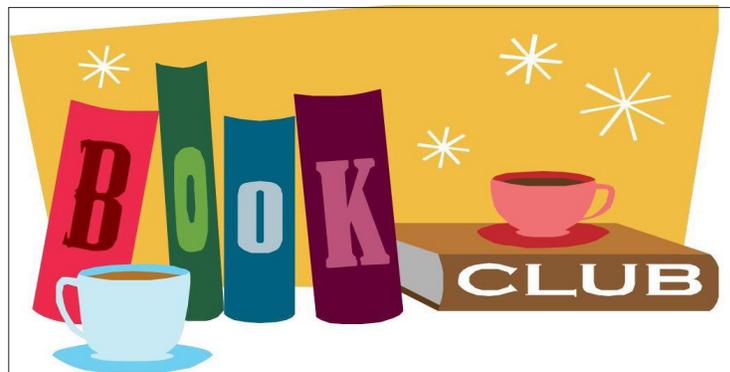
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African American  
**HISTORY AND  
DEVOTIONS**

During the month of February we will have the opportunity to engage this inter-generational devotional. Twenty-eight devotions for individuals, families, or small groups, including a scripture verse, a reflection on the scripture, related activities for each day, and a prayer. This devotional allows us all to engage with African American culture as we engage our core values of inclusion, community, spiritual transformation and justice.

[www.ResurrectionMCC.org/28](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org/28)



SECOND THURSDAYS  
**FEBRUARY 8**  
6:30 - 8 pm • Conference Room

***A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community***  
by John Pavlovitz

Join us as we dive in and discuss a different book each month. In January, we'll discuss "A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community" by John Pavlovitz. We'll also choose the books for the next few months. This is a great way to connect. Come and be a part of the fun!

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# FRIDAY NIGHT OUT



FRIDAY • 7 - 9 pm  
**FEBRUARY 9**

## Baba Yega Cafe

2607 Grant St, Houston, TX 77006  
www.babayega.com • 713-522-0042

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



# Money Management and Budgeting Tips

SATURDAY  
**FEBRUARY 10**

10 am - Noon • Gathering Place

Wise financial management requires a series of daily choices. Take control of your financial situation with our money budgeting tips and learn how to calculate net worth, create a budget, monitor your progress, manage the flow of income and expenses, and protect your assets. After all, no one cares more about your money than you.

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## LA CASA DE TODOS SERVICIO Y ESTUDIO BÍBLICO EN ESPAÑOL

(SPANISH WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY)

## DOMINGOS

3:00 - 4:30 pm • Edificio de actividades

¿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.

RevUlises@ResurrectionMCC.org



# CAMPUS CARE TEAM MEETING

TUESDAY  
**FEBRUARY 13**

6:00 - 7:00 pm • Conference Room

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!

Anthony@ResurrectionMCC.org



# FAT TUESDAY Pancake Supper

TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY 13

6 - 7:30 pm • Activities Building

Shrove Tuesday, also known Pancake Tuesday in some countries, takes place on the Tuesday prior to Ash Wednesday. We are also looking for volunteers to assist in set up, flipping pancakes, serving, and clean up. We hope you will join us for a bit of sweet richness prior to Lent at our pancake supper.

Angela@ResurrectionMCC.org



WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 14  
7 - 8:30 pm • Sanctuary

The name of the day comes from the custom that churchgoers are marked on the forehead with a cross of ash to symbolize death and regret for past sins. The tradition of marking with ashes began in the early church as a way to outwardly show a desire for repentance. It is a day of fasting, abstinence (from meat) and repentance.

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# OWLS

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# SOCIAL

WEDNESDAY

## FEBRUARY 14

11:30 am - 1:30 pm • Gathering Place

Join us for a presentation by Autumn Grove Cottage, a memory care facility for seniors with memory loss and dementia. His presentation will be about finding the right facility, determining how much Medicare, Medicaid and Insurance will pay for, and what other helpful resources are available.

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# GOSPEL ENSEMBLE CONCERT & RECEPTION

FRIDAY  
FEBRUARY 16

7 - 9 pm

Sanctuary & Gathering Place

An evening concert featuring the Resurrection MCC Gospel Ensemble and friends. A love offering will be collected for the General Fund of Resurrection MCC. A fabulous casual reception will be held following the concert. Please come on out and enjoy music and friends! Child care will be offered. RSVP to Nursery@ResurrectionMCC.org before Wednesday, February 14, to reserve your child's spot.

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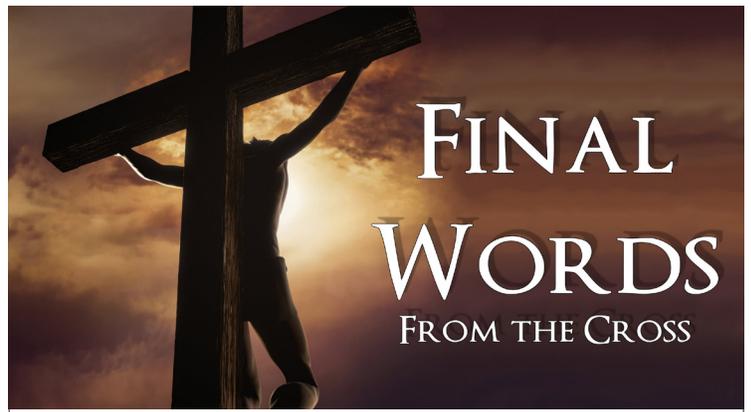
# ALL CHURCH WORK DAY

THIRD SATURDAYS  
**FEBRUARY 17**

9 am - 1 pm • Activities Building

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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WEDNESDAYS  
**FEBRUARY 21 - MARCH 28**  
7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering Place

In life and in death, Jesus' words were powerful and meaningful. Despite the effort and increased pain required for Jesus to speak from the cross, Jesus spoke seven "final words". These statements have much to teach us about Jesus, God, & ourselves: Forgive Them; Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise; Behold Your Son...Behold Your Mother; My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?; I Thirst; It Is Finished; Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit.

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

## TORCH SONG TRILOGY CREW MEMBERS TODAY GATHERING PLACE

Virg Parks will be in the Gathering Place this Sunday recruiting theatre crew members for the upcoming production of Torch Song Trilogy. Crew members will lift and move set pieces during the play. Rehearsals are currently on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Torch Song Trilogy will be performed at 7 pm on March 8, 9, and 10, as well as at 2 pm on March 11. If you are unable to meet with Virg, please contact Mark C. Brown at [MarkB@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:MarkB@ResurrectionMCC.org) or 281-254-8009.

God  
is still  
speaking,

This is a collection of devotionals for the person who thinks that devotionals are too religious; who wonders if God has anything to say about what they face each day; who isn't interested in a lecture or simple-minded inspiration. These are devotionals for the person who isn't always sure that the Bible has much to tell them, but is curious and willing to find out. This devotional series will encourage, inspire, and strengthen anyone's Christian journey.

[www.ResurrectionMCC.org/speaking](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org/speaking)

# Dennis Joseph Schilling

October 8, 1945 - July 17, 2014



As we return to worship in our restored Sanctuary, we also celebrate the life of Dennis Schilling. Dennis was a long-time member and faithful supporter of Resurrection MCC, where he served as a sacristan for years. He was also a faithful member of the Excel in Faithfulness team for over 15 years.

On Sundays, he sat on the front row of church and always lit the two candlesticks on the altar before worship. While usually quiet, he always appreciated compliments on his Sunday suits. Even after his passing, Dennis continued his support of Resurrection MCC through a legacy gift of \$76,950.44. We remember Dennis with great joy and with such gratitude that he planned ahead for his church.

Dennis died at the age of 68 following a brief illness. Prior to retiring from the work force in 2012, he worked at Randall's Grocery for twenty years and at Standard Parking for ten years. In addition to his birth family, Dennis collected a host of friends who became his family of choice, including Sheryl Parrish, Melissa Rodgers, Maria Urrutia, Diane Jasso, Win Boyd, Rev. Vickey Gibbs, Veronica Franklin, the Excel of Faithfulness team, as well as the members and friends of Resurrection MCC. A memorial service was held at Resurrection MCC on August 9, 2014.

*Resurrection MCC has legacy gift information available on our website at [www.ResurrectionMCC.org/legacy](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org/legacy)*

 **Sunday, March 4**  
Sam Houston Park  
1100 Bagby St, Houston 77002

**Full Details:** [www.ResurrectionMCC.org/aids-walk](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org/aids-walk)  
Noon Check-In • 1 pm Walk • 2 pm Rock The Walk Concert

Resurrection MCC is blessed again this year to have been chosen as a benefiting agency of the 2018 Houston AIDS Walk. This means that nearly 70% of the funds our team raises comes back to Resurrection MCC to financially support those affected by HIV/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 several 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.

**PRAY** - Join us as we pray for all those inside and outside our walls that are affected by HIV and AIDS. Pray for all of those that we have lost. Pray that God inspires our community to take action to help put an end to new infections. Pray that our community becomes educated and stops the stigma. And pray that each one of us gets tested regularly and takes responsibility for our health.

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 only 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!

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# SUPPORT GROUPS

Rainbow of Hope

## Narcotics Anonymous



Tuesdays | 7 - 8 pm | Activities Building #204

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.

NA@ResurrectionMCC.org

## Overeaters Anonymous



Wednesdays | 7:00 - 8:00 pm | Activities Building #108

Saturdays | 9:30 - 10:30 am | Worship Arts Room

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

## re:MIND Depression and Bipolar Support



Thursdays | 7 - 8:30 pm | Worship Arts Room

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, re:MIND works to educate the public about depression and bipolar disorders, confront social stigma, and advocate for the rights of people living with mental disorders. info@remindsupport.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

## End of Year Giving Report

December 31, 2017

Unaudited Pastor Figures

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Anticipated Actual	Actual
General Offering	\$800,397.00	\$790,242.48
Bequest -- Dennis Schilling		\$76,950.44
Fundraising	\$55,000.00	\$51,409.80
Event/Lease/Misc. Income	\$191,057.00	\$186,003.10
Designated: 45th Anniversary	\$75,000.00	\$100,851.47
Designated: Other *		\$91,376.01
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,046,454.00</b>	<b>\$1,296,833.30</b>

\* "Designated: Other" income includes, but is not limited to, Flood Recovery, Inspirations Bookstore, HIV/AIDS Benevolence, and Food Pantry.

## 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 21, 2017

	Anticipated	Actual
General Offerings	\$45,472.83	\$32,103.18
Fundraising	\$3,173.07	\$1,050.00
Events/Leases	\$9,436.50	\$2,400.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$58,082.40</b>	<b>\$35,553.18</b>
Variance		( \$22,529.22)
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	365	354
Programming	343	330
Total Weekly Attendance	708	684

**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.

*The figures above are tentative. We continue to receive tithes, offerings, and donations that have been designated for 2017 and will publish a detailed report of giving in the next several weeks*

## 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 28

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Coffee Talk	Welcome Area
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Coffee Talk	Welcome Area
12:30 pm	Brunch Buddies	Off Campus
12:30 pm	Liturgical Theatre	Worship Arts Room
3:00 pm	La Casa De Todos	Activities Building

### MONDAY JANUARY 29

6:30 pm	Toastmasters	Gathering Place
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### TUESDAY JANUARY 30

7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Worship Arts Room
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous	Activities Building #206

### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31

6:30 pm	Overeaters Anonymous	Activities Building #108
7:00 pm	Jesus and the Disinherited	Gathering Place

### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1

7:00 pm	re:MIND	Worship Arts Room
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### FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED FEBRUARY 2

No Events Scheduled

### SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED FEBRUARY 3

9:30 am	Overeaters Anonymous	Activities Building #108
11:00 am	Joy of Djembe Drumming	Activities Building
2:00 pm	Imani Vida Drum Circle	Activities Building

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 am	HIV/STD Testing	Activities Building
10:15 am	Coffee Talk	Welcome Area
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Coffee Talk	Welcome Area
12:30 pm	Brunch Buddies	Off Campus
12:30 pm	Liturgical Theatre	Worship Arts Room
3:00 pm	La Casa De Todos	Activities Building



# COFFEE TALK

## Every Sunday After Worship Welcome Area

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 [Anthony@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Anthony@ResurrectionMCC.org) with questions or offerings.



### NEXT WEEK: Cactus Cove

# BRUNCH BUDDIES

Luby's

1414 Waugh Dr, Houston TX 77019  
[www.Lubys.com](http://www.Lubys.com) • 713-528-0880

## TODAY • 12:30 PM

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)