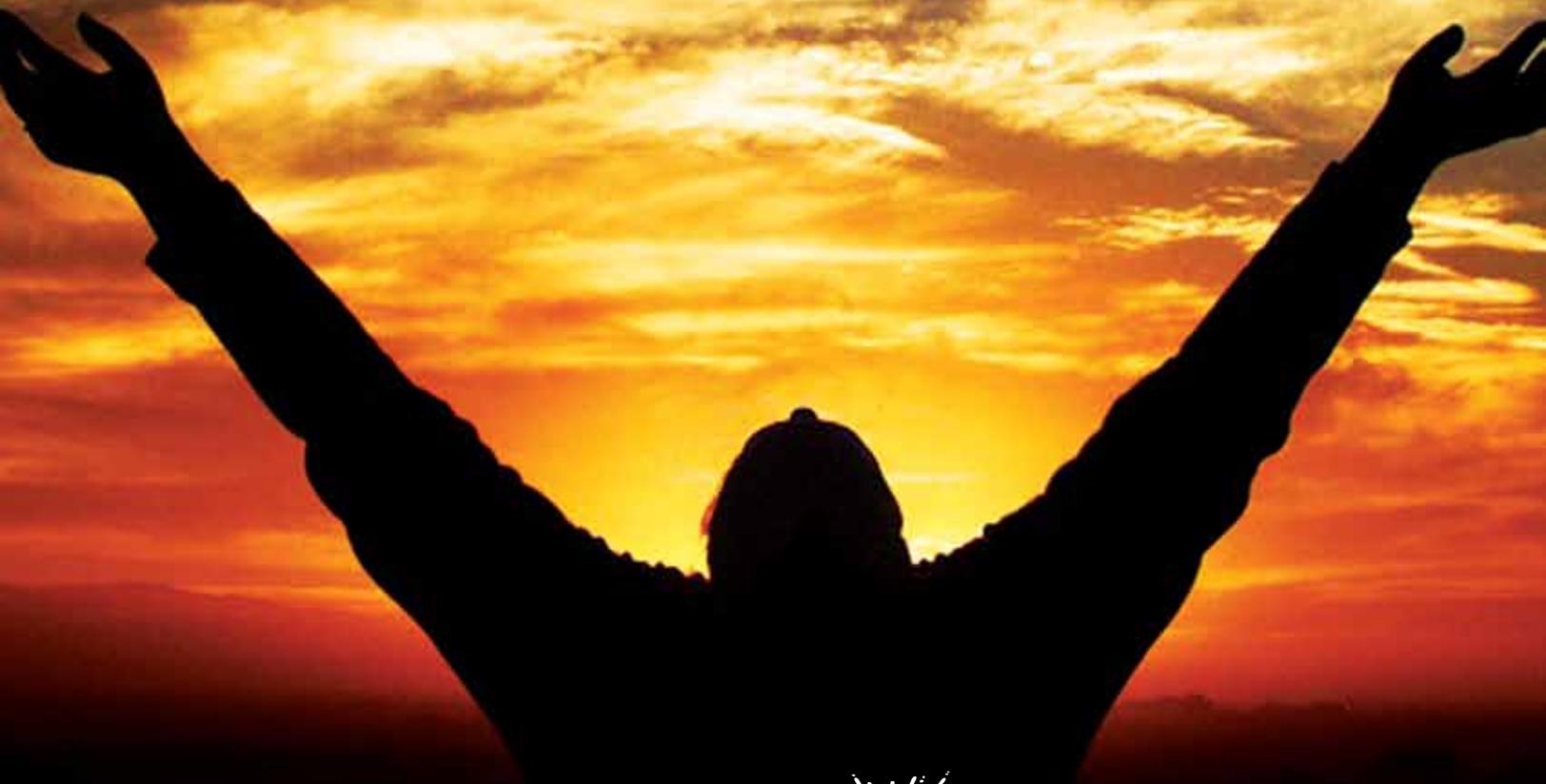


SO YOU THINK YOU CAN  
**WORSHIP**

OCTOBER 23, 2011



  
**Resurrection**  
Metropolitan Community Church

# We Gather

From many places we gather here. This is a high point of our week. We see our friends. We make new friends. And we spend time with The Friend -- the loving Christ who meets us where we are, as we are. In this Sanctuary we worship, and through worship the courage within us is kindled to inspire courageous living beyond this place.

# Call to Experience

One traditional element of worship is known as the Call To Worship, a practice that intentionally invites us to come into the presence of God. For the next 8 weeks we will intentionally call ourselves to experience the presence of God.

## Prelude / Preludio

Jules Czarnik

### *Something More*

by Kristy Starling

## Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne

Rev. Elder Lillie Brock

## Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz

### + Welcome Song / Canción de Bienvenida

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone,  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bears the image of God's face;  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

### + Call To Experience

Rev. Michael Diaz

### + Opening Hymn/ Himno de Entrada

#### *Praise to the God Almighty*

Praise to You God the Almighty the Maker of Creation  
Oh my soul praises for You are my health and salvation  
All those who hear now to Your temple draw near  
Praise You in glad adoration

Praise to You God who does prosper my work and defend me  
Surely Your goodness and mercy You daily attend me  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
When with great love does befriend me

Praise to You God O let all that is in me adore You  
All that has life and breath come now with praises before God  
Let the amen sound from God's people again  
Gladly for yes we adore You

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

The Community Prays / Oración Comunal

Joy Jolley

O ten - der Moth - er, hear our prayer, as we your  
child - ren gath - er near. We of - fer you our wound - ed  
souls, for your ca - ress can make us whole.

+ The Ancient Word / Lectura Bíblica

Marcial Renteria (9 am)  
Flo Perry (11 am)

**Matthew 28:16**  
The Message (MSG)

Meanwhile, the eleven disciples were on their way to Galilee, headed for the mountain Jesus had set for their reunion. The moment they saw him they worshiped him. Some, though, held back, not sure about worship, about risking themselves totally.

The Ministry of Music / Selección Musical

Natasha Holmes

**Heart of Worship**  
by Michael W. Smith

Call to Engage / Sermón

Rev. Elder Lillie Brock

*So You Think You Can Worship?*

We Offer Ourselves / Ofrenda

Rev. Janice Ladd  
Mark Eggleston

Offertory / Ofertorio

Sanctuary Choir

**One World**  
by Mark Hayes

## We Receive

All congregations in MCC practice an open communion. You do not need to be a member of this church or any church to come to the table and receive communion.

During Communion you will be offered bread and cup with a brief blessing.

We use grape juice for the cup so that all may participate. Gluten-free wafers are available from the communion server on the far right. Simply say, "Gluten free."

Todas las congregaciones de ICM (Iglesias de las Comunidades Metropolitana) practican una comunión abierta. Creemos en el amor de Dios incondicional para todas las personas.

Si deseas tomar la comunión en español, por favor dirígete hacia al ministro de comunión localizado hacia la izquierda y pídele, "En español, por favor."

## Communion / Comunción

Rev. Michael Diaz  
Eli'jah Carroll  
Natasha Holmes

One : Come just as you are, hear the spirit call. Come just as you are;  
Come and see, come, receive, come and live forever.

**All: Life everlasting and strength for today; taste the living water and never thirst again. Come, just as you are, hear the spirit call. Come just as you are. Come and see, come receive, come and live forever.**

## Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunción

### *Just as I am*

Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that Your love was shared for me,  
and that You bidst me come to You,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, You will receive,  
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Your promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Your love unknown  
hath broken every barrier down;  
Now, to be Yours, yes Yours alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

### *In Remembrance of Me*

In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine.  
In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.  
In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.  
In remembrance of me, open the door and let all people in, let them in.

Take, eat, and be comforted; Drink and remember, too,  
That this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.  
In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love.  
In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart,  
Look in your heart for God. Do this in remembrance of me.

*Draw Me Close*

Draw me close to You  
Never let me go  
I lay it all down again  
To hear You say that I'm Your friend

You are my desire  
No one else will do  
'Cause nothing else could take Your place  
To feel the warmth of Your embrace  
Help me find the way  
Bring me back to You

You're all I want  
You're all I've ever needed  
You're all I want  
Help me know You are near

*Shout to the Lord*

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You;  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.  
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength,  
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the Earth, let us sing;  
Power and majesty, praises we sing!  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You!

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias**

Rev. Michael Diaz

**Call to Embody / Anuncios**

Rev. Elder Lillie Brock  
Mark Eggleston

**Sending Forth / Bendición**

Rev. Elder Lillie Brock

One heart, one spirit, one voice to praise you, we are the body of Christ;  
One goal, one vision, to see you exalted, we are the body of Christ;  
And to this we give our lives, to see you glorified;  
One heart, one spirit, one voice to praise you, we are the body of Christ  
We are the body of Christ.

**We Sing**

We sing as a body during the distribution of the elements. If you do not wish to sing, please be in an attitude of prayer for those who wish to meditate during this time.

God, open us to your living presence through your life at this table.

Receive the living sacrifice of our awakened life.

**Prayer**

If you are in need of prayer support, you can find prayer partners available during our time of communion or after worship in the right wing of the Sanctuary.

## Executive Team

### Rev. Elder Lillie Brock

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Gospel Ensemble Director  
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# Welcome!

If you are attending Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church for the first time, we are glad to have you here! We invite you to join us each week as we worship God and learn more about Christian living in an inclusive way. All are welcome.

**Make sure to visit the Concierge Desk, located in our Welcome Area, to receive a gift from us. You will find friendly volunteer hosts waiting to greet you.**

## Worship Services

Resurrection MCC is proud to offer a variety in our worship services. Our two Sunday services, at 9 & 11 am, are identical in form, however they contain different elements from diverse religious traditions each week.

## A Special Welcome to First-Time Families!

Our nursery staff would love to meet you and your infants & children aged one month through three years! The nursery is located to the right of the Sanctuary entrance and is open during both the 9 & 11 am services.

Children and youth aged 4 - 17 years are invited to join our Youth Ministries Program during the 11 am service in the Activities Building (located across the breezeway from our main parking lot). Sign-in begins at 10:45 am. All children must be registered and signed-in to attend. Parents are welcome to join the children for Communion at Noon in the Activities Building. Snack & sign-outs begin at 12:15 pm.

## About Us...

Resurrection MCC is a Christian church that follows God's call to justice for all people. We build on a rich history of social justice for, and on behalf of, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people. Since its founding in 1968, Metropolitan Community Churches have been at the vanguard of civil and human rights movements as an international advocate for vulnerable people in places where religious orthodoxy, sexism, transphobia and homophobia can result in violence and death. MCC has been on the forefront in the struggle towards marriage equality in the US and other countries worldwide and continues to be a powerful voice in the LGBTQ equality movement. MCC's ministry reaches over 43,000 members in over 250 churches in 22 countries worldwide.

Metropolitan Community Churches are on a bold mission to transform hearts, lives, and history. We are a movement that faithfully proclaims God's inclusive love for all people and proudly bears witness to the holy integration of spirituality and sexuality. Because of our faith we are called to: do justice, show kindness, and live humbly with God (Micah 6:8); explore life's questions with open hearts and minds; raise our voices in sacred defiance against exclusion, whether religious, political or systemic; reach out to those with no hope; equip new generations of remarkable, far-reaching spiritual activists.

The **MISSION** of Resurrection MCC is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christian action.

The **VISION** of Resurrection MCC is to **ATTRACT** people into a relationship with God through radical **INCLUSION** into God's family, transform them to Christ-like **MATURITY**, and **MOBILIZE** them for their life purpose.

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 and resisting exclusion is a primary focus of our ministry. We want to continue to be the conduits of a faith where everyone is included in the family of God, and where all parts of our being are welcomed at God's table.

### Community

Offering a safe and open community for people to worship, learn and grow in their faith is our deep desire. 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

Providing a message of liberation from the oppressive religious environment of our day or to those experiencing God for the first time is what guides our ministry. We believe that when people are invited to experience God through the life and ministry of Christ, lives will be transformed.

### Social Action

Working to talk less and do more, we are committed to resisting the structures that oppress people and standing with to those who suffer under the weight of oppressive systems, being guided always by our commitment to Global Human Rights.

## Professional Stipend & Volunteers

### Eli'jah Carroll

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### Rose Wall

HeavenSound Handbells Director

### Anthony White

Gospel Ensemble Pianist

### Jose I. Zuniga

Facilities Technician

**Worship** | Sunday, 9 & 11 am

**Children & Youth Worship** | Sunday, 11 am

**Nursery** | Sunday, 9 & 11 am

### Resurrection MCC

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www.ResurrectionMCC.org

*SO YOU THINK YOU CAN...?*

Are you familiar with the television reality show called *So You Think You Can Dance*? If you are, then you know that dance troupes and individual dancers from many different places, show up to face a panel of judges who ultimately decide whether the contestants can REALLY dance or not.

It's true, isn't it, that we often THINK we are doing something really well until we are forced to explore and expand our understanding of what is possible? We all know it's true but it's not always easy to face it.

I want to ask each of you to join me in a journey that will invite you to . . .

**EXPERIENCE *God in new ways***

**ENGAGE *your spiritual life with intention***

**EMBODY *the compassion of Christ in the world***

Throughout September and October we will revisit the most basic parts of the spiritual life and challenge ourselves to understand and know them more profoundly. We will stretch, expand, and enlarge our capacity to be in relationship with God and with each other.

This is a journey worth taking no matter where you believe yourself to be in this experience we call "being human." I invite you, I urge you, I challenge you and I even dare you . . .

***So You Think You Can . . . ?***

Blessings on the journey,



Rev. Elder Lillie Brock  
Consulting Pastor



## **OUTREACH ACTIVITY FOR**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26**

### **Food Day Houston & Food Day Texas Celebration**

as Part of the First Annual National Food Day  
City Hall, 901 Bagby St, Houston

Prominent voices for change in the food movement along with a growing number of health, hunger and sustainable agriculture groups have established Food Day 2011 as a nationwide campaign to change the way Americans eat and think about food.

In Houston, the signature Food Day event will be held Wednesday, October 26 from 11 am to 2 pm at the City Hall Farmers Market, 901 Bagby in downtown Houston. Thirty five of the most fabulous farm and prepared food market vendors in town - who a part of the market each Wednesday - will be on hand showing how they make every day Food Day in Houston! Fifteen of Houston's leading food-related organizations will also be in attendance, with educational demos and activities for the whole family.

## **OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES**

**11 am - Noon:** Recipe For Success Foundation will host a Local Food Throwdown featuring celebrity chefs from the Recipe For Success Chefs Advisory Board.

**12 Noon:** Largest community lunch ever held in Houston. BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) will allow hundreds of neighbors to share at a huge communal table set around the perimeter of the reflection pool at City Hall. Participants may bring their own brown bag, or purchase lunch from the market vendors. A group photo will capture the moment.

**1 - 2 pm:** Food Day Town Hall Meeting that will take place on the lower plaza at City Hall and will feature a panel of local food movement leaders, community stakeholders and enthusiasts in attendance. The focus will be on moving the local food movement forward through actionable ideas and solutions.

The City Hall Farmers Market is the perfect setting for Food Day Houston, as it supports local, fresh and sustainable food amidst Houston's dramatic downtown urban setting. The market showcases more than 35 "micro businesses," including produce farmers, cheesemakers, coffee roasters and baristas, bakers, prepared food vendors & food trucks, olive oil producers and more. Made possible through a community partnership between the City of Houston and Urban Harvest, it is the most recent addition to Mayor Annise Parker's local food initiative.

A complete list of Food Day Texas events and activities can be found on the Facebook page for Food Day Texas.

## **OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY**

Resurrection MCC is seeking volunteers to assist Urban Harvest at Food Day Houston. Beginning at 9 am, we will help with operational logistics during the event and will assist with break down at 2 pm. Those interested in volunteering should RSVP on our Facebook Event page at [www.Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC](http://www.Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC) or email [Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org). Resurrection MCC volunteers are encouraged to wear a "Love Thy Neighbor" t-shirt or other Resurrection MCC apparel.

# HELP RESURRECTION MCC RECYCLE!



**Tall  
Recycling Bin**



**Deskside  
Recycling Bin**

Resurrection MCC continually explores ways to be good stewards of our shared resources. We are excited to announce a radically enhanced recycling program throughout our campus. And we need your help!

New recycling technology has enabled "single-stream" recycling - a system in which all paper fibers, plastics, metals, and other containers no longer need to be sorted into separate bins.

We have begun placing blue recycling bins across our campus that will make it easy and convenient for all of us to recycle.

Below are two ways that your support will allow us to help care for our church and our planet:

1) Please place these items into our blue recycling bins:

- \* **Worship Bulletins (or take them home to read!)**
- \* **Aluminum Cans**
- \* **Plastic Bottles**
- \* **Flattened Cardboard**
- \* **Newspapers**
- \* **Magazines**
- \* **Paperboard Cartons**
- \* **Office Paper**
- \* **Paper Bags**
- \* **Phone Books**
- \* **Aluminum Foil**
- \* **Tin / Steel Cans**

*Before placing in the recycling bin, please ensure that containers are empty, bottles have their caps off, and food particles have been removed.*

2) Please help us make recycling convenient by making a donation below. This will allow us to purchase 30 of each bin type to fully cover the campus. Tall - \$34. Deskside - \$6.

You may also donate by check. Simply write "Recycle" in the memo line and place in the offering plate on Sunday or send in the mail. Thank you for your continued support of our church and our planet!

If you have questions about making a donation or about the recycling program, please contact:

Joy Jolley  
Director of Operations  
Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org  
713-861-9149 x102



## WORSHIP ARTS DEPARTMENT ARTIST - IN - RESIDENCE

It is with great excitement that we welcome Natasha Holmes as an Artist-in-Residence in our Worship Arts Department at Resurrection MCC!

A singer and worship leader at Hillsong before exploring more inclusive forms of church, Natasha is the dynamic coordinator of the band and worship experience at CRAVE MCC in Sydney, Australia. A gifted singer, songwriter and musician, Natasha is passionate about creating powerful, God-honoring worship! During her 3 years as Music Director with CRAVE MCC the music ministry there has flourished, releasing songs such as "If Not Us, Who?", "Passion Is", and "Giving You Me" which are now sung around the world.

As part of her Residency with us, Natasha will intern as our Director of Music and share her gifts in leadership with the Sanctuary Choir. It is our blessing to be able to host Natasha for this season of ministry exploration and artistic development; we anticipate a fresh movement of the Spirit in our worship together this Fall as she brings her passion and gifting to share with us! Be sure to welcome Natasha on Facebook and join us as we celebrate Natasha's arrival and the God we share together!

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FORUM

**TODAY, 12:30 PM**

Sanctuary

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, November 6, 12:30 pm**  
Sanctuary

Agenda highlights include approving the 2012 budget and reviewing our exciting ministry plans for next year. At the Forum, you will have the opportunity to review all items being discussed at the Annual Congregational Meeting. Annual Congregational Packets will be made available online beginning today. We look forward to sharing our exciting vision for 2012 with you.



**LGBTQ AND  
FREE IN THEE!**

**TODAY**

**1:30 - 5 PM | GATHERING PLACE**

"What does the Bible say about homosexuality?" and "What did Jesus say?" These questions are at the heart of this foundational Life Development offering for those seeking to reconcile their experience of God with their understanding of Scripture. Together we will engage the Bible through the lens of our personal faith experience as we consider the six "clobber passages" in light of current scholarship and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

RSVP and questions to RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org.

# new MEMBERS CLASS



Saturday  
**November 5**

9 am - Noon  
Gathering Place

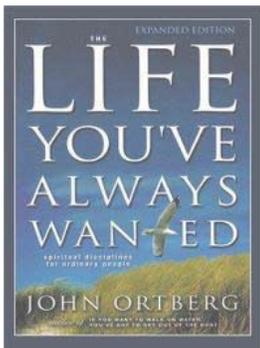
Join us to discuss the mission, vision, and values of Resurrection MCC, as you discover your connection to the world through our affiliation with the Metropolitan Community Churches. Join this family of faith in purpose, service, and fellowship! Please RSVP to RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x105.



**MONDAY,  
OCTOBER 31**  
5 - 10 PM  
GATHERING PLACE

## NIGHTMARE ON WEST 11TH STREET

Trick-or-treat? Come celebrate Halloween with a thrill-filled journey through our frightening Haunted House. We'll leave the porch light on for you... MWAH HA HA HA!



**The Life You've Always Wanted:**  
Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People  
10-Week Offering  
**Wednesdays**  
September 28 - November 23  
7 - 8:30 pm | Gathering Place

This 10 week offering will consider what living "a spiritual life" can really look like for people like us - people who live ordinary lives, yet have a whisper or ache or call in that "God-place" which won't quite leave us alone. During the Fall season join us we experience the call and wonder of spiritual renewal by jumping in to engage the spiritual disciplines for ordinary people found in The Life You've Always Wanted by John Ortberg. Join us for one, some or all sessions, as we practice transformation from the inside out! RSVP at Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC or for more info email RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Books available in Inspirations Coffee Café & Bookstore. Book not required to attend.

## SECOND ANNUAL MASQUERADE BALL



SATURDAY  
**OCTOBER 29, 2011**  
7 - 11 PM • Activities Bldg.

### TICKETS:

<b>\$35.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
hors d'oeuvres	hors d'oeuvres
silent auction	silent auction
water, soda	water, soda
	wine, dos equis,
	frozen cosmopolitans

PURCHASE TICKETS AT  
[www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org)  
and at  
Inspirations Coffee Café & Bookstore

## Silent Auction Items Needed

Electronics, Jewelry, Paintings,  
Donation of Professional Services  
(i.e. legal, massage therapist, catering)  
Hotel Vouchers

Interested in making a donation?  
Email [Masquerade@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Masquerade@ResurrectionMCC.org)

## Volunteers Needed for Masquerade Ball

Each volunteer will receive one free \$35.00 ticket.  
RSVP and Questions to Tricia Phillips at  
[Masquerade@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Masquerade@ResurrectionMCC.org)

# FRIDAY NIGHT OUT



Friday, 7 pm  
**October 28**

Café Adobe (Spring Branch/Memorial)  
 7620 Katy Fwy (I-10), Ste 355  
 Houston, TX 77024  
 713.688.1700

[www.cafeadobe.com/memorial](http://www.cafeadobe.com/memorial)

Join our most popular social group for dinner each month at local restaurants. With over 50 on average attending, it's a great way to meet some new friends!

Join our group on Facebook:

**Resurrection MCC Friday Night Out**

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



## YOGA CONNECTIONS

**Every Tuesday**

**7 - 8:30 pm | Activities Building**

Yoga means to yoke or join. Join us as we join with God through Yoga! Connect with other folks in this non-competitive activity that is suitable for every person. If you are new to Yoga, you'll meet others with varying skill levels. You'll also learn about the benefits for your overall health and well-being. Please bring a mat and towel. Everyone is welcome to join us for these free sessions. RSVP at [Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC](https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC) or for more info email [Yoga@ResurrectionmCC.org](mailto:Yoga@ResurrectionmCC.org)

### Board Member on Duty

Tricia Phillips and Jackie Marshall

*Board Minutes Available Upon Request.*

# LOVE THY NEIGHBOR T-SHIRTS \$15



AVAILABLE  
**TODAY**  
 IN INSPIRATIONS  
 COFFEE CAFÉ & BOOK STORE.

**CHECK OUT OUR NEWEST COLOR,  
HEATHER NAVY!**

### Flowers in the Sanctuary

Consider donating flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special day. Email the date and message to [Sara@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Sara@ResurrectionMCC.org) or call 713-861-9149 x112.

## Financial Report

**For YTD Ended October 16, 2011**

Tithes & Offerings & Capital Giving	Week Ended	YTD Total	YTD Average Attendance	YTD Average Per Person
Amount Needed	\$19,884.42	\$825,203.56	607	\$32.76
Amount Received	\$24,118.73	\$724,063.41	532	\$32.42
Budget Variance		<u>(\$101,140.15)</u>		

### We Offer Ourselves

Last year we approved several ministry priorities, set our budget to accomplish our goals, and projected our income. Our projections were based on the pledges made through the "Church Alive" campaign, the Imagine Reality Capital Campaign, as well as the giving trends of this congregation over the most recent years. We are on track with our ministry goals but are experiencing the strain of the typical "summer dip" in our giving. Our church's cash reserves have dropped rapidly in just the past couple of months even while our worship attendance and ministry programming have grown. Unless giving rebounds, we will soon be forced to significantly reduce the amount of worship, hospitality, transformation, and mission our church can provide. Please join me in taking the necessary steps today to ensure our impact in the lives of this community continues to thrive.

Blessings to you,  
 Rev. Janice Ladd, Executive Pastor

*I will Do all the good I can, By all the means I can, In all the ways I can, In all the places I can, At all the times I can, To all the people I can, As long as ever I can. Amen.*

## A SPIRITUAL WEEKEND GET-AWAY!!

Why not spend a relaxing weekend refreshing yourself with a spiritual retreat? Take a break from work and treat yourself to spend time with your sisters and brothers at a Christian camp.



**NOVEMBER 4 -6, 2011**

Christian Renewal Center, Dickinson, TX  
For the cost of \$145 you will be provided 6 meals, 3 days & 2 nights lodging, all printed materials & supplies. This retreat is being offered by EXCEL OF THE ARMADILLO, Houston, TX.

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER

please visit [www.excelofthearmadillo.com](http://www.excelofthearmadillo.com) or ask anyone wearing an EXCEL stole or wearing an EXCEL Shirt for a brochure and application

## LGBT ADOPTIONS and ESTATE DOCUMENTS

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Use your cellphone to send a text to **90210** with **RMCC** as the message to be signed up for our text alerts.

We'll text you during the week to encourage you to embody the love of God in the world by participating in offering gifts and service outside the walls of Resurrection MCC throughout our sermon series.



## Personal testimony from Dejuana Jernigan

Dejuana is the Resource Development Officer on the Board of Directors, a Sacristan, Reader, and Drummer for Resurrection MCC.

Hello, my name is Dejuana, and I'd like to take this opportunity to invite you to experience EXCEL. I had the privilege to take advantage of this opportunity in 2009. The journey to get there was not an easy one, but after two attempts two years in a row, Divine Order took its course, and I was able to participate in the EXCEL retreat at just the right time in my life.

I am grateful for having had the opportunity to learn, play, and pray with my siblings in Christ. This was an experience unlike any other I'd ever had. I wondered what it would be like and was a little hesitant, at first, but once I was there and allowed myself to "experience" the experience, I knew that the timing was right for me. 2009 was the year that I was meant to attend! After my EXCEL experience, I was a different person – full of passion and desire to deepen my relationship with God and to serve and give back to my church family. EXCEL provided me with tools that helped in my discernment of how I would do that. The following March, I ran for and was elected as a member of the Board of Directors at RMCC. This has been one of the most fulfilling roles in my life, and I attribute much of the preparation to get me to that point of passionate service to participation in the EXCEL retreat. The next EXCEL weekend retreat exercise is November 4-6, 2011.

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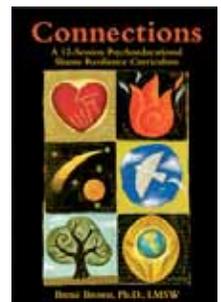
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# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 23

<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10:15 am	Fishers Net Prayer Ministry	<i>Chapel</i>
10:15 am	Masquerade Ball Wrap-Up Session	<i>Activities Building</i>
10:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	<i>Activities Building</i>
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	<i>Activities Building</i>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<i>Sanctuary</i>
12:30 pm	Annual Congregational Meeting Forum	<i>Sanctuary</i>
12:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
1:30 pm	LGBT and Free in Thee!	<i>Gathering Place</i>
2:00 pm	Ms. Holly's Halloween Bash	<i>Activities Building</i>

## MONDAY OCTOBER 24

8:00 am	Nonprofit Consulting	<i>Gathering Place</i>
6:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	<i>Gathering Place</i>
7:00 pm	Suffering and the Goodness of God	<i>Chapel</i>

## TUESDAY OCTOBER 25

8:00 am	Nonprofit Consulting	<i>Gathering Place</i>
10:00 am	Masquerade Ball Set-Up	<i>Activities Building</i>
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00 pm	Yoga Connections	<i>Activities Building</i>

## WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26

8:00 am	Nonprofit Consulting	<i>Gathering Place</i>
10:00 am	Masquerade Ball Set-Up	<i>Activities Building</i>
6:00 pm	The Chalice: Community Gathering	<i>Gathering Place</i>
7:00 pm	The Life You've Always Wanted	<i>Gathering Place</i>

## THURSDAY OCTOBER 27

8:00 am	Nonprofit Consulting	<i>Gathering Place</i>
10:00 am	Masquerade Ball Set-Up	<i>Activities Building</i>

## FRIDAY OCTOBER 28

**OFFICE CLOSED**

10:00 am	Masquerade Ball Set-Up	<i>Activities Building</i>
7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT	<i>Café Adobe (Spring Branch/Memorial)</i>

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 29

**OFFICE CLOSED**

10:00 am	Masquerade Ball Set-Up	<i>Activities Building</i>
7:00 pm	2nd Annual Masquerade Ball	<i>Activities Building</i>

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 30

<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10:15 am	Fishers Net Prayer Ministry	<i>Chapel</i>
10:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	<i>Activities Building</i>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<i>Sanctuary</i>
12:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
12:30 pm	Masquerade Ball Breakdown	<i>Activities Building</i>