

DECEMBER 18, 2011



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.

Ringing of the Hour

HeavenSound Handbells

Prelude / Preludio Natasha Holmes, Ketric Braggs, Elijah Carroll, Bridgett Vinson
Little Drummer Boy

Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne Rev. Michael Diaz

Announcements / Anuncios Rev. Janice Ladd

+ **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.

+ **Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz** Rev. Michael Diaz

+ **Welcome Song Reprise**

+ **Processional Hymn / Himno de Entrada**

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!, Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Invocation / Invocacion Joy Jolley

+ **Gifts for the Journey: Litany for Advent Candle** Devin Hamblet & Angelique Pacheco

One: God of Hope, you send us your angels to remind us that you are indeed with us!

All: We long for your hope this Advent season. We will not be afraid!

One: God of Joy, you send us your angels to remind us that we have found favor with God!

All: We long for your joy this Advent season. We will rejoice!

One: God of Love, you send us your angels to remind us that you are sending your greatest gift to us in the form of a little baby who will change the world!

All: We long for your love this Advent season. We will BE love for the world!

One: God of perfect peace, you send us your angels to remind us that we find peace by following the Prince of Peace, who is Emmanuel, God with us.

All: We long for your peace this Advent season. May we be instruments of your peace throughout the world!

Sung: It's a gift to be simple, It's a gift to be free, It's the gift to come down where you ought to be, And when we find ourselves in the place just right, We will be in the valley of love and delight.

One: Let us who are learning to walk in the light of God's gifts, celebrate PEACE!

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

Anthem / Himno

Shaggy, Smelly Sheep

Children's Choir

+ **Gospel Procession / Procesión del Evangelio**

Star of wonder, star of night. Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding. Guide us to thy Perfect Light.

+ **The Ancient Word / Lectura Bíblica**

Pepe Zuniga (9 am)
Gloria Marrero (11 am)

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: A reading from the Holy Gospel.

All: Glory to you, Oh God.

One:

Luke 1:26-38; 46b-55

Priests for Equality Version

“Six months later, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a young woman named Mary; she was engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. Upon arriving, the angel said to Mary, “Rejoice, highly favored one! God is with you! Blessed are you among women!” Mary was deeply troubled by these words and wondered what the angel’s greeting meant. The angel went on to say to her, “Don’t be afraid, Mary. You have found favor with God. You will conceive and bear a son, and give him the name Jesus—‘Deliverance.’ His dignity will be great, and he will be called the Only Begotten of God. God will give Jesus the seat of David, his ancestor, to rule over the house of Jacob forever, and his reign will never end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I have never been with a man?” The angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you—hence the offspring to be born will be called the Holy One of God. Know too that Elizabeth, your kinswoman, has conceived a child in her old age; she who was thought to be infertile is now in her sixth month. Nothing is impossible with God.” Mary said, “I am the servant of God. Let it be done to me as you say.” With that, the angel left her.

Mary said: "My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you, my Savior. For you have looked with favor upon your lowly servant, and from this day forward all generations will call me blessed. For you, the Almighty, have done great things for me, and holy is your name. Your mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear you. You have shown strength with your arm, you have scattered the proud in their conceit, you have deposed the mighty from their thrones and raised the lowly to high places. You have filled the hungry with good things, while you have sent the rich away empty. You have come to the aid of Israel your servant, mindful of your mercy—the promise you made to our ancestors—to Sarah and Abraham and their descendants forever."

One: This is the Gospel of Love.

All: Praise to you, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

+ **Gloria / La Gloria**

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Sermon / Sermón

Rev. Michael Diaz

The Gift of Peace in Midst of Broken Pieces

Advent

The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ in his Second Advent.

Advent also symbolizes the spiritual journey of people as they affirm that Christ has come, that He is present in the world today, and that He will come again in power. That acknowledgment provides the basis for holy living arising from a profound sense that we live "between the times" and are called to be faithful stewards of what is entrusted to us.

Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, anticipation, preparation, and of longing. There is a yearning for deliverance from the evils of the world, first expressed by Israelite enslaved in Egypt as they cried out from their bitter oppression. It is the cry of those who have experienced the tyranny of injustice in a world, and yet who have hope of deliverance by a God who has heard the cries of oppressed and brought deliverance!

It is that hope, however faint at times, and that God, however distant God sometimes seems, which brings to the world the anticipation of Jesus who will come and reign with truth, justice and righteousness over all creation. It is that hope that once anticipated, and now anticipates anew, the reign of an Anointed One who will bring peace and justice and righteousness to the world.

Ministry of Music: Praise and Worship / Alabanza y Adoracion

Lifesong

I once was lost, but now I'm found
I once was lost, but now I'm found
So far away, but I'm home now
I once was lost, but now I'm found
And now my lifesong sings

I once was blind, but now I see
I once was blind, but now I see
I don't know how, but when He touched me
I once was blind, but now I see

And now my lifesong sings, And now my lifesong sings
And now my lifesong sings

I once was dead, but now I live
I once was dead, but now I live
Now my life to You I give, Now my life to You I give
Now my life to You I give

Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Let my lifesong sing to You

Open the eyes of my heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You

*To see You high and lifted up, Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love, As we sing holy, holy, holy*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You

(Chorus 2x)

Holy, holy, holy, We cry holy, holy, holy
You are holy, holy, holy, I want to see you

Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy
You are holy, holy, holy, I want

(Chorus 2x)

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."

We Offer Ourselves/

Offertory / Ofertorio

HeavenSound Handbells

Manger Child

Linda R. Lamb

Communion / Comunión

Rev. Janice Ladd

Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunion

Heart of worship

When the music fades, And all is stripped away
And I simply come, Longing just to bring
Something that's of worth, That will bless your heart

*I'll bring You more than a song, For a song in itself
Is not what You have required, You search much deeper within
Through the ways things appear, You're looking into my heart*

*I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You, All about You, Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You, It's all about You Jesus*

Full of endless worth, No one could express
How much You deserve, Though I'm weak and poor
All I have is Yours, Every single breath

(Chorus)

I'll bring You more than just a song, For a song in itself
Is not what You have required, You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear, You're looking into my heart

*I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You, All about You, Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You, It's all about You Jesus*

Breathe

This is the air I breathe, This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me

This is my daily bread, This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me

And I, I'm desperate for you
And I, I'm lost without you

(Repeat all)

How Great is our God

And age to age the same, and time God has contained
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead, three in one. Creator, Spirit, Son
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End

*How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How Great, How Great is our God*

(Chorus)

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

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ **Benediction / Bendición**

Rev. Michael Diaz

+ **Benediction Response & Recessional / Himno de Fin**

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain, Our Jesus Christ is born.

Postlude / Postludio

CD

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.

Embody

We want to encourage you to engage your spiritual life beyond worship on Sunday.

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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.

Experience this Season's Gifts!

Christmas Eve

5 pm - Children's Musical

7 pm - Worship Service with Candlelight Communion

Christmas Day

11 am - Worship Service



Meet Me at the MANGER



At Resurrection MCC we celebrate the gift of God's love every day, all year long.

We celebrate God's love with special joy at Christmas, blessed that long ago God put each of us "at the top of the list" and gave the most wonderful gift to us all - Jesus Christ. Each Christmas, as we gather at the manger to receive the gift of Jesus Christ anew, we come grateful. And this time, we come bringing our gifts too . . .

You're invited to join us . . . Meet Me at the Manger!

It's beautifully simple: This Christmas, as you open your hearts and make a list of your family and friends and the gifts you hope to give this Christmas, give thanks for the blessing of your loved ones and for God's provision which makes it possible for you to have gifts to bring them.

And then put Jesus on the top of the list.

In the candlelit beauty of Christmas Eve, many of us will make a special gift to the ministry of Resurrection MCC in celebration of our relationship with Jesus and his life among us. We will make an offering (beyond our regular giving) in the amount of one dollar more than the cost of the most expensive gift we have on our list. We will place it in a small gift box, and place it in a basket near the altar on Christmas Eve. For some of us, this is a way of honoring what we value most this season; for others, it's a way to say "Thank you!" or "I love you!" to God. For many of us, it is a spiritual practice, like prayer or fasting. For all of us, it is a joy and a blessing.

We hope you will join us . . . Meet Me at the Manger!

Empty gift boxes are available at all of the Sanctuary entrances.

ADVENT CONNECTION GROUPS

JESUS BORN AGAIN

Mondays, November 28 - December 19
7pm • Activities Building



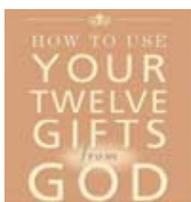
Every year during Advent, we celebrate the coming birth of Jesus (Christmas) through different stories. While the Gospel of Matthew tells us of the Magi from East who follow a star, the Gospel of Luke speaks of simple shepherds being the first to visit Jesus. Did you know there are other stories surrounding Jesus' birth and childhood,

even Jesus going to grade school and being a little mischievous? How do we separate fact from fiction? Is it possible to appreciate the varied stories of Jesus' birth in order to understand why we celebrate the coming of Christ every year?

Join us on Monday nights at 7pm for a 4-week small group study on the different stories surrounding Jesus' birth and childhood. Using narratives from the Gospel of Luke and Matthew and the Infancy Gospels of James and Thomas, we will go beyond facts to find spiritual truth in midst of the many stories surrounding Jesus' birth. Join us this Advent as we encounter, engage, and embody Jesus being born again. For more information, contact RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org.

HOW TO USE YOUR TWELVE GIFTS FROM GOD

Wednesdays, November 30 - December 21
7pm • Activities Building



What is the greatest gift you have ever received? A child might say a toy. A teenager might say a car. As we grow gifts take on new meaning as our needs, values, and priorities evolve. There might not be only one greatest gift but many. Imagine what your life would be like if you not only knew what those gifts were, but how to use them to develop your spiritual awareness and experience a life of inner peace.

Join us on Wednesday nights at 7pm for a 4-week small group study on the book, *How to Use Your Twelve Gifts from God* by William Warch. In this study, we will journey towards inner transformation as we explore how particular gifts refresh our minds to the Divine within us. This Advent, we are growing into divine fullness as we affirm the many gifts that God gives us. For more information, contact RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org.



Jesús Nace de Nuevo - Grupo de Adviento por la Galería

¡Estás invitado a "Jesús nace de nuevo" por la Galería! Comenzando desde esta semana, nuestro grupo de estudio de Adviento, "Jesús Nace de Nuevo", se reunirá en la Galería. El grupo tendrá sus sesiones durante cuatro semanas, empezando desde el miércoles 30 de noviembre y continuando el 7, 14 y 21 de diciembre. Marcial Rentería atenderá a este grupo. Para más información y para confirmar asistencia, por favor visite [Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC](https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC) o escribir a supermpr@gmail.com.

Jesus Born Again - League City Thursdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22

Full details, including the address, are available on [Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC](https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC) or by email to RevFarnan@verizon.net



\$20 each

Help us beautify our Sanctuary with a potted Christmas Poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special person or relationship. Poinsettias will be on display in the Sanctuary until - Sunday, December 25.

Write "Poinsettias" in the memo line of your check, or on a donation envelope with your name, and place in the offering plate. Email a brief note to Poinsettias@ResurrectionMCC.org if you would like us to include a note on a card with the Poinsettia. If you would like, you may take the Poinsettia home, or give it as a gift, after our 11 am Christmas Day service.

TRANSITIONS IN THE WORSHIP ARTS DEPARTMENT



Please join me in celebrating the long tenure of ministry we have shared with Anthony White, the Accompanist for the Gospel Ensemble. Anthony has served faithfully in that role since 1998 and all of us have been blessed by his offering of his joyful and spirit-filled musical gifts. Along with the Gospel Ensemble, he has played with the HeavenSound Handbells, lifted his voice in song with the Sanctuary Choir, and participated in multiple concerts and musicals. Anthony is grateful for the opportunity to have worked with such talented people but is in need of rest and renewal.

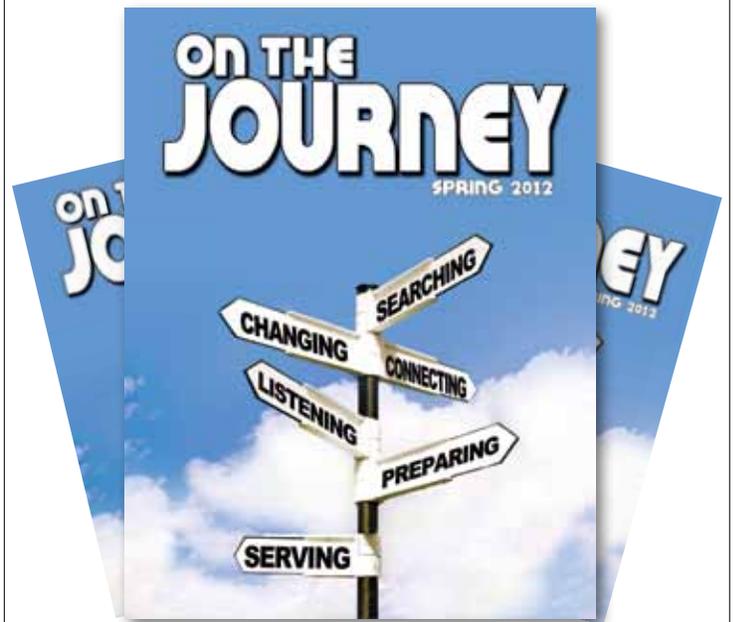


An up and coming artist in our midst is Christy Irvin. She has been an active participant in the Gospel Ensemble and our Praise and Worship Band and is excited to become the Accompanist for the Gospel Ensemble. Christy was raised in Needville and began playing the piano at age 5. She graduated from the University of Houston with a BS in Education and a background in music instruction. Christy led praise and worship at First Baptist Needville, has held various positions as a church pianist, and was a vocal lead for the contemporary Christian band *Focus on Him*.



We are also very excited about adding Reed Hoke to our music team as the Director for the Sanctuary Choir! Born and raised in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Reed has a Bachelor of Music in Music Education and a Masters of Education:Curriculum and Instruction:Creative Arts in Learning. He is proud to have sung in and been on the musical leadership team for GALA choruses in Indianapolis, Dallas, Denver, and Houston. Music education in the public schools has kept Reed busy and employed for 16 years; he currently teaches elementary music in Houston ISD. Reed and his partner, Joseph, live in their dream house in Spring Branch with their dogs, Mija, and Diego, and sometimes Joseph's mom, Olga. We anticipate a fresh movement of excellence and expectation in 2012 as he brings his passion and gifting for choral music and community service to our Sanctuary Choir.

Be sure to catch up with Anthony and let him know how his ministry has blessed your life and extend a big welcome to our newest music ministers, Christy Irvin and Reed Hoke!



Available
TODAY
at All Sanctuary Entrances



KWANZAA
WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 28
7 PM | SANCTUARY

Kwanzaa is an African-American celebration with focus on the traditional African values of family, community responsibility, commerce, and self-improvement. Kwanzaa is a cultural celebration and not a political statement. Despite some misconceptions, it is not a substitute for Christmas. It is simply a time of reaffirming African-American people, their ancestors and culture. The word Kwanzaa, means "first fruits of the harvest" in the African language Kiswahili.

Please RSVP by December 21 to
Kwanzaa@ResurrectionMCC.org.



EXPLORING YOUR SPIRITUAL LOCATION

WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 4, 11, 18, 25
7 - 8:30 PM | GATHERING PLACE

Asking yourself "Where am I, in this moment, in my spiritual life?" is the beginning of a journey that asks you to pay attention to what your inner world is telling you, what your body is trying to say, and what your spirit longs to speak. During this 4-week course, we will be guided in the practice of paying attention to ourselves in these ways. As we explore our spiritual location at this moment in our lives through reflective activities and interactive exercises, we will deepen our personal awareness and connection to others on the spiritual journey.

RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



VISUAL PRAYERS AFFIRMING YOUR LIFE IN 2012

SATURDAY | JANUARY 7
NOON - 6 PM | ACTIVITIES BUILDING

"A whole year of days opens before us – as yet unknown, unspoken, unseen. What joy awaits ...?" As we open into this New Year, you are invited to affirm great joy in the promise God holds for your life with the creation of Visual Prayers! By participating in a simple magazine collage process designed for young and old, artists and those decidedly creativity-resistant alike! We will vision a year of goodness and healing for our individual lives and the world we share. This is an open-ended activity, so join us anytime for an afternoon of prayerful and creative community-making in the New Year! Please bring a magazine or two and scissors. Gluesticks, poster-board, additional magazines, and light refreshments will be provided.

RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

new MEMBERS CLASS

Saturday
January 7
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!

RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org

Board Member on Duty

Dr. Jackie Marshall and Eddie Domingue

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

FOOD PANTRY

Open by Appointment:
713-861-9149 x103

Nonperishables Needed:

Canned Meats, Vegetables,
Fruit, Juice, Soup, Pasta,
Rice, Beans



Please place donations in the shopping cart located in the Welcome Area.

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 or call 713-861-9149 x112.

Financial Report

For YTD Ended December 11, 2011

Tithes & Offerings & Capital Giving	Week Ended	YTD Total	YTD Average Attendance	YTD Average Per Person
Amount Needed	\$19,884.42	\$984,278.94	607	\$32.76
Amount Received	\$22,790.50	\$860,927.07	529	\$32.55
Budget Variance		(\$123,351.87)		

The Pastoral Search Committee's Congregational Covenant and Prayer

have been printed on a handy card that is available at all Sanctuary entrances. Please pick one up and keep it as a reminder of your pledge to support and pray for the committee. Specific questions about the search process can be sent to PSC@ResurrectionMCC.org

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR T-SHIRTS \$15



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LGBTQ Solutions for Living Well

Individual, family, and couples therapy available. Request MCC Rates.



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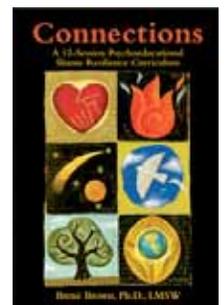
Children, Adolescents & Adults.
Depression, Anxiety, Perfectionism,
Trauma, Addiction, Codependency,
Relationships.

There is hope for change, empowerment and living authentically!

Connections:
A 12-Session Psychoeducational
Shame-Resilience Curriculum

Call Tammy at 832-863-8221 for more information

Course developed by Brene Brown, PhD, LMSW, researcher, educator & writer. Learn to identify and overcome shame through exercises, handouts and lecture.



Beginning in August Grief & Loss Recovery Group

Wednesday nights, 5:30-6:50pm, 14 consecutive weeks
Grieving is a natural process and the result of losing a loved one, pet, physical or mental ability, job, relationship, or aspirations. This group teaches about the stages of grieving, and allows then to transform emotionally, behaviorally & spiritually. Participants are encouraged to accept their loss, understand their process and develop skills practice throughout their lifespan.

Space is limited, MCC rate available

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY DECEMBER 18

9:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fishers Net Prayer Ministry	Chapel
10:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Activities Building
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Christmas Baskets Distribution	Activities Building
12:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary
2:00 pm	Bayou City Performing Arts Rehearsal	Sanctuary

MONDAY DECEMBER 19

7:00 pm	Jesus Born Again	Gathering Place
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TUESDAY DECEMBER 20

6:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Yoga Connections	Activities Building

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21

6:00 pm	The Chalice: Community Gathering	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	How to Use Your Twelve Gifts From God	Gathering Place

THURSDAY DECEMBER 22

6:00 pm	Praise & Worship Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 23

4:30 pm	Children's Choir Dress Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 24

5:00 pm	Children's Choir Christmas Eve Musical	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Worship	Sanctuary

SUNDAY DECEMBER 25

10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary