



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

April 1, 2012

Prelude / Preludio

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Christy Irvin

Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne

Rev. Janice Ladd

Announcements / Anuncios

Joy Jolley

+ Welcome Song / Canción de Bienvenida

Let us build a house where all are named, Their songs and visions heard  
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed, As words within the word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, Prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: All are welcome, all are welcome,  
All are welcome in this place.

+ Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ Welcome Song Reprise / Canción de Bienvenida

+ Call to Experience / Llamada de Adoración

Rev. Terri Steed

One: We have been journeying through this season of Lent, moving toward the cross, and we are asking God to enlarge our vistas...

**ALL: God is calling us to be light to the nations. We shine that light!**

One: Even in the midst of uncertainty and confusion we travel, knowing that God says to us...

**ALL: "I know the plans I have for you." We rest assured!**

One: When doubtful that God can possibly use us we hear God reminding us...

**ALL: "I will pour out My spirit upon everyone." We remain hopeful!**

One: When we see people all around us in need of help and hope, we see the opportunity to be Jesus for them knowing that Jesus said to the disciples,

**ALL: "When you have done it for the least of these, you have done it for me." We stand united!**

One: When others try to isolate us, insult us, ostracize us as the 'least of these,' we hear very clearly the reminder that...

**ALL: "God shows no partiality!" We boldly proclaim it!**

One: Jesus reminds us today as the palm branches wave and He enters Jerusalem on a colt that God needs us to use our gifts and offer ourselves...

**ALL: We give ourselves to be used by God to enlarge our territory. We unite in solidarity!**

One: And so it is! Amen!

## Palm Sunday

'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!' With our celebration of Palm Sunday we join the procession of all who have fallen in love with Jesus through the ages, proclaiming our love and devotion. In the midst of our rejoicing however, we are called to recognize the depth and substance of this love we claim. Very soon our cries of triumph and blessing will be turned to shocked silence and the ache of sorrow as we bear witness to Jesus' betrayal and death. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem among palm branches strangely prepares us to fight our tendency toward the delusion of superficial loves. With Jesus there is no superficial love; instead we are given a love that withstands the horror of crucifixion. In our discipleship we find we are called to extend ourselves in the suffering of a broken world, practicing real acts of compassion born of a Christ-like love which forces us to rise out of ourselves for the sake of others.

~ Based in part upon Michael Battle: *Commentary on Mark 11:1-11 in Feasting on the Word*

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

+ **Opening Hymn**

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

I am weak, but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long, As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

*(Chorus)*

When my feeble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er, To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

*(Chorus)*

**Gospel Lesson / Evangelio Lección**

Vickey Gibbs

*Luke 19:29-40*

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As Jesus was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

**Community Prayer Litany / Letanía de la Comunidad**

Dr. Jackie Marshall

One: We come before our God, daring to go forth guided by our inner compass through all that may come, grounding our center in the soul's "true North": faith in the Holy.

*(Pause)*

One: Let God's people say "Lord, hear our prayers."

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayers.**

One: May we name what we have been through and are willing to leave behind:

*(Pause)*

One: Let God's people say "Lord, hear our prayers."

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayers.**

One: May we name ourselves and our sisters and brothers with compassion, forgiveness, and hope:

*(Pause)*

One: Let God's people say "Lord, hear our prayers."

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayers.**

One: May we name our thanksgiving and our commitment to make way for God's vision with the whole of our lives:

*(Pause)*

One: Let God's people say "Lord, hear our prayers."

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayers.**

One: Amen and amen.

**Anthem / Himno**

Gospel Ensemble

***God Is Great***

by John Lakin II

**Engage / Participar**

Rev. Elder Ken Martin

***On Being Stones and Crying Out***

**Congregational Response / Congregacional de Respuesta**

***Change My Heart, O God***

Change my heart, O God  
Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God,  
May I be like you.  
You are the Potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.

**We Offer Ourselves / Ofrenda**

Rev. Janice Ladd

**Offertory / Ofertorio**

Gospel Ensemble

***Glory to God In The Highest***

from Gospel Mass by Robert Ray

**Communion / Comunción**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Rev. Michael Diaz

**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 Songs / Cantos de Comunion

### 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.

### *Glorify Thy Name*

Jehovah, we love you, we praise you, we adore you  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify thy name. Glorify thy name  
Glorify thy name in all the earth  
Jesus, we love you...  
Spirit, we love you...

### *Word of God Speak*

I'm finding myself at a loss for words and the funny thing is it's okay.  
The last thing I need is to be heard but to hear what you would say.

*Word of God speak. Would you pour down like rain?  
Washing my eyes to see your majesty. To be still and know that You're in this place.  
Please let me stay and rest in your holiness. Word of God speak.*

I'm finding myself in the midst of you, beyond the music, beyond the noise.  
All that I need is to be with you, and in the quiet hear your voice.

*(Chorus 2x)*

I'm finding myself at a loss for words and the funny thing is it's okay.

### *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*

Over the mountains and the sea, Your river runs with love for me,  
and I will open up my heart and let the Healer set me free.

I'm happy to be in the truth, and I will daily lift my hands:  
for I will always sing of when Your love came down.

I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever,  
I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever.

*(Repeat All)*

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

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Benediction / Bendición**

Rev. Elder Ken Martin

**Postlude / Postludio**

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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 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.

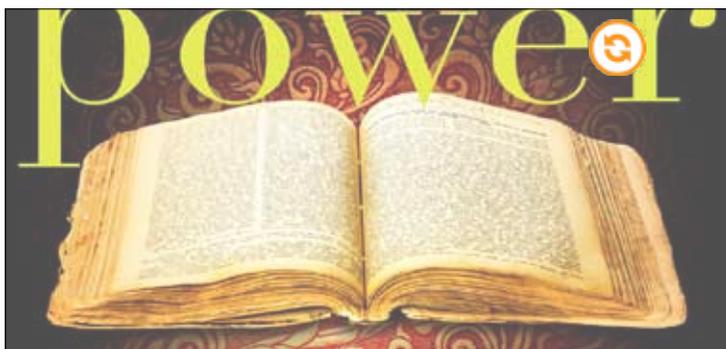
### Social Action

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.

# JOURNEY KEY MAP

Determine your Spiritual Location using the exercises found on pages 8 - 11 of our Spring On The Journey magazine.

-  **SEARCHING**  
I'm not sure where I am or what I believe.  
I'm in a place of questioning my faith...
-  **CHANGING**  
I'm experiencing transformation in my faith life.  
I'm in a place of new God-experiences . . .
-  **CONNECTING**  
I'm finding my faith in community. I'm in a place of exploring my spirituality with others . . .
-  **LISTENING**  
I'm quieting my life to hear God's voice.  
I'm in a place of inner spiritual attentiveness . . .
-  **SERVING**  
I'm feeling the need to give of myself. I'm in a place of living my faith in caring for others . . .
-  **PREPARING**  
I'm deepening my faith journey. I'm in a place of responsiveness to God's call in my life . . .



## THE NEW OLD SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

MONDAY  
**APRIL 2**  
7 - 8:30 pm  
Gathering Place

The name says it all! You, plus the Bible, minus the dogma, equals more excitement with The Word than you ever thought possible! Whether you have never cracked open the Good Book, or if you have whole sections memorized (including the old Sunday school "Books of the Bible" song!), you are welcome to join us for some spirited Bible study! Bring your Bible or borrow one of ours, and join us for one, some, or every study!

RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org

# NEWCOMERS WELCOME RECEPTION



## TODAY

12:30 PM, Gathering Place

Are you new to Resurrection MCC? If you have begun attending within the past few months, or have returned after hiatus, welcome home! You are cordially invited to attend a reception immediately following the 11 am Worship service with refreshments provided. You'll have the opportunity to meet new folks and some of the ministry leaders and clergy, learn more about Resurrection MCC, and ask any questions you might have.

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## Young Adult Mixer TODAY

12:30 - 3 pm  
Home of Will Carr  
545 Studewood St  
(House with the blue garage door.)  
Houston, TX 77007

Young Adults (18-35) and their significant others are invited to a Palm Sunday "Young Adult Mixer" after church. Join us for food, fun, and fellowship as we connect with others in a relaxed environment. Come as you are and bring a friend or two!

Contact RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org to RSVP and for more information or call Will Carr at 281.865.6910.



# Easter

## April 8



**SUNDAY WORSHIP 9 & 11 AM**  
NURSERY AVAILABLE | HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE  
11 AM - CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAM | SPANISH & DEAF INTERPRETATION  
2025 W. 11TH @ TC JESTER, HOUSTON 77008 | 713.861.9149 | WWW.RESURRECTIONMCC.ORG



## GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY  
**APRIL 6**  
7 - 8 pm  
Sanctuary

*No greater love . . .*

*Our whole hearts breaking in witness and in worship,  
this night we walk with Jesus to the cross.*

*No greater love . . .*

*Our whole hearts waking in wonder and in worship,  
this night we stand with Jesus at the cross.*

*No greater love . . .*

*Come, this night with Jesus, to the cross.*



## EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

SUNDAY  
**APRIL 8**  
11 am - Noon  
Activities Building

A petting zoo, Easter egg hunt, face-painting and more - all beginning during our 11 am Easter worship service at Resurrection MCC! Join us for this fabulous annual celebration of New Life with our young and lively family of faith!



## Maundy Thursday/Seder

THURSDAY  
**APRIL 5**  
7 - 8 pm  
Activities Building

A ritual meal in celebration of a God of Life, the seder is a time for the community to gather and eat, pray and sing, and to tell the story of God's steadfast provision for God's peoples. Rich in history, deep in meaning, and beautifully resonant with God's many and diverse peoples, the seder at it's heart is an open table: a place where the family of God gathers to share the blessing of life. Come, be with us at Table this Holy Week, as we share in God's story together!



## IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

SATURDAY  
**APRIL 7**  
2 - 4 PM  
Music Room

"Imani" means Faith in Swahili, and "Vida" means Life in Spanish. Join us as we explore life and faith through drumming! If you like to drum or have an interest in drumming, join us as we make music through all sorts of percussion instruments: hand drums, shakers, rain sticks and even the sound of foot stomping music. Drummers of all skill levels are welcome. No prior drumming experience is required to participate in our circle. We only ask that you bring your desire to be a part of our community drum circle. We meet every first Saturday of the month in the Gathering Place, as well as other locations for other special drumming occasions.

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## HOLY SATURDAY SILENT STONES MEDITATION

SATURDAY  
**APRIL 7**  
7 - 8 pm  
Outside

Between the searing sorrow of Good Friday and the intense wonder and joy of the resurrection on Easter morning, there is the dark silence of the deep and closed place . . . the cave and the stone . . . the tomb. So often we move away from this place in fear or in grief or in passing through to somewhere, anywhere, else. Yet is it not the carved spaciousness of the cave that opens to receive Holy Love; is it not the unwavering witness of the stone that holds and reveals Holy Truth? Join us as we gather at sunset for a very special time of meditation upon the time in between.



## LGBTQ AND FREE: SERIES

WEDNESDAY  
**APRIL 11, 18, 25**  
7 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Place

"What does the Bible say about homosexuality?" and "What did Jesus say?" These questions are at the heart of this foundational offering for those seeking to reconcile their experience of God with their understanding of Scripture. Over a series of 3 evenings we will engage a survey of the six "clobber passages" in the Bible through the lens of our personal faith experience, current Biblical scholarship, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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CELEBRATING

# 40 YEARS



**Resurrection**  
Metropolitan Community Church

**VICKIE SHAW & JENNIE MCNULTY  
STAND UP EXTRAVAGANZA**  
Saturday, April 21, 7 pm  
\$25 General Admission  
\$50 VIP Seating & Reception with Vickie & Jennie

**ANNIVERSARY CONCERT**  
Saturday, April 28, 8 pm  
Featuring our Worship Arts Ministry  
Special Guest Rev. Carolyn Mobley  
\$20 General Admission

**ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP**  
Sunday, April 29, 9 & 11 am  
Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Rev. John Gill



**SUNDAY WORSHIP 9 & 11 AM** • nursery available • handicap accessible  
11 am - children & youth program • spanish & deaf interpretation

**Tickets available in Inspirations Coffee Café & Bookstore TODAY!**



## TWO-STEPPIN

SATURDAY

**APRIL 14**

3 - 5 pm, Activities Building

Chad Guidry and Shelley James will be teaching two hours of two-step workshops. No previous experience is necessary. They will start with two-step 101 and progress through some fun and simple patterns. The cost of the class is only \$10 and all proceeds will be donated to Resurrection MCC in support of our 40th anniversary celebration.

Details, incredible videos, and RSVP on [www.facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC](http://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC)



## SUNDAY FRIEND-RAISER

SUNDAY

**APRIL 15**

12:30 pm

Activities Building

**\$6**

**ENJOY BURGERS AND HOT DOGS!**



## **Announcing our New Director of Music** *Mark C. Brown*



We are pleased to announce a new partner in ministry, Mark C. Brown, who will be joining our full-time staff as Director of Music. Mark comes to us from LifeJourney Church, a large MCC congregation in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he provided outstanding servant leadership and direction to their music and worship program that mirrors the depth of talent that we are so blessed to have within our own congregation.

The grand God-story of Resurrection MCC has proven that when we invest in our worship, our music, and in our incredible leaders and volunteers within that program, our ability to do God's work and draw people into a deeper relationship with Christ thrives. Under the leadership of prior directors of our program such as Mark Unbehagen, Steven Couch, and Cassandra White, we have become known for passionate and excellent music that not only ministers each Sunday but reaches beyond the walls to touch the hearts and lives of our community.

Mark Brown is excited to step into that legacy. He has the experience and anointing to support the dedicated music staff: Cassandra White, Reed Hoke, Rose Wall, Joel Hammett, and Christy Irvin as they put their gifts together to create authentic worship and powerful productions. As part of the Executive Team, the Director of Music position also ensures the ministry is in alignment with our overall mission and vision and grounded in our core values. Mark will partner in the daily operations of our church, coordinate the overall flow of music within worship, serve as visionary and administrative leader to the music department, and will cultivate the talent within our congregation and community to develop instrumentalist, vocalists, and praise teams that serve God through this church.

I am grateful for the spiritual depth within our music department that has held together even in unsettled times of transition. The faith of our volunteers and staff has served God and this church well and provided the seeds that are bringing the blessing of Mark Brown into our lives. You can learn more of Mark's story in his letter posted on our web site at [www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org). He will be with us on our 40th Anniversary Weekend, April 28-29, as we celebrate our past and secure our future together!!

Welcome Mark C. Brown and thank you Resurrection MCC for your generosity and faith!

In Gratitude,  
Rev. Janice

# Giving Report for Weekly Bulletin: A Simple Way to be Financially Transparent/Accountable



By Elisa Vega-Burns, Treasurer  
Resurrection MCC Board of Directors

Each week a giving report is included in the church's Sunday bulletin. Many of you may not understand it or even take the time to look at it. However, as a giver to Resurrection MCC, you are financially supporting the church with your tithes and offerings and, for this reason, you should take an interest in how the church is doing financially. One way you can do this is to review the giving report in the bulletin, which gives you a brief snapshot of Resurrection MCC's financial picture.

As you can see below, the top section of the report provides you with information regarding the total amount of tithes and offerings received for the prior week, as well as the total amount of tithes and offerings received for the year up to the prior week. These figures are then compared to the total amount of tithes and offerings anticipated for these same periods per the 2012 budget approved by the congregation, resulting in a total giving variance. Simply stated,

$$\text{Total Giving Received} - \text{Total Giving Anticipated} = \text{Total Giving Variance}$$

If Total Giving Received is greater than Total Giving Anticipated, then the Total Giving Variance will be positive. If Total Giving Received is less than Total Giving Anticipated, then the Total Giving Variance will be negative. At this point, I'm sure you're wondering, "What does this mean and why should I care?"

Resurrection MCC's 2012 approved budget communicates the church's ministry plan goals and strategic growth initiatives for 2012. The budget provides a forecast of income (anticipated giving) and is used to determine how the actual income received can be appropriately and beneficially used to achieve the church's stated mission and objectives. That is, the budget is evaluated to determine whether Total Giving Anticipated is in line with Total Giving Received. If not, and if the Total Giving Variance—the amount over or under Total Giving Anticipated—is substantial, then the budget may need to be updated and/or revised.

Cash flow management is the process of matching the church's ministry plan goals and strategic growth initiatives to available income. Since cash flow describes how and when money comes into the church and is spent, cash flow management involves managing income with the goal of paying bills on time and creating a surplus for growth. By comparing actual results with the budget plan, cash flow management adjustments can be made as needed.

The bottom section of the report compares three important weekly giving totals that aid the Executive Team with making cash flow management decisions:

- Average Amount Received is the average weekly amount of tithes and offerings received so far for the year (i.e., YTD Total Amount Received divided by the current week number for 2012)
- Cash Flow Need is the minimum amount needed each week to fund our basic ministry obligations: staff, property, operations and debt (i.e., the minimum amount needed to keep the doors open each Sunday)
- Ministry Plan Need is the weekly amount needed per the budget approved by the congregation to achieve our 2012 ministry plan goals and strategic growth initiatives (i.e., the amount needed to make ministry happen)

If Average Amount Received is greater than Cash Flow Need but less than Ministry Plan Need, then we are receiving just enough cash to keep the doors open each Sunday and pay our basic ministry obligations (i.e., staff, property, operations and debt). If Average Amount Received is greater than Ministry Plan Need, then we are receiving more than enough cash to achieve our 2012 ministry plan goals and strategic growth initiatives.

**Bottom line:** Currently, we are not receiving sufficient tithes and offerings to accomplish the 2012 ministry plan goals and strategic growth initiatives approved by the congregation. We manage our cash flow accordingly, but due to the Total Giving Variance, we are falling short of fulfilling our ministry vision and making ministry happen.

### Board Member on Duty

Jackie Marshall and Daniel Guerrero  
Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

### 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.

## Giving Report

## For Week and YTD Ended March 25, 2012

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$20,190.63	\$220,862.84
Total Amount Anticipated	\$19,263.46	\$240,793.27
Total Giving Variance		(\$19,930.43)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$18,405.24	
Cash Flow Need	\$17,307.69	
Ministry Plan Need	\$19,263.46	

**Cash Flow Need** is the minimum amount needed each week to fund our basic ministry obligations: staff, property, operations and debt (i.e., the minimum amount needed to keep the doors open each Sunday)

**Ministry Plan Need** is the weekly amount needed per the budget approved by the congregation to achieve our 2012 ministry plan goals and strategic growth initiatives (i.e., the amount needed to make ministry happen)

# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>APRIL 1</b>
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	<i>Chapel</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	Newcomers Welcome Reception	<i>Gathering Place</i>
12:30 pm	Young Adult Mixer	<i>Will Carr's Home</i>
1:00 pm	Jubilee Theatre Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
2:00 pm	Fab40 Rehearsal	<i>Activities Building</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>APRIL 2</b>
7:00 pm	The New Old School Bible Study	<i>Gathering Place</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>		<b>APRIL 3</b>
6:00 pm	Music Ministry Meeting	<i>Music Room</i>
6:00 pm	Praise & Worship Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</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>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		<b>APRIL 4</b>
7:00 pm	A Service of Discipleship:Washing Ritual	<i>Chapel</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>		<b>APRIL 5</b>
6:00 pm	Praise & Worship Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00 pm	Design Team	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday / Seder	<i>Activities Building</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>		<b>APRIL 6</b>
<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>		
7:00 pm	Good Friday Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>		<b>APRIL 7</b>
<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>		
2:00 pm	ImaniVida Drum Circle	<i>Music Room</i>
7:00 pm	Silent Stones Meditation	<i>Outside</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>APRIL 8</b>
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	<i>Chapel</i>
10:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	<i>Activities Building</i>
10:45 am	Easter Egg-Stravaganza	<i>Activities Building</i>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<i>Sanctuary</i>
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
1:30 pm	Jubilee Theatre Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>