



April 8, 2012

**Prelude / Preludio**

*Prepare Ye*

Mass Choir

**Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne** Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

**Announcements / Anuncios**

Rev. Michael Diaz

**+ 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. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

**+ Welcome Song Reprise / Canción de Bienvenida**

**+ Call to Experience / Llamada de Adoración**

Joy Jolley

One: We dare to come rejoicing this day ...  
**ALL: Alleluia! I have seen the Lord!**  
One: We dare to come running to the tomb ...  
**ALL: Alleluia! I have seen the Lord!**  
One: We dare to come seeking what we've lost ...  
**ALL: Alleluia! I have seen the Lord!**  
One: We dare to come doubting what we'll find ...  
**ALL: Alleluia! I have seen the Lord!**  
One: We dare to come weeping from our depths ...  
**ALL: Alleluia! I have seen the Lord!**  
One: We dare to come questioning the angels ...  
**ALL: Alleluia! I have seen the Lord!**  
One: We dare to come listening for our name ...  
**ALL: Alleluia! I have seen the Lord!**  
One: We dare to come running from the tomb ..  
**ALL: Alleluia! I have seen the Lord!**  
One: We dare to come bursting forth with Christ ...  
**ALL: Alleluia! I have seen the Lord!**  
One: We dare to come proclaiming the Good News ...  
**ALL: Alleluia! We have seen the Lord!**

**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.

**Easter Sunday**

Easter is an important and joyous Christian festival celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter was originally called Pascha because of the festival's association with the Jewish Passover. The name "Easter" comes from an ancient pagan festival honoring the Anglo-Saxon goddess Eostre.

*"Hallelujah,  
Christ is Risen!"*

The resurrection story reminds us of the great Christian hope that life prevails over death. The biblical accounts of Jesus's resurrection encourage us to always see the possibilities of new life resurrecting around us and through us.

+ **Opening Hymn / Himno**

***Christ the Lord is Risen Today***

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Let the Victor's people sing, Alleluia!  
Where O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!  
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death is vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia!  
God has opened paradise, Alleluia!  
Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

**Contemporary Reading / Lectura Contemporánea**

Rose Wall

***Love Wins***

by Rob Bell

People come to Jesus in all sorts of ways. Sometimes people bump into Jesus, they trip on the mystery, they stumble past the word, they drink from the rock, without knowing what or who it was....He is the rock, and there is water for the thirsty there, wherever 'there' is.....Heaven is, after all, full of surprises. The world is being redeemed, the tomb is empty, and a new creation is bursting forth right here in the midst of this one.

**Word in Dance / La Palabra en La Danza**

Praise Dancers

***They Didn't Know***

by Kurt Carr

+ **Gospel Lesson / Evangelio Lección**

Vickey Gibbs (9 am)  
Kedric Brown (11 am)

***John 20:1-18***

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they

have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Heavenly Parent. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Parent and your Parent, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

## + Congregational Response / Congregacional de Respuesta

### *Because He Lives*

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.  
Because He lives, All fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living just because He lives

## Engage / Sermón

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini  
Rev. Janice Ladd  
Rev. Terri Steed  
Rev. Michael Diaz

### *Daring to Come to Jesus*

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## We Offer Ourselves / Ofrenda

Kecia Bullock

## Offertory / Ofertorio

Mass Choir

### *Glorificamus Te*

Eugene Butler

## Communion / Comunión

Rev. Janice Ladd

## 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 Metropolitanas) 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 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.

## Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunión

### *Mighty to Save*

Everyone needs compassion, Love that's never failing;  
Let mercy fall on me. Everyone needs forgiveness,  
The kindness of a Savior; The Hope of nations.

*Savior, You can move the mountains,  
My God is Mighty to save, Mighty to save.  
Forever, Author of salvation, You rose and conquered the grave,  
Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as You find me, All my fears and failures,  
Fill my life again. I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in, Now I surrender.

(Chorus)

Shine your light and let the whole world see,  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King...Jesus (x2)

(Chorus)

### *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises;  
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from Heaven to earth; To show the way,  
From the earth to the cross, My debt to pay,  
From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift Your name on high!

### *Because He Lives*

God sent the son, they called Him Jesus He came to love, heal, and forgive.  
He lived and died to buy my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.Because He lives, All fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, And feel the pride and joy he gives.  
But greater still the calm assurance, This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

(Chorus)

And then one day I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain.  
And then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

(Chorus)

### + Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias

Rev. Janice Ladd

### + Choral Benediction / Bendición de Coral

Mass Choir

### *Hallelujah*

choral arrangement by Teena Chinn

### + Benediction / Bendición

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

### Postlude / Postludió

Joel Hammett

## Executive Team

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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.

## ① SEARCHING

I'm not sure where I am or what I believe.  
I'm in a place of questioning my faith...

## ② CHANGING

I'm experiencing transformation in my faith life.  
I'm in a place of new God-experiences ...

## ③ CONNECTING

I'm finding my faith in community. I'm in a place of exploring my spirituality with others ...

## ④ LISTENING

I'm quieting my life to hear God's voice.  
I'm in a place of inner spiritual attentiveness ...

## ⑤ SERVING

I'm feeling the need to give of myself. I'm in a place of living my faith in caring for others ...

## ⑥ PREPARING

I'm deepening my faith journey. I'm in a place of responsiveness to God's call in my life ...



# EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA TODAY

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!



## 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.

RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



## ADOPT-A-BED MEET & GREET

SATURDAY

# APRIL 14

1 - 2:30 pm, Gathering Place/Outside

Our Adopt-a-Bed folks seem to come by "like a thief in the night", literally transforming the beds they maintain from drab to fab yet remaining undetected by anyone most of the time. Now it's time for them to step out of the shadows and meet the folks who beautify our flower beds and landscape! Join us for our first Meet & Greet for Adopt-A-Bed beauty-makers, as we share an informal gathering complete with hors d'oeuvres and a campus walk showing off the fruits of their labor - or getting inspired as Spring does her thing! Prospective gardeners, friends, and groupies all welcome!

Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org



## **LOVE WINS: ROB BELL BOOK STUDY**

MONDAY

# **APRIL 9, 16, 23, 30**

7 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Place

We invite you to jump out of the frying pan and into the fire with "Love Wins" and join us for one, some, or all sessions of this Rob Bell book study, subtitled: "A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived." For folks who have, on average, been told more frequently than many other people that we are surely going to hell, we are often pretty unclear about what we think about the subject! Aside from the – very valuable, but still partial – response that God loves us, does not reject us, and includes us in the "whosoever" of grace just as we are, many of us really aren't all that sure about what we believe about hell, or why. Perhaps it's time that we go to hell (and back!) to get that clarity for ourselves!

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## **SUNDAY FRIEND-RAISER**

SUNDAY

# **APRIL 15**

12:30 pm, Activities Building

# **\$6**

**ENJOY BURGERS AND HOT DOGS!**



Are you ready to commit to being an active part of the movement that Jesus began 2,000 years ago - a movement of showing God's unconditional love to all people? Join us to discuss the mission, vision, and values of Resurrection MCC as you discover your connection to the world through our affiliation with Metropolitan Community Churches. You'll be introduced to our history, meet other new members, and learn what God is doing in the life of our church. Food will be provided. We welcome you to join our family of faith in purpose, service, and fellowship!

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



## **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)



FRIDAY, 7 PM  
**APRIL 13**  
**Olive Garden**

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 Friday Night OUT North!

RSVP to  
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*Friday Night OUT North meets on the second Fridays of each month.*



**BINGO NIGHT**  
**AT BIG TEX BINGO**

FRIDAY  
**APRIL 20**  
 7:30 PM

BIG TEX BINGO  
 13030 VETERANS MEMORIAL DR, HOUSTON, 77014

Bring your friends and family and join Resurrection for a night of fun! Over \$5,000 is given away nightly (bingo prizes and pull tabs). Big Tex offers a full service snack bar, daily food specials, beer, margaritas and more.

Resurrection MCC and Pride Charities are two of the organizations who share in the profits from Big Tex Bingo, [www.BigTexBingo.com](http://www.BigTexBingo.com) 281-586-0700.



# HeavenSound Handbells

Sundays  
 1:30 - 3:30 pm  
 Sanctuary

Currently there are several open spots in our handbell choir. Those interested should have some music reading skills. Experience in ringing is not required. Join us on Sundays for our rehearsals or send questions to

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

# LOVE THY NEIGHBOR T-SHIRTS \$15



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# CELEBRATING 40 YEARS



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

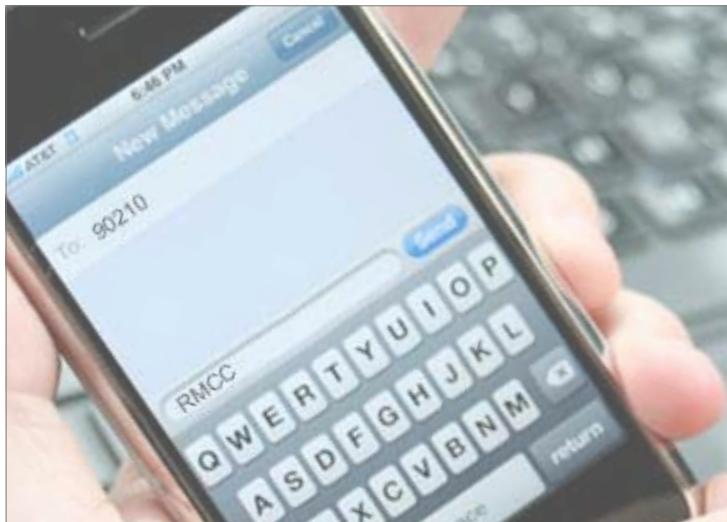
**ANNIVERSARY CONCERT**  
**Saturday, April 28, 8 pm**  
Featuring our Worship Arts Ministry  
Special Guest Rev. Carolyn Mobley  
\$20 General Admission

**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!**



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 no more than once a week to provide information on opportunities to embody the love of God in the world and to engage you on your journey of spiritual development.

## Wellness Center

2025 W. 11th Street

### Weekly Tip: Do your muscles get emotional?

Wondering why those muscle knots keep coming back no matter how many times you get a massage, stretch or take a hot bath? Working and sleeping in healthy positions but still ending up with pain at the end of the day? The answer may lie in your emotional state. The latest research has proven that the release of stress hormones when we are feeling depressed, scared, frustrated, anxious or angry can really do a number on our muscles. Try changing your outlook by employing relaxation techniques that heal you from the inside out, such as slow, deep breathing or keeping a "gratitude journal." Your muscles will thank you!



Tammy S. Fountain, LPC  
832-863-8221

*Individual, family & couples therapy  
Ask for MCC rates.*

Dr. Juanita Hicks, DC, LMT  
832-725-5485

*Chiropractic, massage & acupuncture.  
Ask for MCC rates.*





## 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.

## Board Member on Duty

Kecia Bullock and Edwin Kelly

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](mailto:Sara@ResurrectionMCC.org) or call 713-861-9149 x112.

## Giving Report

## For Week and YTD Ended April 1, 2012

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$14,758.55	\$235,621.39
Total Amount Anticipated	\$19,263.46	\$260,056.73
Total Giving Variance		(\$24,435.34)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$16,830.10	
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

SUNDAY		APRIL 8
9:00 am	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Activities Building
10:45 am	Easter Egg-Stravaganza	Activities Building
11:00 am	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	Jubilee Theatre Rehearsal	Music Room
MONDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	APRIL 9
6:30 pm	Stewardship Committee Meeting	Work Room
7:00 pm	Love Wins: Rob Bell Book Study	Gathering Place
TUESDAY		APRIL 10
6:00 pm	Music Ministry Meeting	Music Room
6:00 pm	Praise & Worship Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Yoga Connections	Activities Building
WEDNESDAY		APRIL 11
7:00 pm	The Chalice: LGBT & Free in Thee	Gathering Place
THURSDAY		APRIL 12
6:00 pm	Praise & Worship Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Design Team	Sanctuary
FRIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	APRIL 13
7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT North	Olive Garden
SATURDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	APRIL 14
9:00 am	New Members Class	Gathering Place
10:00 am	Praise Dancers Rehearsal	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Adopt-a-Bed Meet & Greet	Gathering Place/Outside
3:00 pm	Two Steppin' Fundraiser	Activities Building
SUNDAY		APRIL 15
9:00 am	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Activities Building
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	Jubilee Theatre Rehearsal	Music Room