



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

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## Prelude / Preludio

Amanda Lozenich  
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*I Can't Keep From Singing*  
by John Darin, Justin Rivers, Christian Taylor

## Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne

Rev. Janice Ladd

## Announcements / Anuncios

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

## + Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz

Rev. Janice Ladd

## + Gathering Song: I Know Who I Am

## + Invocation / Invocación

Georgette L. Monaghan

One: We lift our hands  
And proclaim the glory of our God  
We lift our hands  
And sing of God's goodness and God's grace

**ALL: Our lives are not ours alone ... Our blessing is to bless the world**

One: Into our hands  
God gives power to feed, shelter, and heal  
Into our hands God  
brings the hungry, the lost, and the unclaimed

**ALL: Our lives are not ours alone ... Our blessing is to bless the world**

One: We reach out our hands  
To receive God's Holy Spirit  
We reach out our hands  
To touch others' lives with compassion and care

**ALL: Our lives are not ours alone ... Our blessing is to bless the world**

One: Through many hands  
God's presence comes to God's peoples  
Through many hands  
We are freed and uplifted in the love of God

**ALL: Our lives are not ours alone ... Our blessing is to bless the world - Amen!**

## The David Series

As humans we struggle to live in right relationship with others. The David Series will explore our unfortunate inclination toward self-centered, shame-based behaviors which perpetuate fear, aggression, and violation in our relationships with others. Looking to David's struggles with his own humanity in light of his persistent yearning for God, we find they illumine our own challenges as well as the power of God's grace to make way for authenticity, integrity, accountability and mutuality in our loves. "Like sand through the hourglass, so are the Davids of our lives ..."

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

## The Ark of the Covenant

The Ark of the Covenant is a chest described in Book of Exodus as containing the Tablets of Stone on which the Ten Commandments were inscribed. The Ark was built at the command of God, according to instructions given to Moses on Mount Sinai. At the beginning of his reign, King David removed the Ark from abroad to bring it to Zion with great rejoicing. One of the drivers of the cart put out his hand to steady the Ark and was smitten by God for touching it. David became fearful and placed the Ark in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite instead of carrying it on to Zion. Then, seeing that this household was blessed and not endangered, the Ark was put in the tabernacle David had prepared for it, to bless the people and David's household.

## + Opening Song / Apertura Canción

### *Bring Many Names*

Bring many names, beautiful and good,  
celebrate, in parable and story,  
holiness in glory, living, loving God.  
Hail and hosanna! Bring many names!

Strong mother God, working night and day,  
planning all the wonders of creation,  
setting each equation, genius at play:  
Hail and hosanna, strong mother God!

Warm father God, hugging every child,  
feeling all the strains of human living,  
caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:  
Hail and hosanna, warm father God!

Young, growing God, eager, on the move,  
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,  
crying out for justice, giving all you have:  
Hail and hosanna, young, growing God!

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## Contemporary Reading

Adam Lopez

### *Letter from a Birmingham Jail, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King*

"Moreover, I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states. I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. Never again can we afford to live with the narrow, provincial "outside agitator" idea. Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere within its bounds."

## Praying The Psalms

Mark C. Brown

### *You Are My Hiding Place*

by Michael Ledner

You are my hiding place, You always fill my heart  
With songs of deliverance. Whenever I am afraid,  
I will trust in You.

*I will trust in You. Let the weak say, "I am strong  
In the strength of the Lord."*

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## + Scripture Lesson / Escritura Lección

Johnna Faber

### *2 Samuel 6:6-13*

When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen shook it. The anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah; and God struck him there because he reached out his hand to the ark; and he died there beside the ark of God. David was angry

because the Lord had burst forth with an outburst upon Uzzah; so that place is called Perez-uzzah, to this day. David was afraid of the Lord that day; he said, "How can the ark of the Lord come into my care?" So David was unwilling to take the ark of the Lord into his care in the city of David; instead David took it to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. The ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months; and the Lord blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

It was told King David, "The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.

**Anthem / Himno**

Sanctuary Choir

***The Last Words Of David***

by Randall Thompson

**Engage / Sermón**

Andrea Ferguson

***David and Community: It is good to be King!***

**Congregational Response / Respuesta Congregacional**

***We Are One In The Spirit***

by Gordon Schultz

We are One in The Spirit, We are One in The Lord.  
We are One in The Spirit, We are One in The Lord.  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored. Chorus

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, By our Love,  
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will work with each other, We will work side by side.  
We will work with each other, We will work side by side.  
And we'll guard human dignity  
And save human pride.

*(Chorus)*

We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand.  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

*(Chorus)*

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**We Offer Ourselves / Ofrenda**

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**Offertory / Ofertorio**

Sanctuary Choir

***Be Who You Are***

Words and Music by Phillip Smith

## Andrea Ferguson

Andrea is a native of rural North Carolina. She worked for 20 years in the areas of Organic Chemistry and Molecular Biology before entering seminary. In 2010 Andrea earned a M. Div. At Lancaster Theological Seminary and in 2011 he also completed Masters studies in Thanatology at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. Andrea has been a member of MCC since 1998 and has serve in various capacities including worship coordinator, deacon and board member. Andrea, along with partner Johnna Faber, relocated to Houston to pursue training in Clinical Pastoral Education. She is a 1st year resident at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in the Office of Chaplaincy And Pastoral Education and will continue for a second year beginning in September. Andrea and Johnna are the proud parents of Wolfgang, their 4 footed son.

## Phillip Smith

Phillip Smith wrote "Be Who You Are" for Carolyn Mobley to sing at a RMCC Wednesday night Gay Pride service in 2001. The inspiration was that anybody can celebrate Pride -- gays and straights alike. Each of us are of God's making and God celebrates us all.

## Communion

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 el 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 / Comunión

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

## Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunión

### *I Come To The Garden Alone*

I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses.

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.*

He speaks, and the sound of His voice,  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing.

*(Chorus)*

I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Though the night around me be falling,  
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling.

*(Chorus)*

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### *Holy Holy Holy*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which were, and are, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the heavens hide Thee,  
Though the eyes of humankind Thy glory may not see.  
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee  
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Benediction / Bendición**

Andrea Ferguson

**Postlude / Postludio**

Mark C. Brown

### *Friend Of God*

by Michael Gungor and Israel Houghton

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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.

**Worship** | Sunday, 9 & 11 am  
**Children & Youth Worship** | Sunday, 11 am  
**Nursery** | Sunday, 9 & 11 am

### Resurrection MCC

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# 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 . . .



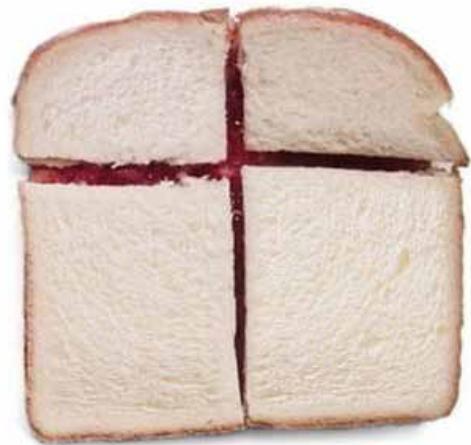
## SEXUAL SALVATION II: QUEER CHRISTIAN SEXUAL ETHICS

WEDNESDAY  
**JULY 25**

7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering Place

Most of Christianity has taught that our sexuality is counter to our spirituality – and not just for LGBTQ people, but for everyone! Our first Sexual Salvation series considered what a theology of “sexual salvation,” a sexuality-affirming faith, could look like. By popular demand we are offering this second series to explore in greater depth what it could mean to claim, develop, and personally practice queer Christian sexual ethics. A basic understanding of scholarship regarding the Bible and homosexuality will be assumed and will not be specifically addressed. Attendance at the first Sexual Salvation series is helpful, but not required. Join us for one, some or all sessions!

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## TAKE THIS BREAD SERMON SERIES

**July 29 - August 26**

*Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” John 6:12-13*

**What happens when we encounter the bread from heaven at a radically inclusive “open table?”** For Sara Miles, a self-proclaimed blue-state, secular intellectual, lesbian, left-wing journalist, it meant conversion! For upon her first Communion, everything changed. She still can't fully explain the feelings that arose during her first Communion. In her book, *Take this Bread*, she says, “Holy Communion knocked me upside down and forced me to deal with the impossible reality of God.” She realized that “what I'd been doing with my life all along was what I was meant to do: feed people” and started a food pantry in her gritty San Francisco neighborhood. The journey from skeptical secularist to devout Christian was long, complicated, and often convoluted, but the story she makes of it is engaging, funny, and highly entertaining, including many surprises as well as the occasional wrong turn.

Join us as we reflect on Chapter 6 of the Gospel of John and unfold our common stories of conversion, transformation, and the “unboundaried body of Christ.”



# Rainbow of Hope Narcotics Anonymous

EVERY TUESDAY  
**JULY 24**  
7 pm, Gathering Place

Narcotics Anonymous is a 12 step recovery program that offers hope and freedom from active addiction in a safe space for the LGBTQ community. This support group meets regularly in order to help each other learn a new way of life through sharing their experience, strength, and hope. Anyone is welcome to come and learn more. For more information - 832-326-6330



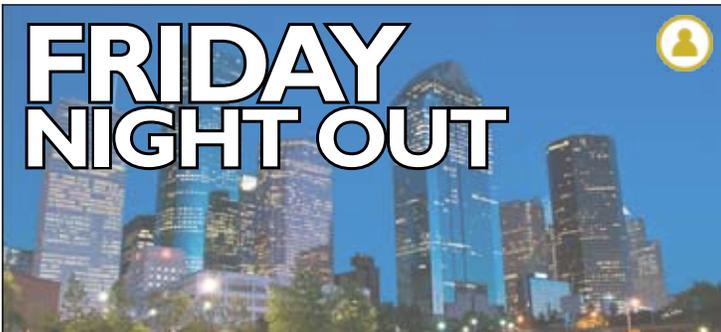
# Seize Your Opportunity: Job Networking and Readiness

# TODAY

12:30 pm, Gathering Place

This workshop will lay the groundwork for folks to evaluate or re-evaluate their job readiness skills. The workplace environment is constantly changing and so is the way one gets hired. The number of applicants has quadrupled over the last century, and some people have found themselves seeking new ways of gaining income and employment. This workshop provides the footing to spiritually, mentally and physically support these challenges. Participants will gain the tools necessary to pursue rewarding, gainful employment. This workshop will also help us to identify the need and want for future specialized job networking and readiness classes.

If you'd like more information about this job networking and readiness workshop, and would be interesting in future workshops like this one, please email [JobNetworking@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:JobNetworking@ResurrectionMCC.org)



# FRIDAY NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY • 7 pm  
**JUNE 27**

## Baba Yega

2607 Grant Street, Houston, TX 77006  
(713) 522-0042  
[www.babayega.com](http://www.babayega.com)

Join us at Baba Yega Restaurant for another Friday evening filled with food, fun and friends. To help ensure that we have adequate seating, we ask that you please RSVP and let us know if you will be attending. As always, friends and family (including children) are welcome!

Details and RSVP on [Facebook.com/Events or FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org](https://www.facebook.com/EventsorFridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org).



# YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH TODAY

12:30 pm

## Java Java Cafe

911 West 11th St, Houston 77008  
713-880-5282  
[www.javajavahouston.com](http://www.javajavahouston.com)

The Young Adults of Resurrection MCC invites everyone ages 18 - 35 to join them for a fun brunch after church and a chance to make new friends and reconnect with those you may already know.

Details and RSVP on [Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC or YoungAdults@ResurrectionMCC.org](https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionMCCorYoungAdults@ResurrectionMCC.org).

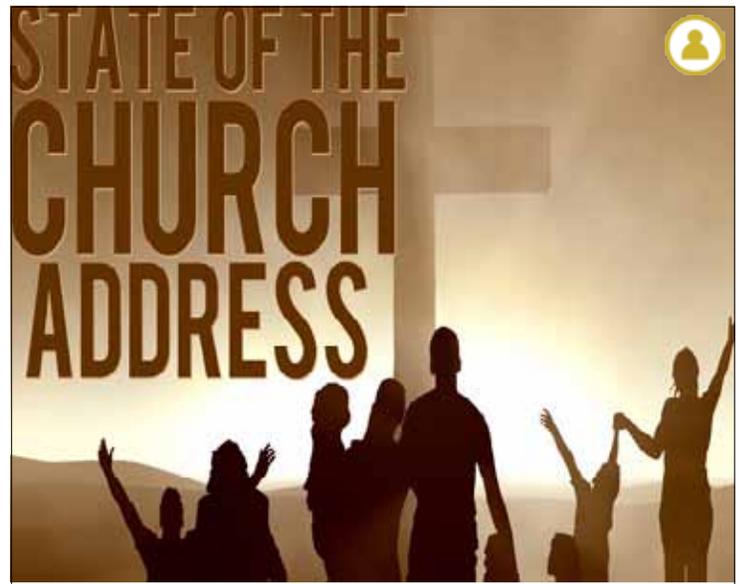


## YOUNG ADULTS: Wisdom is Power Workshop

SATURDAY  
**JULY 28**

10 am - 3 pm, Gathering Place

If you are between the ages of 18 and 35 years, join others your age with young adult lay leader, Kedric Brown, as he introduces this informal but informative opportunity to discover who you are and who you can be in God, together! From studying the Scriptures to sharing your insights about what holds you down and what sets you free, this is sure to be an incredible time of connecting with yourself, God and each other! Contact [YoungAdults@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:YoungAdults@ResurrectionMCC.org) for information and to register!



## STATE OF THE CHURCH ADDRESS

SUNDAY  
**JULY 29**

12:30 pm  
Sanctuary

## MORE TO LIFE: BEYOND CANCER SUPPORT GROUP



**AUGUST 2**  
6:30 - 8 pm, Chapel

Living with - and beyond - a cancer diagnosis is many things, including frightening, confusing, and exhausting. Even so, there are those among us who would add spiritually awakening, deepening, and freeing to the list. This monthly connection group is offered by, with, and for persons who have experienced a cancer diagnosis in their lives. Come and share, no matter where you are on the path: recently diagnosed, pre-treatment, post-treatment, somewhere in the middle, or living in remission. We gather to share spiritual and practical encouragement by sharing our stories, our spiritual insights, our ideas and our resources, together bearing witness that cancer is only part of our journey; with God and each other there truly is more to life!

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

## SITCOM SPIRITUALITY: GOSPEL 70'S STYLE



WEDNESDAYS  
**AUGUST 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**  
7 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Place

In 30-minute increments, the sitcoms of the 70's such as Good Times, All in the Family, Sanford and Son, MASH, and The Jeffersons, made people consider who is our "neighbor" and how are we to live with our "neighbors" much less love them? With an incredible blend of humor and prophetic truth-telling, these sitcoms shed light-hearted insight into Jesus' gospel message! Join us - and Edith, Archie, JJ, Hawkeye, Radar, Lamont, Louise and more - as we consider loving God with all that we are, and our neighbor as ourselves ... 70's style! Join us for one, some or all sessions; all welcome! [RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org)

# NURSERY PLAY: WATER DAY



SUNDAY  
**AUGUST 5**  
9 & 11 am, Outside

What do you get when you cross Jesus' invitation to enter the kingdom as little children and John's call to be baptized? Nursery Water Play Day at church! Hosted by the Resurrection MCC Nursery, our little ones (from infant through 3-years) will enjoy age-appropriate and supervised water play with wading pools, slip-n-slides, water balloons, and water squirters. Have your nursery-age bundle of joy dressed for success, with swimwear or other water-welcome wear! Available for Nursery children during both the 9 and 11 am worship services. Contact Nursery Coordinator Debbie Mansfield at [Nursery@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Nursery@ResurrectionMCC.org) for more information.

# NEWCOMERS WELCOME RECEPTION



**AUGUST 5**  
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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## FOOD PANTRY SHOPPING LIST

- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Canned Meats  
(chicken, tuna, vienna sausages, spam)
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Soups
- Canned Chili
- Spaghetti Noodles & Sauce
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Tuna & Hamburger Helper
- Mashed Potatoes (instant)
- Beans  
(one pound bags or canned)
- Rice (one pound bags)
- Breakfast Cereal
- Milk  
(individual powdered packets or evaporated)
- Cornbread Mix
- Saltine Crackers
- Oatmeal
- Grits
- Jello

*Our food pantry provides nourishment to dozens of our neighbors each week. Please pick up some of these nonperishable items on your next grocery trip and place them in the shopping cart (located in the Welcome Area) on Sunday.*



# Who Are We?

## Coming Together

### *Who is Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church and why does it matter?*

We are the largest MCC congregation out of over 200 MCC churches worldwide. We have an average weekly attendance of over 600.

We are a **\*\*Professional** size church (400-800). Only 8% of all U.S. churches are the size of Resurrection MCC.

We are transforming an average of 100 lives each week through spiritual programs. We are welcoming an average of 515 each week into the presence of God through our passionate worship.

We mobilize over 200 volunteers each month in active ministry. We serve 52 families each week through our Food Pantry, Clothes Closet, and AIDS benevolence outreach.

53% of us have been attending worship services at Resurrection MCC for less than 5 years.

57% of us are ages 45-64.

37% of us have children.

45% of us regularly give 5% or more of our net income to Resurrection MCC.

86% of us experience God's presence during worship

71% of us have a sense of excitement about our congregation's future... ***we are POISED FOR GREATNESS!***

***All this matters because Resurrection MCC is doing GOD'S WORK!***

*Above % statistics are from the results of the U.S. Congregational Life Survey taken by Resurrection MCC in February 2012.*

*\*\*taken from "Inside the Large Congregation" by Susan Beaumont*

This is the first in a series of informational moments to be provided by the RMCC Pastoral Search Committee.





# PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

**PSC Web Page:** Please visit the Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) Web page for new information and monthly updates. Simply go to [www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org) and click on the Pastoral Search Committee Logo or on the "Committee Updates" link. This Web page is the Committee's primary source of communication and will be updated throughout our process. We ask that you keep the PSC in your prayers. Specific questions about the process may be emailed to [PSC@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:PSC@ResurrectionMCC.org).

## Kids Communicate God's Love Every Fifth Sunday!



Allow your kids to experience the joy of giving! Register your kids to serve during Fifth Sunday services in the Sanctuary today. Every fifth Sunday, our students have the opportunity to serve as ushers, greeters, and eucharistic ministers. Experience the greatness of our kids!

Register on Sundays in the Activities Building after Children's Church, or email [Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org)

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

### Board Member on Duty

Eddie Domingue and Mary Wagner

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

**Advertise with us.**  
 As low as \$25 / week.  
[Ads@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Ads@ResurrectionMCC.org)

## General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended July 15, 2012

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$16,985.78	\$482,886.10
Total Amount Anticipated	\$18,846.15	\$537,115.38
Total Giving Variance		(\$54,229.28)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$16,651.24	
Cash Flow Need	\$17,307.69	(A)
Ministry Plan Need	\$18,846.15	(B)
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	482	517
Programming	162	111
Total Weekly Attendance	644	628

**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)

The difference between making ends meet and making ministry happen is just an additional \$1,538.46 each week in tithes and offerings (B-A).

# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>JULY 22</b>
9:00 am	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	<i>Chapel</i>
10:15 am	Music Ministry Meeting	<i>Music Room</i>
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	<i>Activities Building</i>
11:00 am	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<i>Sanctuary</i>
12:30 pm	Job Networking and Readiness	<i>Gathering Place</i>
12:30 pm	Young Adult Brunch	<i>Java Java</i>
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>JULY 23</b>
6:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	<i>Gathering Place</i>
6:30 pm	Facilities Committee Meeting	<i>Activities Building</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>		<b>JULY 24</b>
6:00 pm	Praise & Worship Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
7:00 pm	Rainbow of Hope NA Group	<i>Gathering Place</i>
7:00 pm	Yoga Connections	<i>Activities Building</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		<b>JULY 25</b>
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Sexual Salvation II	<i>Gathering Place</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>		<b>JULY 26</b>
6:30 pm	Special Music Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:30 pm	OUT Later: Support for Gay Fathers	<i>Gathering Place</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>		<b>JULY 27</b>
7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT	<i>Baba Yega</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>		<b>JULY 28</b>
10:00 am	Jim Owens Celebration of Life	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10:00 am	Young Adults: Wisdom is Power	<i>Gathering Place</i>
12:00 pm	Divine Design	<i>Sanctuary</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>JULY 29</b>
9:00 am	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	<i>Chapel</i>
10:15 am	Music Ministry Meeting	<i>Music Room</i>
11:00 am	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<i>Sanctuary</i>
12:30 pm	"State of the Church" Address	<i>Sanctuary</i>
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>