



November 11, 2012

### Invocation / Invocación

Shavailya Long

thanks

### Call to Worship

Mark Eggleston

Let us release our discontent, O God -  
Let us stand naked before you, with our THANKS alone!  
Blessed by Abundance, we worship in Your Light!

### Prelude / Preludio

Forever Blest

#### *The Lily of the Valley and He Is To Me*

Words and Music by Mike Speck and Cliff Duren

### Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

### Announcements / Anuncios

Mark Eggleston

### + Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

### + Opening Song / Apertura Canción

#### *We Are the Church Alive*

We are the Church Alive, Christ's presence on this earth;  
We give God's Spirit body in the act of our new birth.  
As yielded open channels for God's descending dove,  
We shout and sing, with joy we bring God's all inclusive love.

We are the Church Alive, Our faith has set us free;  
No more enslaved by guilt and shame we live our liberty!  
We follow Christ's example and freedom now proclaim,  
Destroying myths of doubt and fear in Jesus' mighty name.

We are the Church Alive, All praise to God on high.  
Creator, Savior, Comforter, we laud and magnify.  
Your name, Almighty God of love; Pray, give us life that we  
May be your Church, the Church Alive, for all eternity.

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+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

### 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.

### Naked Spirituality

"How do we become truly spiritual people?

How do we learn to strip away the superficialities so that our naked souls can encounter the naked God?" With these questions from

Brian McLaren's Naked Spirituality within us, we stand before God willing to risk authentic relationship:

vulnerable, passionate, uncertain, real. What would it mean to let go of the masks and old ideas, the resistance and the fear, and meet God right where we are, just as we are? Would we offer thanks? Or apologize? Or wonder? What, in our naked longing for God, might we behold?

# Brian D. McLaren

Author of Naked Spirituality, as well as A New Kind of Christianity, A Generous Orthodoxy, and The Secret Message of Jesus, Brian McLaren is a social justice activist and pastor, whose lifelong pursuit of an authentic Christian walk has been recognized by many - including Time magazine, which named him as one of America's 25 most influential evangelicals.

## Silent Reflection

When all else falls away, God is there.

Relinquishing the activity of worship during these moments of worshipful silence, let us listen ... pray ... see ... be seen. Let us be still and know God. May we be known by God in return ...

## Contemporary Reading / Lectura Contemporánea

Daniel Guerrero

### *Naked Spirituality: A Life with God in 12 Simple Words*

Brain D. McLaren

You may be rebuilding after a faith collapse, or you may be embarking on your virgin voyage into faith and a spiritual life. Either way, you have no interest in fake spirituality, forced spirituality, hyped spirituality, inflated spirituality. You want to strip away all the layers of pretense and get down to naked reality. Doctrinal correctness, institutional participation, and religious conformity won't suffice anymore. You need a life centered on simple, doable, durable practices that will help you begin and sustain a naked encounter with the holy mystery and pure loving presence that people commonly call God...

If "here" suggests waking up and presenting ourselves to the presence of God, "thanks" means waking up to the presents of God, waking up to the abundant gifts of life with which we have already been blessed. Joni Mitchell had it right-or almost right-in her song "Big Yellow Taxi." You don't know what you've got till it's gone, unless you practice gratitude.

## Naked Prayers

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Let us go to God in prayer,  
letting go of anything which separates us from Holy Presence:

Here I am, Lord, with my heart full ...  
With all that I am able, Lord, I will rejoice in your blessing me ...  
I bring prayers of gratefulness, Lord; in all things may I give you thanks ...  
Amen

## + Scripture Lesson / Escritura Lección

Georgette Monaghan

### *Mark 12:38-44*

As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

## Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

### *Lord, I Sing My Thanksgiving*

Words and Music by Beverly Darnall and Kirk Dearman, Arranged by Bruce Greer

## Engage / Sermón

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

### *Naked Spirituality: Being Careful to Always be Grateful*

## Silent Reflection

## We Offer Ourselves

Natalie Hughes

## Offertory / Ofertorio

Sanctuary Choir

### ***God Bless America***

Words and Music by Irving Berlin, Arranged by Roy Ringwald

## Communion / Comunión

Rev. Janice Ladd

## Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunión

### ***I Give You My Heart***

This is my desire  
To honor You  
Lord, with all my heart  
I worship You  
All I have within me  
I give You praise  
All that I adore  
Is in You

*Lord, I give You my heart  
I give You my song  
I live for You alone  
Every breath that I take  
Every moment I'm awake  
Lord, have Your way in me*

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### ***Revelation Song***

Worthy is the, Lamb Who was slain  
Holy, Holy, is He  
Sing a new song, to Him who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat  
Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain  
Holy, Holy, is He  
Sing a new song, to Him who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat  
*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
*Is the Lord God Almighty*  
*Who was, and is, and is to come*  
*With all creation I sing*  
*Praise to the King of Kings*  
*You are my everything*  
*And I will adore You*

Clothed in rainbows, of living color  
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be  
to You the only wise King

*(Chorus)*

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name  
Jesus your name is power

## Communion

As we gather, break bread, and tell stories of hope through prayer, song and ritual in the practice we call "communion," we bear witness that "Life is stronger than death. People can change with God's help. And God is worthy of our thanks and praise." All are welcome at the table: you do not need to be a member of this or any church to gather as God's children at the table of Life.

A brief blessing is offered with bread and juice, available to all. Gluten-free bread is offered at the far right; Spanish blessing offered at the far left.

Please honor this time of sacred community with singing, quiet meditation or prayer that we might each receive the spiritual nourishment we seek ...

## Comunión

Al reunirnos, partir el pan, y contar historias de esperanza a través de la oración, el canto y el ritual en la práctica que llamamos "comunión", damos testimonio de que "la vida es más fuerte que la muerte. Las personas pueden cambiar con la ayuda de Dios. Y Dios es digno de nuestro agradecimiento y alabanza. "Todos están invitados a la mesa: no es necesario ser miembro de esta iglesia o cualquier reunir como hijos de Dios en la mesa de la Vida.

Una breve bendición se ofrece con el pan y el jugo, al alcance de todos. Pan sin gluten se ofrece en el extremo derecho; bendición españoles ofrecen en el extremo izquierdo.

Por favor respetar este tiempo de comunidad sagrada con canto, la meditación o la oración silenciosa para que podamos recibir cada uno el alimento espiritual que buscamos ...

Breath, and living water  
Such a marvelous mystery.

(Chorus)

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### **Breathe**

This is the air I breathe.  
This is the air I breathe.  
Your holy presence living in me.  
This is my daily bread.  
This is my daily bread.  
Your very word spoken to me.

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

I'm lost without you,  
I'm lost without you.

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## **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.

## **Blessing**

It is with great celebration and affirmation that we lift Rev. Janice Ladd in prayer as she prepares for her own season of Naked Spirituality and practices her faith with a well-deserved sabbatical! Sabbatical - an extended "Sabbath" or a season consecrated to reconnection with God through renewing practices such as restorative rest, prayerful listening, and reflective exploration - is an ancient means of "refilling the inner well" by giving God the greater portion of our time and attention for several weeks or months.

Be sure to offer your blessing upon her time!

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

Rev. Janice Ladd

### **+ Postlude / Postludió**

Praise Band

#### ***I Will Follow***

by Jason Ingram, Reuben Morgan, and Chris Tomlin

### **+ Benediction / Bendición**

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

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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.

# 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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## Naked Spirituality

A LIFE WITH GOD  
IN 12 SIMPLE WORDS

BRIAN D.  
MCCLAREN

Author of *A New Kind of Christianity*

# NAKED SPIRITUALITY: A LIFE WITH GOD IN 12 SIMPLE WORDS

## NOVEMBER 7- DECEMBER 19

Wednesdays • 7 - 8:30 pm  
Gathering Place

According to author Brian McLaren, Naked Spirituality is a book about "getting naked - not physically, but spiritually" and "attending to the well-being of the soul clothed only in naked human skin." Inviting us to leave behind past expectations from ill-fitting 'organized religion,' and unexamined assumptions about "being spiritual," Naked Spirituality calls us, in the spirit of Advent, to experience anew the immediate reality of God's presence and to respond with openness to a more authentic spiritual life. Join us for one, some, or all of this Advent series as we prepare to meet Jesus again for the first time, with Naked Spirituality!

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



## LGBTQ AND FREE IN THEE:

SUNDAY

## NOVEMBER 11

1 - 5 pm, Chapel

"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. In the course of an intensive afternoon, 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. Light lunch will be served.

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# GENDERF\*KATION: A GENDER EMANCIPATION

## "GENDERF\*KTION" FILM SCREENING:

A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP EVENT

## NOVEMBER 16

Friday • 7 pm • Sanctuary

The subject of gender is a taboo topic in many societies, yet fundamental to every aspect of all of our lives. "Genderf\*kation: A Gender Emancipation" is the story of six individuals and their journey & triumphs through the social, religious and political landscapes of a society that struggles to understand or allow for gender variations. This documentary breaks through the gender stereotypes and ideologies to liberate our bodies, minds and spirits from our own social Gender Dysphoria. Intended to create awareness and acceptance of a misunderstood population in our society, this film is not to be missed by all desiring to take their place standing in a community of solidarity for the rights and dignity of all! Join us for this free community partners event!

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# TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE:

A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP EVENT

## NOVEMBER 17

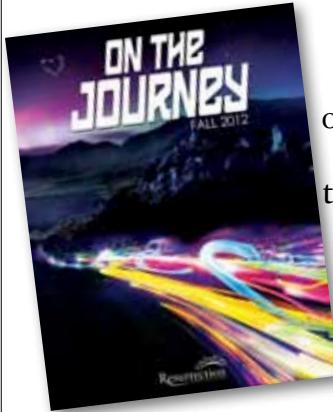
Saturday • 7 pm  
University of Houston  
A.D. Bruce Religion Center

*We cannot change what happened. The only thing we can do is to learn from the past and to realize what discrimination and persecution of innocent people means. I believe this: it's everyone's responsibility to overcome prejudice.*

– Otto Frank, Father of Anne Frank

The Houston Transgender Day of Remembrance gives us a chance to honor the memory of those of transgender experience whose lives were cut short through ignorance and hate, while bearing witness to the suffering that ignorance and hate always inspires. Remembrance affords members of the transgender community an opportunity to publicly acknowledge their humanity; it also allows all who love them to bear witness to that love by standing in public solidarity against gender-based violence and oppression. Please join members of our Resurrection choirs, our community of faith, and our community at large as we gather for this very important witness.

Details at [www.tgdor.org](http://www.tgdor.org) or [Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org)



On The Journey magazine is full of spiritual development classes, workshops, volunteer opportunities, ministry groups, social groups, and leadership trainings especially designed to meet you right where you are in 2012!

**Available  
at all  
Sanctuary Entrances**



# A GRAND AFFAIR

CONCERT & DEDICATION

SUNDAY  
**NOVEMBER 18**  
3 - 4 PM • SANCTUARY

Join us for a wonderful concert featuring the musical gifts of many of our talented pianists and keyboardists as they showcase our newly upgraded equipment - a Yamaha C7 Concert Grand Piano and Yamaha CP5 Keyboard! Pianists and Keyboardists include John Allen, Mark C. Brown, Kenny Cole, Joel Hammett, Christy Irvin, and Tony Pryor. Rev. Kristen will pray a special blessing at the dedication and a love offering will be received to support our Worship Arts Ministry. A reception will follow the concert in the Gathering Place.

These two instruments are vital as they are used in all Sunday Worship services and choir rehearsals. The upgrade was critical as our equipment was aging and in need of extensive, costly repairs. We completed an in-depth product analysis and cost comparison in order to make the most fiscally responsible decision about the purchase. We hope you will join us as we honor the members and friends of Resurrection MCC for this wonderful investment in the Worship Arts Ministry.

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# THANKSGIVING OPEN TABLE & WORSHIP

## NOVEMBER 22

Thursday • 11 am - 1 pm • Activities Building

You are invited to share a traditional Thanksgiving meal as an act of fellowship. All are welcome, all are fed, and all belong!

Deliver NONPERISHABLE Donations to Gathering Place on Sunday, November 11 or 18, Bag of Potatoes, Bag of Sweet Potatoes, Boxed Stuffing, Canned Cranberry Sauce

Deliver PERISHABLE Donations to Activities Building Kitchen on Wednesday, November 21, 9 am - 6 pm or Thursday, November 22, 8 - 10 am, Green Bean Casserole, Stuffing, Sweet Potato Dish, Desserts

Volunteers Needed: Kitchen Assistance, Set Up, Clean Up

Stop by the Gathering Place after Worship today to learn more.

Details and RSVP to [Thanksgiving@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Thanksgiving@ResurrectionMCC.org)



# Deck The Halls

SUNDAY  
**NOVEMBER 25**  
 12:30 pm • Sanctuary

Join us as we enjoy Christmas tunes, celebrate the upcoming Season of Advent, and decorate our Sanctuary with abundant fabulousness for Christmas! Lunch will be served, so please RSVP!

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# GOT LOVE COUPLES WEEKEND

**NOVEMBER 30**

Friday • 6 - 8 pm  
 Resurrection MCC Campus

**DECEMBER 1**

Saturday • 10 - 5 pm  
 Resurrection MCC Campus

Remembering that God's "Got Love" for us in every circumstance and every season, couples are invited to enter into the Advent season together to renew your love-connection to God, yourselves, and one another during this spiritual weekend workshop! With the companionship of other couples of faith and the love of the God you share, come get some love! Meals provided; rsvp required by 11/25.

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



# Santas Workshop

SUNDAY  
**DECEMBER 2**  
 11 am - 1 pm • Activities Building

Pin the nose on Rudolf, make an ornament, or sip hot cider with one of Santa's elves! Join us as our Youth Ministry Program hosts its annual Santa's Workshop for school-age youngsters (and infants-toddlers accompanied by a grown-up) to share in the creation of gifts and decorations for the season! A visit from Santa and possibly a reindeer or two are likely - so don't miss this holiday delight! RSVP by Sunday, November 25 so we can have plenty of supplies!

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



# IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

SATURDAY  
**DECEMBER 1**  
 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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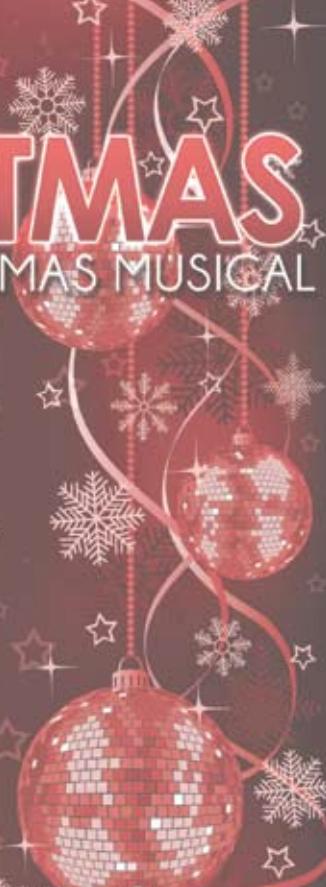
# CAFE CHRISTMAS

A QUEER CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

THURSDAY, 7 PM  
**DECEMBER 6**

FRIDAY, 7 PM  
**DECEMBER 7**

TWO FREE PERFORMANCES FOLLOWED BY A PIE SOCIAL



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## Christmas Craft Bazaar

When: Sunday, December 2nd 2012

Where: Resurrection MCC Activities Building

Time: 12:30pm – 5:00pm

Shop unique jewelry, accessories, home decor and objets d'art by local artisans.

Come hungry and experience delicious tastes of the town.

Admission is free!  
All Are Welcome!



Food vendor or craft booth rental info:  
[www.bit.ly/ChristmasCraftBazaar](http://www.bit.ly/ChristmasCraftBazaar)



# YOGA CONNECTIONS

Every Tuesday  
7 - 8:30 pm | Activities Building

Please bring a mat and towel.  
Everyone is welcome to join us for these free sessions.

RSVP at [Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC](https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC) or for more info email [Yoga@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Yoga@ResurrectionMCC.org)

**DECEMBER 2, 2012**  
2 PM • ACTIVITIES BUILDING

**TICKETS \$10 EACH OR \$25 FOR 3**

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What can YOU do?

# Coming Together

*What can YOU, the Resurrection MCC Congregant, do to support the new Senior Pastor?*

- Place your trust in GOD'S PLAN to grow our church and missions
- Pray for our church, our leadership and our impact in the world
- Have patience in all things; be welcoming and give the Senior Pastor time to acculturate (both adapt to and influence our church culture)
- Educate yourself on large/professional size church dynamics
- Embrace the ways our church size impacts the roles and daily functions of the Senior Pastor and other leadership
- Become a lay leader to fuel the momentum of growth
- Become an involved congregant; attend ministry offerings, meetings and get to know the leadership firsthand
- Demonstrate extravagant generosity through committed tithing
- Resist the temptation to judge
- Accept that *change* is a challenge full of *opportunities*

***Resurrection MCC is doing GOD'S WORK  
because of people like YOU!***

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



PASTORAL  
SEARCH  
COMMITTEE

# GETTING NAKED WITH GOD!



As a people sincerely desiring to experience, engage, and embody the reality of God's unconditional love for all people, we entered October exploring what it means for us to be a people Practicing our Faith. As that rich encounter draws to a close, we are beginning an incredible season of getting up close and personal with God by practicing a Naked Spirituality: approaching God free of barriers, masks, old ideas, and daily distractions!

As servant-leaders committed to authentic ministry, we recognize that it is by serving from fullness and leading in intimate partnership with the Holy that we are most able to both receive and respond to God's call upon our lives in community. Short version: with God's help we are committed to practicing what we preach!

And so it is with great celebration and affirmation that we lift Rev. Janice Ladd in prayer as she prepares for her own season of Naked Spirituality and practices her faith with a well-deserved sabbatical! Sabbatical - an extended "Sabbath" or a season consecrated to reconnection with God through renewing practices such as restorative rest, prayerful listening, and reflective exploration - is an ancient means of "refilling the inner well" by giving God the greater portion of our time and attention for several weeks or months.

We give thanks for Rev. Janice's incredibly generous and steadfast ministry over these past years of exciting - and occasionally exhausting - growth and change! Please include her in your prayers in a special way over the next two months, and let us anticipate together the blessings that God is already intending for her in this time - and through her renewal to Resurrection in 2013! Be sure to give her some love - and encourage her to "Get Naked With God!"

## ADVERTISE WITH US!

As low as \$25/week.

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### 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

*Board Minutes Available Upon Request.*

## FOOD PANTRY

Open by Appointment:

713-861-9149 x103

### Nonperishables Needed:

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



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

## General Fund Giving Report

## For Week and YTD Ended November 4, 2012

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$23,915.79	\$728,018.70
Total Amount Anticipated	\$18,846.15	\$838,653.85
Total Giving Variance		(\$110,635.15)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$16,178.19	
Cash Flow Need	\$17,307.69	(A)
Ministry Plan Need	\$18,846.15	(B)
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	490	506
Programming	190	125
Total Weekly Attendance	680	631

**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).

SUNDAY		NOVEMBER 11
<b>9:00 am</b>	<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
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Newcomers Welcome Reception	Gathering Place
12:30 pm	Christmas Craft Bazaar Volunteer Meeting	Music Room
1:00 pm	LGBTQ & Free in Thee	Chapel
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary
MONDAY		NOVEMBER 12
6:00 pm	Board of Directors Training	Gathering Place
6:00 pm	Special Music Rehearsal	Music Room
6:30 pm	Stewardship Committee Meeting	Work Room
TUESDAY		NOVEMBER 13
6:00 pm	Praise & Worship Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Pastoral Search Committee Meeting	Activities Building
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Rainbow of Hope NA Group	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Yoga Connections	Activities Building
WEDNESDAY		NOVEMBER 14
6:30 pm	Joyful Singing 102: In the Sandbox	Chapel
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Naked Spirituality	Gathering Place
7:30 pm	"Cafe Christmas" Rehearsal	Sanctuary
THURSDAY		NOVEMBER 15
1:00 pm	Piano Rehearsal	Sanctuary
2:30 pm	"Music Play"	Gathering Place
5:30 pm	"Music Play"	Gathering Place
6:00 pm	Special Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	OUT Later: Support for Gay Fathers	Gathering Place
FRIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	NOVEMBER 16
1:00 pm	Piano Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	"GenderF*ktion" Film Screening	Sanctuary
SATURDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	NOVEMBER 17
6:00 am	Timbergrove Manor Civic Club Yard	Parking Lot
9:00 am	"Cafe Christmas" Special Music	Music Room
10:00 am	"Cafe Christmas" Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Community Outreach	Univ of Houston
7:00 pm	Transgender Day of Rememberance	Univ of Houston
SUNDAY		NOVEMBER 18
<b>9:00 am</b>	<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
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Jerry Shelton Memorial Service	Chapel
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary
3:00 pm	"A Grand Affair" Concert & Blessing	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	"A Grand Affair" Reception	Gathering Place