



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

November 18, 2012

Invocation / Invocación

Shavailya Long

sorry

Call to Worship

Mark Eggleston

Let us release our wrongs, O God -
Let us stand naked before you, with our burdens revealed!
Blessed by Mercy, we worship in Your Light!

Prelude / Preludio

Terry Jones

How We Love
by Beth Nielsen Chapman

Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Announcements / Anuncios

Joy Jolley

+ Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ Opening Song / Apertura Canción

We Praise Your Name

Let the earth rejoice, Let us lift our voice
To the Lord of all; Let the nations sing
Let our praises ring; You are God with us.

*We praise Your name! We praise Your name! We praise Your name!
We praise Your name! We will sing Lord of Lords, We praise Your name.*

Let the people shout, Let Your vict'ry out,
We have won the war! Let the people dance,
We are Your romance, And You love us so.

*We praise Your name! We praise Your name! We praise Your name!
We praise Your name! We will sing Lord of Lords, We will sing Lord of Lords,
We will sing Lord of Lords, We praise Your name.*

Name; Name; Name;

Sing Hosanna, sing Hallelujah.

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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?

+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

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 ...

Naked Spirituality: A Life with God in 12 Simple Words

Brian D. McLaren

Confession replaces a *status* mind-set with a *becoming* mind-set, a way of thinking that proves much less susceptible to self-delusion and self-limitation. Tutored in the simple word *sorry*, I remember that, whatever I was yesterday, I could be something different tomorrow, for better or worse. When I habitually confess my secrets and express my regrets to God over things I have done, I am able to cut the umbilical cord between the me who confesses and the me who did the thing I'm confessing. I'm acknowledging that I am already different from that person, because I am not denying what I did, and I am not defending it or excusing it. I'm saying, "I no longer want to be the kind of person who does those things, nor do I want to be the kind of person who covers up doing those things. I want to become a different kind of person." [-] So confession, because it is first and foremost toward God, helps us affirm the truth of our own becoming ...

Naked Prayers

Joy Jolley

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 bring before you the regret which burdens my soul ...
I bring prayers of remorse, Lord; in all things may I know your mercy ...
Amen

+ Scripture Lesson / Escritura Lección

Gary Chamness

Mark 13:1-8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said, "Look, Rabbi, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am the one!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

Testify

by Dottie Peoples

Engage / Sermón

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Naked Spirituality: Drop the Rock

Silent Reflection

Rite of Membership

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

Offertory / Ofertorio

Gospel Ensemble

I Am His Child

by Moses Hogan

Communion / Comunion

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunion

You Leadeth Me

You leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis Your hand that leadeth me.

*You leadeth me, You leadeth me,
By Your own hand You leadeth me;
Your faithful follower I would be,
For by Your hand You leadeth me.*

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,
By waters still, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis Your hand that leadeth me.

(Chorus)

Lord, I would place my hand in thine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

(Chorus)

And when my task on earth is done,
When by Your grace the victory's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

(Chorus)

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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 ...

Comunion

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 "comunion", 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 ...

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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Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hand hath made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

by Stuart Wesley Keene Hine
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+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias**

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

+ **Benediction / Bendición**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Postlude / Postludió**

Joel Hammett

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.

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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.

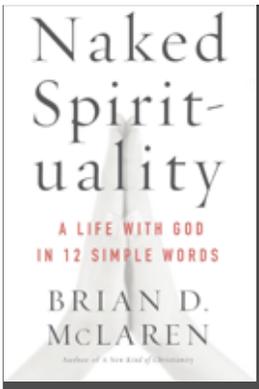
Social Action

Working to talk less and do more, we are committed to resisting the structures that oppress people and standing with 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

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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



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



A GRAND AFFAIR CONCERT & DEDICATION

TODAY

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.

MarkB@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!

MarkB@ResurrectionMCC.org

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT



FRIDAY • 7 pm
NOVEMBER 30

El Real Tex-Mex Cafe

1201 Westheimer Rd
Houston, TX 77006
(713) 524-1201

www.elrealtexmex.com

Join us 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](https://www.facebook.com/Events) or FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org.



YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 24
12:30 pm

Nundini Chef's Table

500 N Shepherd, Houston 77007
713-861-6331
www.nundini.com

The Young Adults of Resurrection MCC invite those of all ages to join them for a fun brunch and an opportunity to make new friends and reconnect with those you may already know.

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

RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org

¡DOMINGOS!
SERVICIO RELIGIOSO
SE INTERPRETA
EN ESPAÑOL
A LAS 11 AM.

Sunday Worship
now interpreted into
Spanish at 11 am.

Christmas Craft Bazaar

When: Sunday, December 2nd 2012

Where: Resurrection MCC
Activities Building

Time: 12:30pm – 5:00pm

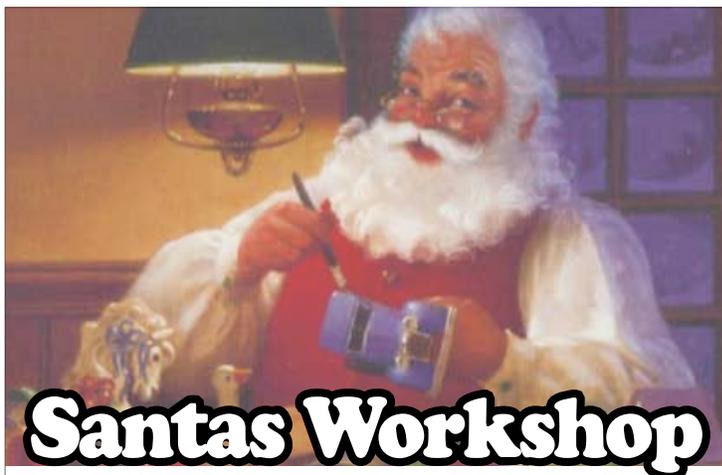
Shop unique jewelry, accessories, home decor
and objets d'art by local artisans.
Come hungry and experience
delicious tastes of the town.

Admission is free!

All Are Welcome!



Food vendor or craft booth rental info:
www.bit.ly/ChristmasCraftBazaar



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

DECEMBER 2, 2012
2 PM • ACTIVITIES BUILDING

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got love?

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

CAFE CHRISTMAS

A QUEER CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

THURSDAY, 7 PM
DECEMBER 6

FRIDAY, 7 PM
DECEMBER 7

TWO FREE PERFORMANCES FOLLOWED BY A PIE SOCIAL

 Sunday Worship 9 & 11 am
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CHRISTMAS BASKETS

With your support, we can provide a delicious Christmas meal to our hungry neighbors. Robert Sliepka & Billy Stevens are coordinating this effort again this year. Our goal is to collect enough donations to assemble 100 baskets of food this season and there are several ways you can share the love with our hungry neighbors!

Donate Food

Sundays, December 2 & 9, Gathering Place

Drop off non-perishable donations before or after Worship: Canned Corn, Canned Green Beans, Canned Vegetables, Rice (2 lb. bag), Canned Cranberry Sauce, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Dried Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Mix Package, Box of Macaroni & Cheese, Box of Stuffing, Dried Beans (2 lb. bag), Flour (4 or 5 lb. bag), Sugar (4 or 5 lb. bag), Box of Cake Mix w/ Corresponding Frosting, Box of Snack Cakes, Vegetable Oil (32 oz.)

Donate Cash

Sundays, December 2 & 9

Make a financial donation so that we may purchase items that are not donated. Write "Christmas Baskets" in the memo line of your check or offering envelope and place in the offering plate.

Assemble Baskets

Saturday, December 15, 10 am - 1 pm, Activities Building

Create an assembly line to pack each of the food items into laundry baskets in preparation for distribution. When we're finished, we'll enjoy fellowship over lunch from Noon - 1 pm.

Distribute Baskets

Sunday, December 16, 3 - 5 pm, Activities Building

Assist with arranging baskets for distribution, signing in clients, and distributing baskets.

Details and RSVP on Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC or ChristmasBaskets@ResurrectionMCC.org.

To sign up to receive a Christmas Basket for yourself or someone you know, call our Food Pantry at 713-861-9149 x103.

YOGA CONNECTIONS



Every Tuesday
7 - 8 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

NEWCOMERS WELCOME RECEPTION



DECEMBER 2
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.

RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org

MORE TO LIFE: BEYOND CANCER SUPPORT GROUP



THURSDAY
DECEMBER 6
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



BINGO NIGHT AT **BIG TEX BINGO**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 7
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 281-586-0700.

Landscape & Facilities Workday & "Green" Ornament Social



SATURDAY
DECEMBER 8
9 am - Noon

Join in service as we beautify our church home for the holidays! Activities include both indoor and outdoor projects, carried out in an atmosphere of great fellowship and fun.

Afterward we will share lunch and create some environmentally-friendly tree ornaments to bring home or give as gifts in this season celebrating the blessings of our Creator! Please RSVP so we will have plenty of food and supplies!

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

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.

Ads@ResurrectionMCC.org

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Consider donating flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special day. Email the date and message to Sara@ResurrectionMCC.org or call 713-861-9149 x112.

Board Member on Duty

Dr. Jackie Marshall and Van English

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 11, 2012

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$10,658.69	\$738,677.39
Total Amount Anticipated	\$18,846.15	\$857,500.00
Total Giving Variance		(\$118,822.61)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$16,058.20	
Cash Flow Need	\$17,307.69	(A)
Ministry Plan Need	\$18,846.15	(B)
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	456	505
Programming	120	125
Total Weekly Attendance	576	630

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

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18

9:00 am	Sunday Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	<i>Chapel</i>
10:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	<i>Activities Building</i>
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	<i>Activities Building</i>
11:00 am	Sunday Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>
1:00 pm	Jerry Shelton Memorial Service	<i>Chapel</i>
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
3:00 pm	"A Grand Affair" Concert & Blessing	<i>Sanctuary</i>
4:00 pm	"A Grand Affair" Reception	<i>Gathering Place</i>

MONDAY NOVEMBER 19

6:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	<i>Gathering Place</i>
6:00 pm	Special Music Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
6:30 pm	Facilities Committee Meeting	<i>Work Room</i>

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 20

7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00 pm	Rainbow of Hope NA Group	<i>Gathering Place</i>
7:00 pm	Yoga Connections	<i>Activities Building</i>

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 21

9:00 am	Drop Off Food for Thanksgiving Lunch	<i>Activities Building</i>
6:30 pm	Joyful Singing 102: In the Sandbox	<i>Chapel</i>
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Naked Spirituality	<i>Gathering Place</i>

THURSDAY OFFICE CLOSED NOVEMBER 22

11:00 am	Thanksgiving Open Table & Worship	<i>Activities Building</i>
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FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED NOVEMBER 23

No Events Scheduled

SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED NOVEMBER 24

12:30 pm	Young Adult Brunch	<i>Nundini Chef's Table</i>
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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 25

9:00 am	Sunday Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	<i>Chapel</i>
10:15 am	Speaking of Faith: Young Adults	<i>Activities Building</i>
10:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	<i>Activities Building</i>
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	<i>Activities Building</i>
11:00 am	Sunday Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>
12:30 pm	Deck the Halls	<i>Sanctuary</i>
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>