



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

December 23, 2012

Invocation / Invocación

Paula Werner

(...)

Call to Worship

Mark Eggleston

Let us release our unrest, O God -
Let us stand naked before you, with our being enough!
Blessed by Peace, we worship in Your Light!

Prelude / Preludio

Reed Hoke

Mary Did You Know
by Buddy Greene and Mark Lowry

Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

Announcements / Anuncios

Mark Eggleston

+ **Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz**

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

+ **Opening Song / Apertura Canción**

O Little Town Of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the joys of highest heaven.
No ear may hear Christ's coming, but in this world we're in,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

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Advent

The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ in his Second Advent.

Advent also symbolizes the spiritual journey of people as they affirm that Christ has come, that He is present in the world today, and that He will come again in power. That acknowledgment provides the basis for holy living arising from a profound sense that we live "between the times" and are called to be faithful stewards of what is entrusted to us.

Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, anticipation, preparation, and of longing. There is a yearning for deliverance from the evils of the world, first expressed by Israelite enslaved in Egypt as they cried out from their bitter oppression. It is the cry of those who have experienced the tyranny of injustice in a world, and yet who have hope of deliverance by a God who has heard the cries of oppressed and brought deliverance!

It is that hope, however faint at times, and that God, however distant God sometimes seems, which brings to the world the anticipation of Jesus who will come and reign with truth, justice and righteousness over all creation. It is that hope that once anticipated, and now anticipates anew, the reign of an Anointed One who will bring peace and justice and righteousness to the world.

+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

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?

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

And so the last of our simple words is no word at all. The withheld word. The unspoken word. The word that doesn't need to be said. The breath without a sound ... Holy listening holds space open between beloved and Beloved, the soul and God, and that space, like the silence in which all music happens, holds infinite possibilities ... It's not important that you feel anything, although you may. It's not important that you have a vision or feel you receive some message from God, although you may. It's not important that you receive some flash of insight or whisper of guidance, although you may. What is important is that you pull back from activity, from being driven by this or that need, impulse, or compulsion that distracts you from who you already are and who God always is ... Let God be God to you, with you, in you. Just breathe. Just be. Listening, being listened to. Resting, in a greater Rest ...

You are loved nakedly, and grace is the warm blanket that enfolds you.

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 remain present in this moment with you, just me ...
I bring prayers beyond words, Lord; in all things may I know your PEACE ...
Amen

+ Scripture Lesson / Escritura Lección

Rose Wall

Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella

Words & Music by Un flambeau, Jeannette, Isabelle French Provençal carol by Émile Blémont Translatio

Engage / Sermón

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Naked Spirituality: Naked Love

Silent Reflection

Offertory / Ofertorio

Sanctuary Choir

Anthem For Christmas

by Gloria Gaither and Michael W. Smith

Communion / Comunion

Andrea Ferguson

Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunion

Silent Night Holy Night

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar.
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior is born.
Christ, the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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The First Noel

The First Noel, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far
To seek for a King was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

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 ...

This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both Pause and stay
Right o'er the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

Then entered in those Wise men three
Full reverently upon their knee
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

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Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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O Holy Night

O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining.
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night, O night divine.

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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.

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

Andrea Ferguson

+ **Benediction / Bendición**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Postlude / Postludió

Mark C. Brown

Go Tell It On The Mountain

by John W. Work

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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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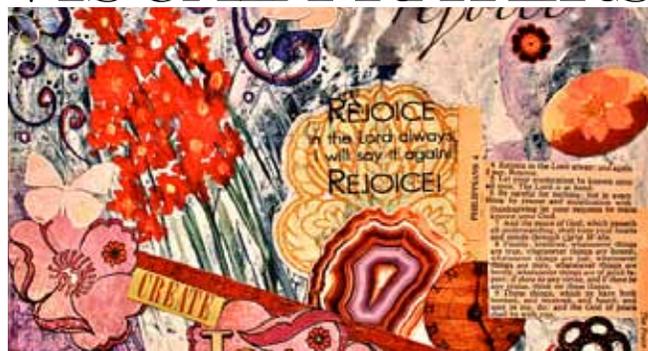


FRIDAY
DECEMBER 28
7 pm, Sanctuary

Kwanzaa is an African-American celebration with focus on the traditional African values of family, community responsibility, commerce, and self-improvement. Kwanzaa is a cultural celebration and not a political statement. Despite some misconceptions, it is not a substitute for Christmas. It is simply a time of reaffirming African-American people, their ancestors and culture. The word Kwanzaa, means "first fruits of the harvest" in the African language Kiswahili.

Please RSVP by December 21 to Kwanzaa@ResurrectionMCC.org

VISUAL PRAYERS



WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 2
7 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Place

"A whole year of days opens before us – as yet unknown, unspoken, unseen. What joy awaits...?" As we open into this New Year, you are invited to affirm great joy in the promise God holds for your life with the creation of Visual Prayers. During this simple collage process designed for young and old, artists and those decidedly creativity-resistant alike, will vision a year of goodness and healing for our individual lives and the world we share. Please bring a magazine or two and scissors. Gluesticks, poster-board, additional magazines, and light refreshments will be provided.

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/rmcc-events
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

UNDECK THE HALLS



SUNDAY
DECEMBER 30
12:30 pm, Sanctuary

Join us as we prepare to ring in the New Year by properly "undecking the halls" of our Sanctuary! An afternoon of fellowship and service is open to all as we coil strands of tinsel, stow bows and bells, and pack away our ornaments and trees with great thanks for God's abundant blessing in our lives and church family! Lunch will be served, so please RSVP!

MarkB@ResurrectionMCC.org

THE PROSPEROUS HEART: Creating a Life of "Enough"

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 9 - APRIL 3
7 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Place

Author Julia Cameron, creator of the popular Artist's Way process, guides us in this incredible 12-week series for freeing ourselves of limiting ideas, negative patterns, and habitual fears which keep us from experiencing clarity and freedom in our financial lives. Recognizing that prosperity is a spiritual condition rooted in faith in God's care and provision, The Prosperous Heart deepens our awareness of blessing and cultivates our ability to live prosperously no matter our financial situation.

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/rmcc-events
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Worship

Monday, 7 pm
December 24

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Metropolitan Community Church

Sunday Worship 9 & 11 am • Spanish & Deaf Interpretation 11 am
Children, Youth & Teen Program 11 am • Nursery Available/Handicap Accessible
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Meet Me at the MANGER

At Resurrection MCC we celebrate the gift of God's love every day, all year long.

We celebrate God's love with special joy at Christmas, blessed that long ago God put each of us "at the top of the list" and gave the most wonderful gift to us all - Jesus Christ. Each Christmas, as we gather at the manger to receive the gift of Jesus Christ anew, we come grateful. And this time, we come bringing our gifts too . . .

You're invited to join us . . . Meet Me at the Manger!

It's beautifully simple: This Christmas, as you open your hearts and make a list of your family and friends and the gifts you hope to give this Christmas, give thanks for the blessing of your loved ones and for God's provision which makes it possible for you to have gifts to bring them.

And then put Jesus on the top of the list.

In the candlelit beauty of Christmas Eve, many of us will make a special gift to the ministry of Resurrection MCC in celebration of our relationship with Jesus and his life among us. We will make an offering (beyond our regular giving) in the amount of one dollar more than the cost of the most expensive gift we have on our list. We will place it in a small gift box, and place it in a basket near the altar on Christmas Eve. For some of us, this is a way of honoring what we value most this season; for others, it's a way to say "Thank you!" or "I love you!" to God. For many of us, it is a spiritual practice, like prayer or fasting. For all of us, it is a joy and a blessing.

We hope you will join us . . . Meet Me at the Manger!

Empty gift boxes are available at all of the Sanctuary entrances.

Get Connected to a
First Impressions
Ministry



Concierge Desk

David McGurk

Concierge@ResurrectionMCC.org

Do you like to help people feel welcome and included?

We need loving, warm and friendly people to serve at the Concierge Desk, located in the Gathering place, before and after both Sunday Worship Services! This desk helps welcome new friends, provides them with a free gift, and helps them get connected.

Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Bookstore

Kecia Bullock

Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org

Looking for new friendly faces and volunteers for this ministry! Provide outstanding customer service in an atmosphere of fellowship so people make connections.

Ushers

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

Ushers@ResurrectionMCC.org

We need ushers for 9 & 11 am Sunday Worship Services. Teams serve one service (either 9 or 11 am) each month. Remember, No one is JUST an usher.

Greeters

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org

Do you like helping people feel special and welcome the moment they arrive to the church?

We welcome people to the church and help them get where they need to go. Team members are positioned at every door and sidewalk, greeting people with a smile and kind word, offering directions or answering questions.

If you have questions or would like to join any of these teams, email the team lead (listed above) or RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x105.

CARE FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

by recycling newspapers, magazines, catalogs and junk mail in the containers in our parking lot. We now have three collection bins as this program grows. We receive cash based on the weight collected. We have moved the dumpsters up front in the parking lot by the apartment complex.



TEEN GROUP

13-17 years

Youth Ministry also includes:

- SPROUTS • 4 - 6 years
- FAITH BEGINNINGS • 7 - 9 years
- FAITH EXPLORERS • 10 - 12 years

Sign up in Activities Building starting at 10:45 am

FOOD PANTRY SHOPPING LIST

- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Canned Meats
(chicken, tuna, vienna sausages, spam)
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Soups
- Canned Chili
- Canned Beans
- Spaghetti Noodles & Sauce
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Tuna & Hamburger Helper
- Mashed Potatoes (instant)
- Beans (one pound bags)
- 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.



Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor

The *Neighbor to Neighbor* program allows Resurrection MCC the opportunity to earn a portion of \$1 million that will be donated annually. The program earning period is July 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013. During the last program period, Resurrection MCC earned over \$1,200!

To participate in the program, simply take this printed page on your next shopping trip and have the cashier scan it at the beginning of the order.

Below are a few frequently asked questions of the program:

Can a household “link” their Kroger Plus Card to more than one organization at a time?

No, the system allows for one organization per household. To change organizations, you must present your KrogerPlus Card and the new organization’s barcode to the cashier.

Do I have to enroll each program year?

YES, all organizations and participants must re-enroll for each new enrollment period. The current *Neighbor to Neighbor* Program is effective July 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013.

Do I have to scan the organization letter each time I shop?

No, once the barcode is scanned with your plus card, you are enrolled for the remainder of the program year, ending on April 30, 2013.

How much can my organization earn?

The Kroger *Neighbor to Neighbor* Donation Program will donate \$1 million annually. Each organization will earn a percentage of the \$1 million equal to the percentage of total earned contributions attributable to that organization.

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Additional information available at
www.krogerneighbortoneighbor.com

Kroger cashier: Please scan customer’s KrogerPlus Card at the beginning of the order, and then scan the above barcode. The customer’s KrogerPlus Card is now enrolled in the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program.

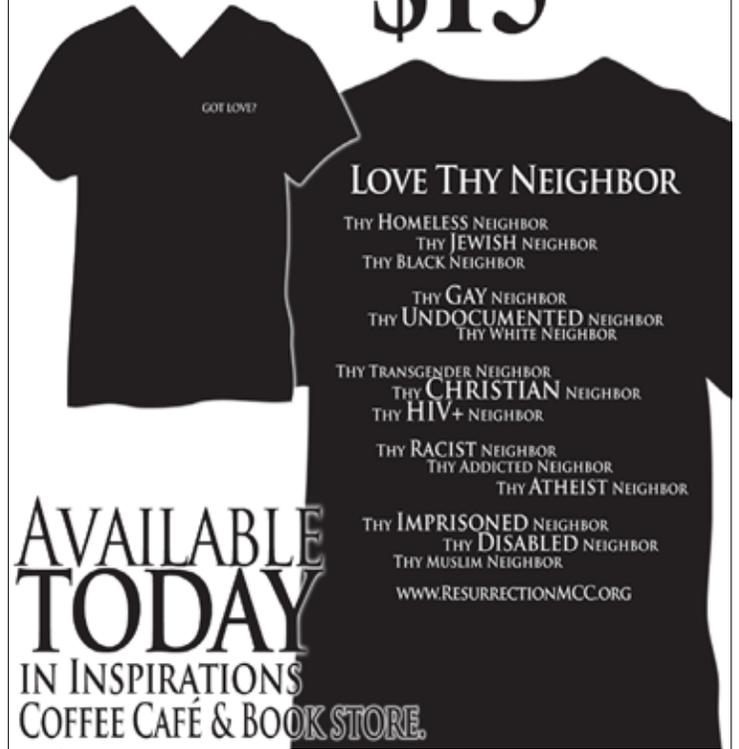


SPEAKING OF FAITH YOUNG ADULT SUNDAYS

**SUNDAYS
10:15 - 10:45 AM
BALCONY**

As we are walking in our faith with God, how strong can we remain in order to fight off the evilness that will try to destroy us? How will we know when and if the Holy Spirit is with and within us at all times? How do we keep it renewed and strong? Here we will take an examination of our weekly journey's with God and how our spirit is remaining strong when we are weak.

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\$20 NEW LOVE THY NEIGHBOR SHIRTS.
BLACK, LONG-SLEEVE T-SHIRT, CREW NECK.

YOGA CONNECTIONS

Yoga resumes after the holidays on Tuesday, January 8. Yoga will not be held on December 25 or January 1.

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

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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 or call 713-861-9149 x112.

Board Member on Duty

Dr. Jackie Marshall and Elisa Vega-Burns
Board Minutes Available Upon Request.



REV. JANICE ON SABBATICAL UNTIL SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

As Rev. Janice continues her time of Sabbatical, we hope that you will join with your community of faith in keeping her in your prayers:

"Heavenly Creator, we commit Rev. Janice into your care and safekeeping during this Sabbatical. Strengthen her and release your righteousness, peace and joy into her life. May your ministering angels watch over her, surround her with your loving care, and bring her back safely and renewed in the Spirit. While she is away, please continue to guide the people of Resurrection MCC with the power of your Spirit and fill us all with your fullness, grace and love. Amen."

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 December 16, 2012

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$13,920.42	\$810,412.47
Total Amount Anticipated	\$18,846.15	\$951,730.77
Total Giving Variance		(\$141,318.30)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$15,890.44	
Cash Flow Need	\$17,307.69	(A)
Ministry Plan Need	\$18,846.15	(B)
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	508	511
Programming	116	125
Total Weekly Attendance	624	655

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		DECEMBER 23
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>Balcony</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>
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
MONDAY		DECEMBER 24
7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>
TUESDAY		OFFICE CLOSED
DECEMBER 25		
7:00 pm	Rainbow of Hope NA Group	<i>Gathering Place</i>
WEDNESDAY		OFFICE CLOSED
DECEMBER 26		
No Events Scheduled		
THURSDAY		OFFICE CLOSED
DECEMBER 27		
No Events Scheduled		
FRIDAY		OFFICE CLOSED
DECEMBER 28		
7:00 pm	Kwanzaa	<i>Sanctuary</i>
SATURDAY		OFFICE CLOSED
DECEMBER 29		
No Events Scheduled		
SUNDAY		DECEMBER 30
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>Balcony</i>
11:00 am	Sunday Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>
12:30 pm	Un-Deck the Halls	<i>Sanctuary</i>
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>