



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

December 30, 2012

**Invocation / Invocación**

Shavailya Long and Friends

**Call to Worship**

Mark Eggleston

Let us release your Light, O God -  
Let us stand together and just as we are, shine with you!  
Blessed by Christ, we worship in Your Light!

**Prelude / Preludio**

Forever Blest

**Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne**

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

**Announcements / Anuncios**

Joy Jolley

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

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

+ **Opening Song / Apertura Canción**

### *I Will Rise*

There's a peace I've come to know, Though my heart and flesh may fail.  
There's an anchor for my soul, I can say "It is well."

Jesus has overcome, And the grave is overwhelmed.  
The victory is won. Christ is risen from the dead.

*And I will rise when You call my name, No more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagles' wings, Before my God fall on my knees  
And rise, I will rise.*

There's a day that's drawing near, When this darkness breaks to light  
And the shadows disappear, And my faith shall be my eyes.

Jesus has overcome, And the grave is overwhelmed  
The victory is won, Christ is risen from the dead

*(Chorus)*

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb."  
And I hear the cry of every longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb."

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*(Chorus)*

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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.

+ 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 ...

## Contemporary Reading / Lectura Contemporánea

Marcial Renteria &  
Children Youth Ministry Volunteer

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

Brian D. McLaren

There is nothing more radically activist than a truly spiritual life, and there is nothing more truly spiritual than a radically activist life. If you fight for peace with an unpeaceful spirit, you guarantee that unintended consequences will trump your intended ones. If you struggle for sustainable economy with unsustainable effort, you guarantee your own failure. The earth's outer ecology will, inevitably, mirror our inner ecology. So there can be no lasting poverty reduction in society unless we grapple with greed reduction in the soul. If we want loving relationships, joyful communities, and peaceful nations in society, we must cultivate an inner fecundity of Spirit. That, of course, in no argument for passive peitism and quietism: it is, rather, a call to the most costly, radical activism, the one that calls us to be the change we want to see in the world. It is the call to be the light of the world—not merely to complain that the world is too dark. It is the call to be the salt of the earth—not merely to protest the world's rottenness. It's fruitless to argue being versus doing: you can't do what you won't be.

## Naked Prayers

Johnna Faber

Let us go to God in prayer, letting go of anything which keeps us  
from bearing God's Holy Presence into the world:  
Here I am, Lord, with all that I am: thanks, sorry, when, why, behold, yes, silent, yours ...  
With your light within me, Lord, I humbly offer myself to the world ...  
I bring prayers of promise, Lord; in all things may I shine your light ...  
Amen

## + Scripture Lesson / Escritura Lección

Jacob Evers & Diona Evers (9 am)  
Dylan Evers (11 am)

### *Colossians 3:12-17*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to Abba God through him.

## Anthem

Mark C. Brown

*Beautiful City*  
Words and Music Stephen Schwartz

## Engage / Sermón

Robert Fleming

*From What Not to Wear to What to Wear*

## Silent Reflection

We Offer Ourselves

Resurrection MCC Young Adults

Offertory / Ofertorio

HeavenSound Handbells

Communion / Comunion

Rev. Pat Farnan

Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunion

### *Abide With me*

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see—  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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### *I Surrender All*

All to Jesus I surrender; All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

*I surrender all, I surrender all,  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender; Make me, Savior, wholly thine;  
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit, Truly know that Thou art mine.

*(Chorus)*

All to Jesus I surrender; Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and power; Let Thy blessing fall on 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 ...

***As The Deer***

As the deer panteth for the water  
So my soul longeth after Thee  
You alone are my hearts desire  
And I long to worship Thee.

*You alone are my strength my shield.  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my hearts desire  
And I long to worship Thee.*

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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!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

*(Chorus)*

Verse3:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!

Chorus:

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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**

Rev. Pat Farnan

+ **Benediction / Bendición**

Robert Fleming

**Postlude / Postludio**

Joel Hammett

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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

### Resurrection MCC

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www.ResurrectionMCC.org

# UNDECK THE HALLS



## TODAY

12:30 pm, Sanctuary

Join us as we prepare to ring in the New Year by properly “undocking 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



# BINGO NIGHT AT BIG TEX BINGO

Friday  
**JANUARY 4**  
**7:30 PM**

BIG TEX BINGO

13030 VETERANS MEMORIAL DR, HOUSTON, 77014

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

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

# 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](http://www.bit.ly/rmcc-events)  
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# IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

SATURDAY  
**JANUARY 5**

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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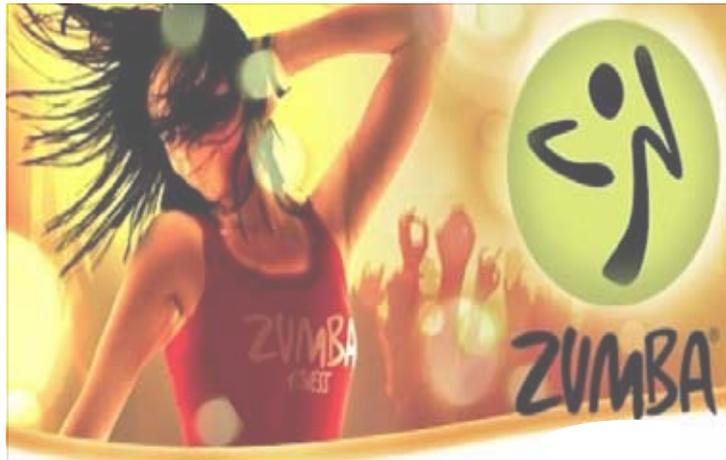
# ENTER THE STORY: BIBLE STUDY



MONDAYS  
**JANUARY 7- FEBRUARY 11**  
7 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Place

Beginning with the Spirit which hovered over the water and drew day from night, Creation from chaos, and the first Human from the dust of the earth, God's Story is a living story! Throughout 2013 we will experience Scripture anew as we engage God's Story through the unique bible study process of "storying": entering the Scripture with experiential reading and interactive reflection designed to bring God's Story to life in our lives! All are welcome for one, some, or all of these small group studies!

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THURSDAYS  
**JANUARY 10, 17, 24, 31**  
7 - 8 pm, Activities Building

Love your body! Move your body! Zumba into the new year! Join us Thursday evenings during the month of January for a free introduction to this salsa-inspired fitness dance. Have fun, move your body, and get fit!

Details and RSVP: [www.bit.ly/rmcc-events](http://www.bit.ly/rmcc-events)  
Zumba@ResurrectionMCC.org

# NEWCOMERS WELCOME RECEPTION



**JANUARY 6**  
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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# THE PROSPEROUS HEART: Creating a Life of "Enough"



WEDNESDAYS  
**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.

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# FRIENDS BY THE FIRE

FRIDAY  
**JANUARY 11**  
7 - 9 pm, Outside

Join us for our first gathering of 2013 sponsored by our Landscape and Facilities Team. Bring a chair and blanket and join us as we share stories and laughs. Hot dogs, s'mores, and hot chocolate will be provided.

Details and RSVP: [www.bit.ly/rmcc-events](http://www.bit.ly/rmcc-events)  
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# MCC 101

SATURDAY  
**JANUARY 12**  
9 am - Noon | Gathering Place

Ever wonder what MCC is all about? Why do we do what we do? If you'd like to learn more about who we are at Resurrection MCC, please join us for an introductory class called, "MCC 101." We will have the opportunity to discuss the mission, vision, and values of Resurrection MCC, learn more about our history, and learn about different ways people are making an impact in our faith community. If you feel God's call on your heart to do so, at the end of class you will be given the opportunity to become a member. The class is open to those wishing to become members and those who simply want to learn more about Resurrection MCC.

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# JOYFUL SINGING 102: GETTING IN THE SANDBOX

MONDAYS, **JANUARY 14 - MARCH 11**  
OR  
WEDNESDAYS, **JANUARY 16 - MARCH 13**  
6:30 - 9 pm, CHAPEL

During this series of 10 workshops over 9 weeks, students will enjoy Living Your Voice's group process along with individual coaching sessions focused on preparation of a solo. The class as a whole will work with one or more group songs which, together with students' solos, will debut during a "Showcase Celebration!" performance for friends and family on Saturday, March 16. (Those preferring not to sing their solo at the Showcase Celebration! can sing with their classmates in the group song.) Classes will be held on 9 evenings from 6:30 pm to 9 pm, with an additional all-afternoon class before the Showcase on Saturday, March 16. Tuition for the 10-class series is \$300, payable in full on the first class meeting, or \$35 per class paid at each class meeting. Classis limited in size; full tuition required regardless of missed classes; some sliding scale/scholarships available.

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FRIDAY, 7 pm  
**JANUARY 18**

## La Brisa Mexican Bar and Grill

501 N Wesley, League City 77573  
281-554-4000  
[www.labrisa.net](http://www.labrisa.net)

Join our NEWEST social dinner gathering for our friends South of Houston!

These monthly dinner gatherings are a great way to reconnect with those you may already know and is an opportunity to meet new folks and friends.

To ensure seating is available for all, please RSVP to [Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC/events](https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC/events)  
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# JOYFUL SINGING 102: FINDING YOUR VOICE

FRIDAY, **JANUARY 25**, 6 - 9 pm, CHAPEL

SATURDAY, **JANUARY 26**, 9 am - 5 pm, CHAPEL

Whether you're a beginning singer or an experienced performer, experience the personal power of finding your voice by conquering the limitations which keep you from singing with joy! Created by voice coach, performer, and “Living Your Voice” innovator Tony Pryor, Joyful Singing 101 combines fundamental vocal technique, creative performance experiences, individual coaching, and small group exercises to guide you through a process focused on support rather than judgment to empower you to take personal risks, actualize your inner voice, and flourish in a world that yearns for authentic expression! Tuition for the weekend workshop is \$190 per person; Friday-evening-only option (for those who want to get a sample of our process) is \$40 per person. Class is limited in size; some sliding scale/scholarships available.

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# GENERATION FAITH TEENS

BUY YOUR OWN BRUNCH

SUNDAY, 1 - 3 pm  
**JANUARY 20**

IHOP Restaurant, 6508 Washington Avenue, Houston 77008  
Our Generation Faith Teens will "Buy Your Own Brunch" together after church every third Sunday. Our Teen Ministry Facilitators will drive the 13-17 year-olds to and from a nearby restaurant as we share a monthly social brunch with Generation Faith. All Teens are welcome and families may attend (at nearby tables). Signed release forms required.

Details and RSVP: [www.bit.ly/rmcc-events](http://www.bit.ly/rmcc-events)  
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# **SPEAKING OF FAITH**

## **YOUNG ADULT SUNDAYS**

**SUNDAYS**  
**10:15 - 10:45 AM**  
**ACTIVITIES BLDG #202**

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.

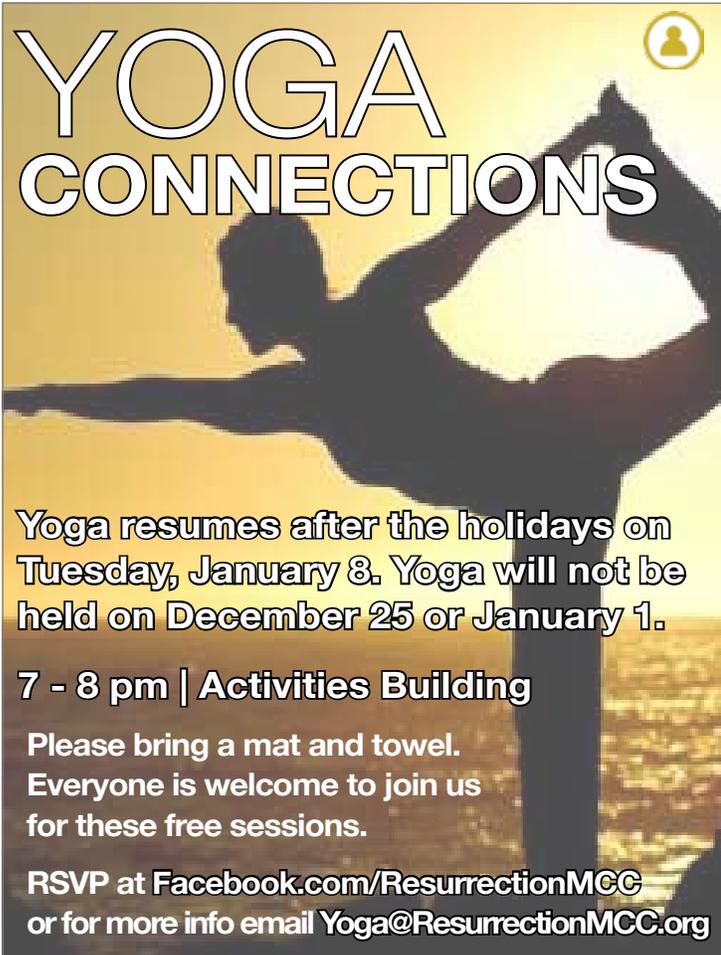


# **TEEN GROUP**

**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



# **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)  
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### 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."*

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## 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 or call 713-861-9149 x112.

#### Board Member on Duty

Rhonda Brown and Mary Wagner

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

### General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended December 23, 2012

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$14,726.17	\$825,138.64
Total Amount Anticipated	\$18,846.15	\$970,576.92
Total Giving Variance		(\$145,438.28)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$15,868.05	
Cash Flow Need	\$17,307.69	(A)
Ministry Plan Need	\$18,846.15	(B)
Attendance		
	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	390	508
Programming	49	123
Total Weekly Attendance	439	632

**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 30

9:00 am	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:15 am	Speaking of Faith: Young Adults	Balcony
11:00 am	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Un-Deck the Halls	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room

## MONDAY DECEMBER 31

No Events Scheduled

## TUESDAY OFFICE CLOSED JANUARY 1

7:00 pm	Rainbow of Hope NA Group	Gathering Place
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## WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2

7:00 pm	The Chalice: Visual Prayers	Gathering Place
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## THURSDAY JANUARY 3

6:00 pm	Special Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	OUT Later: Support for Gay Fathers	Gathering Place

## FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED JANUARY 4

7:30 pm	Bingo Night at Big Tex Bingo	Big Tex Bingo
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## SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED JANUARY 5

2:00 pm	ImaniVida Drum Circle	Music Room
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## SUNDAY JANUARY 6

9:00 am	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Activities Building
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Design Team Meeting	Music Room
12:30 pm	Newcomers Welcome Reception	Gathering Place
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room