



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

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Invocation / Invocación

LaWanna White

Moses: Co-Creating a New Freedom

Prelude / Preludio

Forever Blest

"Loving God Loving Each Other" & "Beautiful Life" Medley
Words and Music by Bill and Gloria Gaither and "A Beautiful Life" Words and Music by William M. Golden

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**

Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble

Did you feel the mountains tremble? Did you hear the oceans roar,
When the people rose to sing of Jesus Christ the risen one?

Did you feel the people tremble? Did you hear the singers roar,
When the lost began to sing of Jesus Christ, the saving one?

And we can see that, God, You're moving, A mighty river through the nations.
When young and old return to Jesus, Fling wide, you heavenly gates,
Prepare the way of the risen Lord!

Open up the doors and let the music play, Let the streets resound with singing!
Songs that bring Your hope and Songs that bring Your joy,
Dancers who dance upon injustice.

Do you feel the darkness tremble, When all the saints join in one song
And all the streams flow as one river, To wash away our brokenness?

And here we see that, God, You're moving, A time of jubilee is coming,
When young and old return to Jesus, Fling wide, you heavenly gates,
Prepare the way of the risen Lord!

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+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

Enter the Story

The Story of God's relationship with the peoples of God is a story which has the power to change our lives! As we experience a truly Living Word in the stories of the Bible texts, both ancient and ever-new, we discover our enduring connection with the Creator of the universe and the many peoples of faith who have gone before us.

Moses

As the story of a people led by God from slavery into freedom, for people of African descent in the US the book of Exodus is an instrument of hope, a God-story which helps make spiritual sense of the journey through oppression to liberation. Spirituals which sing of this journey, such as "Go Down Moses" and "Deep River," invoke God's faithful presence and promise to deliver God's people's from any and every bondage. As we "enter the story" of Moses this season, we enter in many ways - as Christians, as LGBTQIA people of faith, as beloved children of a living God - and as a people who celebrate Black History together: a shared and unfolding story of God's movement for freedom and equality in our world for all people.

Listen ...

**"I Have a Dream"
Martin Luther King Jr.**

During the less than 13 years of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s leadership of the modern American Civil Rights Movement, from December, 1955 until April 4, 1968, African Americans achieved more genuine progress toward racial equality in America than the previous 350 years had produced. Dr. King is widely regarded as America's pre-eminent advocate of nonviolence and one of the greatest nonviolent leaders in world history.

Drawing inspiration from both his Christian faith and the peaceful teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. King led a nonviolent movement to achieve legal equality for African-Americans in the United States. While others were advocating for freedom by "any means necessary," including violence, Martin Luther King, Jr. used the power of words and acts of nonviolent resistance, such as protests, grassroots organizing, and civil disobedience to achieve seemingly-impossible goals. He went on to lead similar campaigns against poverty and international conflict, always maintaining fidelity to his principles that men and women everywhere, regardless of color or creed, are equal members of the human family.

Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech, Nobel Peace Prize lecture and "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" are among the most revered orations and writings in the English language. His accomplishments are now taught to American children of all races, and his teachings are studied by scholars and students worldwide. He is the only non-president to have a national holiday dedicated in his honor, and is the only non-president memorialized on the Great Mall in the nation's capitol.

- from
www.TheKingCenter.org

After Joseph's dreams brought him into slavery and freed him again; after Joseph's family was broken by curses and reborn by forgiveness's blessing; the Israelites thrived in the land of Egypt. Until fear gripped Egypt's leader that the Israelites would become greater than the Egyptians, and the Israelites were made slaves of the Egyptians and the Pharaoh decreed that every newborn son of Israel was to be killed, drowned in the Nile River. One Hebrew woman hid her son instead, and when he was three months old she wove a basket of bulrushes and covered it with pitch. She placed her son in the basket, then loosed her child into the river, trusting that God would make his way ...

Pharaoh's daughter was bathing a ways away in the river and, discovering the baby crying out from the basket, she took him in to raise in the king's palace. The princess hired a Hebrew woman to be his nursemaid and, unbeknownst to her, this Hebrew woman was Moses's own mother! The princess named the child Moses - which means "to draw out" - for she had drawn him out of the river; she raised him in the Pharaoh's household, trusting that God would make his way ...

Many years later, after Moses had grown, he witnessed an Egyptian beating one of the Hebrew slaves. He could not bear the injustice of it and, outraged, he killed the Egyptian then buried him in the sand. Realizing Pharaoh would seek to have him killed, Moses escaped into the wilderness and became a shepherd, trusting that God would make his way ...

Years passed, and a new Pharaoh continued to oppress the Israelites. They cried out to God for deliverance. God heard their cries and did not forget the promise made to Abraham and his children. One day while Moses was tending sheep, he saw a bush that was full of fire - but was not burning up! As he approached, God called out to him by name, telling Moses to take off his sandals and come near; he was on holy ground! God told Moses that he had been chosen to deliver the Hebrew people out of slavery in Egypt. Moses argued with God, saying "Who am I?" But God insisted, and told Moses he would have God's help speaking to the people. Then Moses questioned God, asking "Who shall I say sent me?" And God proclaimed, "I AM WHO I AM!" Moses set out to do as God had told him, trusting God would make his way ...

And Moses returned to the Israelites in Egypt and, together with his brother, Aaron, went to the Pharaoh saying, "The God of Israel says, 'Let my people go!'" And God was with Moses, and for every time Pharaoh refused, God brought forth miracles through Moses and his brother, and sent forth plagues upon the Egyptians, until finally the Pharaoh sent the Israelites forth from the land. Yet as the Israelites were loosed into freedom, the Pharaoh changed his mind and pursued them with his army! Yet they escaped as Moses led the people through the very sea itself, amazed as it parted for them, but closed upon the army at their feet! And so it was that the Israelites journeyed into the wilderness of their freedom, trusting that God would make their way ... But the way was long and the way was wild and the way was hard, and the people began to grumble ... This is where we enter the story

Reflective Moment**+ Scripture Lesson / Escritura Lección**

Jessica Jackson

Exodus 16:13-30

So it came about that in the evening quail flew in and all around the camp. And in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp; when the layer of dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were flakes of something: delicate, powdery, fine as frost. When they saw this, the people of Israel said to each other, "What is it?" -not knowing what it was. But Moses told them, "This is the bread Our God has given you to eat."

"This is the command Our God gave you," he continued. "Each one is to gather just enough to eat. Let everyone collect a two-quart measure of it for each person in your tent." The Israelites did as they were told. Some took a large amount. Some took very little. But when they measured it by the two-quart measure, those who took a large amount did not have too much, and those who gathered very little did not have too little. Each had just as much as they needed.

Moses told them, "No one is to keep it overnight." Some of the Israelites did not listen, and kept it overnight. It turned rotten and full of maggots, and Moses was angry with them. Each morning the people gathered as much as they needed, and as the sun grew high, it melted away.

On the sixth day the people gathered twice as much—two measures for each person. The clan leaders came to Moses to report this. Moses said, "Our God commanded this, saying, 'Tomorrow is a day of rest, a holy Sabbath to Our God. Bake what you need to bake and boil what you need to boil. The remainder is to be set aside and kept until the next day.'" The Israelites did as Moses instructed them, and it did not rot or have maggots.

"Eat it today," Moses counseled, "for today is the Sabbath of Our God. There is none on the ground today. For six days you are to gather it, and on the seventh day, the Sabbath, it will not be there."

On the next day, some of them went out looking for it, but there was none. Our God said to Moses, "How long will you refuse to keep my commandments and my instructions? Remember, I gave you the Sabbath, and I give you food for two days on the sixth day. You are to stay where you are on the seventh day. No one is to go out on the seventh day!" So the people rested that day.

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

I Know Where I've Been
by Marc Shaiman & Scott Whittman

Engage / Sermón

Rev. Troy Plummer Treash

Moses: Co-Creating a New Freedom

Moment of Relection

We Offer Ourselves

Marco Greer

Offertory / Ofertorio

Gospel Ensemble

God Made Me
Words and Music by Jules Bartholomew

Communion / Comunión

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunión

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

*It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

(Chorus)

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 ...

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

(Chorus)

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One Bread, One Body

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, Servant or free, Woman or man, No more.

Many the gifts, Many the works, One in the Lord Of all.

Grain for the fields, Scattered and grown, Gathered to one, For all.

By John B Foley

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Pass It On

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's Love, Once you've experienced it,
You spread the love to everyone, You want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring, When all the tress are budding.
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
That's how it is with God's love, Once you've experienced it.
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, You want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend, This happiness that I've found;
You can depend on God, It matters not where you're bound,
I'll shout it from the mountain top. I want the world to know
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

Words and music Kurt Kaiser

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Let There Be Peace On Earth

Let there be peace on Earth, And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on Earth, The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Creator, Family all are we.
Let me walk with my family, In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment, And live each moment
With peace eternally., Let there be peace on Earth,
And let it begin with me.

Words and music Jill Jackson and Sy Miller

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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. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Benediction / Bendición**

Rev. Troy Plummer Treash

Postlude / Postludió

Joel Hammett

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

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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

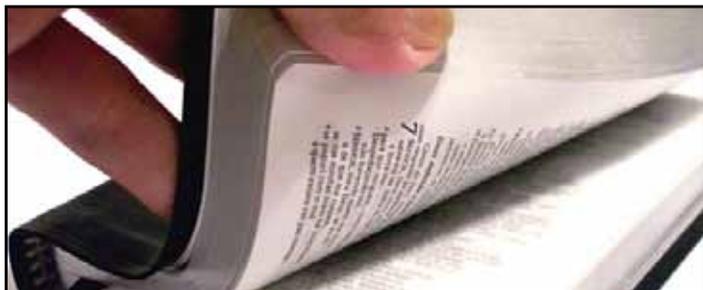
Working to talk less and do more, we are committed to resisting the structures that oppress people and standing with those who suffer under the weight of oppressive systems, being guided always by our commitment to Global Human Rights.

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

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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!

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/rmcc-events
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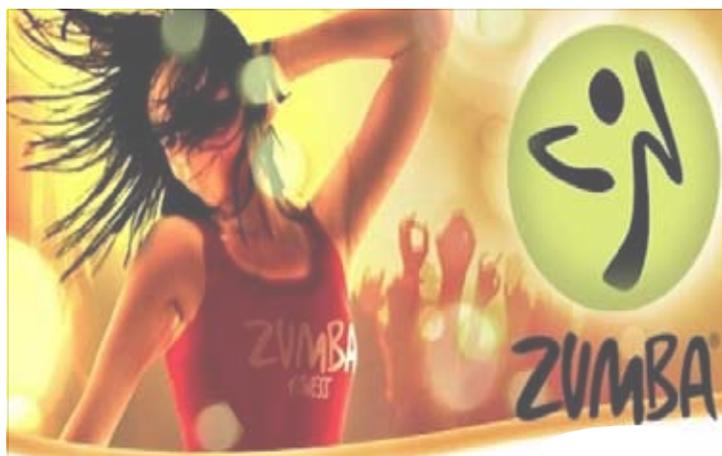
THE PROSPEROUS HEART: Creating a Life of "Enough"



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.

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/rmcc-events
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THURSDAYS
FEBRUARY
7 - 8 pm, Activities Building

Love your body! Move your body! Zumba in the new year! Join us Thursdays evenings throughout February for an introduction to this salsa-inspired fitness dance. Have fun, move your body, and get fit!

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

YOGA CONNECTIONS



TUESDAYS

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

MORE TO LIFE: BEYOND CANCER SUPPORT GROUP



THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 7
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!

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FRIDAY NIGHT OUT NORTH



FRIDAY • 6 pm
FEBRUARY 8

Potatoe Patch
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www.potatoepatch.com

Join your Resurrection friends on the North side of town for a night filled with good food, good friends and good conversation!

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FRIDAY NIGHT OUT



FRIDAY • 7 pm
FEBRUARY 8

Kim Son
2001 Jefferson, Houston
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Share a meal and fellowship with our members, friends, and our Senior Pastor Candidate, Rev. Troy Plummer Treash. Seating is limited and by registration only. Register in advance at www.bit.ly/lunchwithtroy



Nursery Moving & Expanding! TODAY

Beginning today, we will offer a new Pre-K Class for ages 3 years up to Kindergarten. This class, located in our current Nursery space, will be complete with Sunday School lessons and a Communion Circle at Noon. The Nursery (for infants 1 Month - Walking) will be relocated to a new room directly across from the Chapel. Cleaning and painting has begun as we refresh both spaces in celebration of our growth spurt. We are in need of a few items listed below, and would be blessed to receive your gently-used or new donations over the next few weeks. Donations are tax-deductible and greatly appreciated! Nursery items needed include: sturdy changing table, changing table pads and covers, diaper-bag cubbies, parent sign-in table, and floor lamps. Toddler/Pre-K items needed include school supplies, sand-table/water-table, art easels, art aprons, 2 teacher chairs, and a first aid kit.

**Donate using our online registry at
www.bit.ly/rmcc-registry**



FIRST IMPRESSIONS VOLUNTEER TRAINING

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 9

10 am - 11:30 am, Sanctuary

Are you interested in making the best first impression for our guests and visitors at Resurrection MCC? All current volunteers and anyone interested in serving as an Usher, Greeter, Concierge Volunteer, or Newcomer Reception Volunteer are asked to join us for an in-depth training session in these areas of service. New ministry position descriptions and procedures have been developed to update the way we serve our guests. All First Impressions Volunteers are encouraged to attend. Light breakfast snacks will be provided.

Email RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org



SEVEN THOUSAND WAYS TO LISTEN: CONVERSATION GROUPS

WEEKLY THROUGH THE SEASON OF LENT

FEBRUARY 14 - MARCH 30

Throughout Lent, our church will be engaging in a sermon series based on Mark Nepo's book, "Seven Thousand Ways to Listen: Staying Close to What is Sacred." The book is an exploration of self and our relationship to others and the world around us. It unpacks the many ways we are called to redefine ourselves and to name what is meaningful as we move through the changes that come from experience and aging and the challenge of surviving loss. As part of the series, we will have a small group component -- "Conversation Groups." These groups meet weekly (for approximately six weeks) in volunteer homes to share a meal, fellowship, and conversation about selections from the book. Days and times to be decided by each group. Register online at www.bit.ly/rmcc-7000

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Couplehood: A New Way to Love!

6-Week Series: Thursdays, 7 - 9 pm
February 14, 21, 28 & March 7, 14, 21
Gathering Place

Create the Relationship You Envision! You and your partner are invited to experience the transformative power of the celebrated Imago process for renewing, deepening and strengthening your relationship with one another throughout the season of Lent at Resurrection MCC! Resurrection Community Partners Peggy Halyard, BBA, MA, LPC and husband Douglas Wilson will be offering this 6-week series for couples based on the pioneering work of Harville Hendrix, author of *Getting the Love You Want, A Guide for Couples*.

Couplehood seminars are deeply spiritual experiences for couples, both within their partnership as well as within the group of couples that assembles for these sessions. Participants will be encouraged to see their relationship within the context of their larger spiritual lives and longings.

Cost for full 12-hour series is \$200.00/couple and includes all materials and couple-specific guidance from Imago professionals. \$75.00 required to reserve space, \$125 balance due by first class. Space is limited to 15 registered couples.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 13
7 - 8 pm, SANCTUARY

From dust we have been formed; to dust we shall return . . .

As we acknowledge the impermanence of our bodies, we claim the eternal Light within each of us. Join us as we enter into the season of Lent, reaching toward the Holy and releasing all that would deny the Light within.

A ritual imposition of ashes will be included in this time of worship for those who choose to receive them.

Freedom to Marry Week



Valentine's Day Marriage License Protest & March to City Hall

Thursday
February 14

11:30 am, County Clerk's Office, 201 Caroline St

Join us outside the County Clerk's office with signs supporting marriage equality. Around Noon, several same-sex couples will go upstairs and attempt to obtain marriage license applications. After being denied, we'll walk about a mile through downtown with our signs. We'll end at City Hall, 900 Bagby St, with a brief demonstration.
www.FamilyMarriageEquality.org



WE ARE FAMILY! PHOTO DAY

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 17

12 pm - 1 pm, Activities Building

We love our families! Serious, silly or sweet, smile for the camera with your loved ones for a special We Are Family Portrait, and share indoor picnic treats together as your photo is printed! Join us for photos and a whole lot of lovin' fun as our Youth Ministry Program hosts this wonderful time of letting our love shine!

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TEXAS' BIG GAY

WEDDING CELEBRATION & DEMONSTRATION



Sunday | February 17 | 3:00 pm

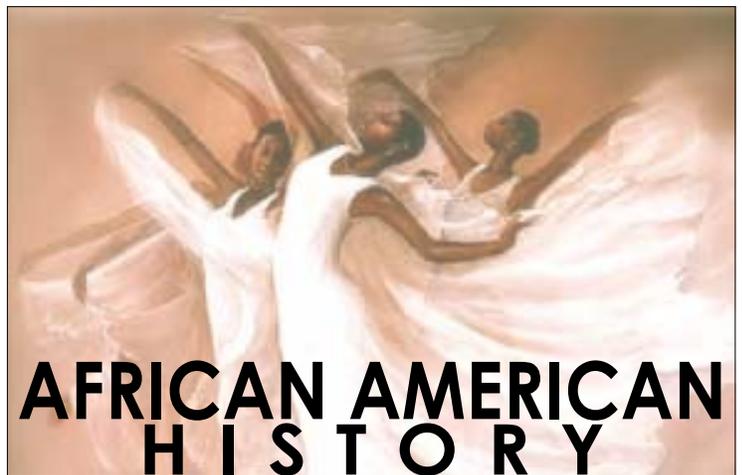
Join dozens of couples for an unforgettable interfaith wedding ceremony. You are invited to exchange vows, renew your vows and demonstrate marriage equality.

Participation is free. Please register at
www.FamilyMarriageEquality.org
A reception will follow.



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AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY CONCERT & RECEPTION

FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 22

7 - 9 pm, SANCTUARY

The Gospel Ensemble, under the direction of Cassandra White, presents their annual concert featuring songs that they are known for and some new ones sure to become favorites. Friends, neighbors, and family are invited to this gospel-filled evening! A reception follows the concert with lite refreshments and fellowship. Child care is provided.

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Rev. Troy Plummer Treash

Our Senior Pastor Candidate's Journey



Though born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Rev. Troy considers himself a native Texan. He grew up in and around Houston, ultimately settling in Sharpstown when his mother remarried blending a new family. Today he is still the oldest and only boy with three younger sisters and multiple nieces and nephews.

The whole family was very active at Gethsemane United Methodist Church (UMC) in Sharpstown. All the siblings sang in choir, rang bells, attended Sunday School classes and youth group, and took turns as camp and youth counselors. During his senior year in High School, he experienced two things—the call to serve as a pastor and awareness that he was gay. God does have a sense of humor even if a teenager doesn't get it.

Rev. Troy graduated from the University of Houston first with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance immediately followed with a Master of Education in Occupational Education. He taught and then became Director of Education at Bradford School of Business. The HIV/AIDS pandemic took root and the call to ministry returned. Troy went to seminary at Houston Graduate School of Theology with a specialization in Pastoral Counseling and dual credentials as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC).

As he became an LPC, he also completed his Master of Divinity and was ordained by the Orthodox Catholic Church in 1991, and appointed to serve at Bering Memorial UMC in Montrose. Troy grew the Bering Support Network from one half-time staff to three full-time therapists, a part-time chaplain, multiple interns, and dozens of trained peer facilitators serving thousands of individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS for over a decade. His time at Bering Memorial UMC also included counseling, chaplaincy, teaching, leading retreats, preaching, mission trips, and leadership development.

After 13 years on the pastoral staff of Bering, Rev. Troy transitioned to Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) as their Executive Director, relocating to Chicago, Illinois. During his nine years as Executive Director, RMN's budget grew from \$275,000 to \$1,200,000 and from a staff of four to a staff comprised of seven full-time, five contractors, and multiple interns. Rev. Troy travelled coast-to-coast

preaching, teaching, organizing, and building. Most recently, he spearheaded the Love Your Neighbor coalition which strives to remove the wedge between communities of color and LGBTQ allies as well as launching international work.

RMN is now a respected leader in the ecumenical faith movement for moral equality for LGBTQ people impacting the U.S., the Philippines, and Africa. Rev. Troy has served on the Religious Leaders Roundtable for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, consulted with the Human Rights Foundation, been a member of the Bishops and Elders Council, and served on advisory councils for the Institute of Welcoming Resources and the Global Justice Institute.

Following a month of spiritual renewal, the longing to return to local ministry grew even stronger and Rev. Troy mapped out a process to close his tenure with RMN. With 22 years of ministry experience and consulting with hundreds of congregations, he wanted to plant roots again in a vibrant congregation that would utilize his unique set of pastoral gifts. Having known Resurrection MCC for over 25 years, Rev. Troy was delighted to be invited to candidate for the Senior Pastor position at Resurrection MCC. Those years of walking with one another meeting challenges -- HIV/AIDS ministry, interfaith/ecumenical responses to local violence (Paul Broussard) and international crisis (September 11) -- forged a faith connection beyond words.

Personally, Rev. Troy says the connections go farther. He remembers worshipping at the Decatur Street church as Rev. John Gill preached and American Sign Language interpreters tag teamed one another to keep up; enjoying Rev. Carolyn Mobley's voice and guitar so many times; celebrating Rev. Dwayne Johnson's arrival and move to the new Sanctuary on 11th Street; finding chairs for Sunday worship in the Activities Building following the flood; and even overcoming a bomb threat to share vows and rings with Walter on Freedom to Marry Day in that same Activities Building in 2002.

Rev. Troy's specific call to Resurrection MCC grew in conversation with the Pastoral Search Committee sharing the hopes and visions and good planning of the congregation and in the PSC's deliberate questions and exploration of what the best match looked like for Resurrection MCC. Rev. Troy shared that his discernment strengthened through personal prayer accompanied by Resurrection MCC's excellent weekly sermons (via podcast) and hearing the congregation's laughter. The meeting between Rev. Troy and the PSC in Houston only made clearer by proximity what was already evident in our hearts. Both were ready to say, "yes."

The Pastoral Search Committee is excited and blessed to present Rev. Troy Plummer Treash as the Candidate for Resurrection MCC Senior Pastor. It is clear to each and every member of the committee that this is the Candidate that God is calling to Resurrection MCC. At every interaction, Rev. Troy exceeds our expectations, and demonstrates his heart and passion for ministry. We are elated and in awe of God's unfolding plan.



**Midsummer Night Tragedy
FUNDRAISER**
MYSTERY...MAKE-UP...AND MAYHEM!

FRIDAY
MARCH 1
7 - 10 pm, Activities Building

Join the Drag Kings and Queens of Resurrection MCC for a fun-filled evening highlighted by a fabulous drag pageant and talent show. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded. Pageant contestants may sign-up after Worship today in the Gathering Place (deadline is Sunday, February 17). There are only 10 slots available for performers to sign up today! Proceeds support sending our Young Adults to the 2013 MCC General Conference in Chicago.

Tickets Available in Inspirations Coffee Café & Bookstore
\$25 - Dinner & Non-Alcoholic Beverages
\$35 - Dinner, Beer & Wine



Houston, TX

If you are interested in joining Resurrection Riders as they plan this year's calendar of rides, please email Resurrection_Riders@Yahoo.com

Resurrection Riders is open to anyone of any riding level. We are also interested in outreach to our community, so please pass our info on to folks outside our walls. Rides include MD Anderson Cancer, trips to Galveston, Ren. Fest, Austin, and Wine Country tours, as well as short, local gatherings. If you are still working on a license, we're happy to talk and encourage you as well. Non-Rider slots are available on some rides. Seat availability varies so please contact us.

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

Kandace Klingler and Rhonda Brown
Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended January 27, 2013

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$11,656.51	\$44,741.55
Total Amount Anticipated	\$20,769.23	\$72,692.33
Total Giving Variance		(\$27,950.78)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$11,185.39	
Cash Flow Need	\$20,769.23	(A)
Ministry Plan Need	\$20,769.23	(B)
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	489	471
Programming	120	134
Total Weekly Attendance	609	605

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 2013 ministry plan goals and strategic growth initiatives (i.e., the amount needed to make ministry happen)

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY		FEBRUARY 3
9:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:15 am	Speaking of Faith: Young Adults	Activities Building
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Lunch & Meeting the Candidate	Activities Building
12:30 pm	Jubilee Theater Meeting	Music Room
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary
MONDAY		FEBRUARY 4
6:00 pm	Part-time and Stipend Staff Dinner w/Candidate	Activities Building
6:30 pm	Facility Committee Meeting	Work Room
6:30 pm	Joyful Singing 102: Getting in the Sandbox	Chapel
7:00 pm	Enter the Story: Bible Study	Gathering Place
TUESDAY		FEBRUARY 5
4:00 pm	Special Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Praise & Worship Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Worship Arts Ministry Dinner w/Candidate	Gathering Place
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	Activities Building
WEDNESDAY		FEBRUARY 6
6:00 pm	Life Development Potluck w/Candidate	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	The Chalice: The Prosperous Heart	Gathering Place
THURSDAY		FEBRUARY 7
6:00 pm	Special Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	More to Life: Beyond Cancer Support Group	Chapel
7:00 pm	Zumba	Activities Building
8:00 pm	OUT Later: Support for Gay Men	Gathering Place
FRIDAY		OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT w/Candidate	Kim Son
7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT North	Potatoe Patch
SATURDAY		OFFICE CLOSED
10:00 am	First Impressions Volunteer Training	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Volunteer & Leadership Lunch w/Candidate	Activities Building
SUNDAY		FEBRUARY 10
9:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:15 am	Speaking of Faith: Young Adults	Activities Building
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Special Congregational Meeting & Election	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room



Opportunities to Meet Rev. Troy Plummer Treash Senior Pastor Candidate

Sunday Worship TODAY

9 & 11 am | Sanctuary
Rev. Troy delivers the Message during Sunday Worship.

Congregational Friendraiser Lunch TODAY

12:30 - 2:00 pm | Activities Building
All members and friends of Resurrection MCC are invited to enjoy lunch (\$6 donation), hear brief remarks by Rev. Troy, and ask questions.

Worship Arts Ministry Dinner

Tuesday, February 5 6:00 - 7:00 pm | Gathering Place
Worship Arts Ministry participants are invited to share a meal with Rev. Troy and ask questions.

Life Development Potluck

Wednesday, February 6 6:00 - 7:00 pm | Gathering Place
Share a potluck meal and mingle with Rev. Troy before engaging in the "The Prosperous Heart: Creating a Life of 'Enough'" offering.

Friday Night OUT

Friday, February 8 7:00 - 9:00 pm | Kim Son, 2001 Jefferson
Share a meal and fellowship with our members, friends, and Rev. Troy. Seating is limited and by registration only. Register in advance at www.bit.ly/lunchwithtroy

Volunteer & Leadership Lunch

Saturday, February 9 11:30 - 2:00 pm | Activities Building
All church volunteers and leaders are invited to enjoy lunch with Rev. Troy and ask questions. Seating is limited and by registration only. Register in advance at www.bit.ly/dinnerwithtroy

Sunday Worship

Sunday, February 10 9 & 11 am | Sanctuary
Rev. Troy delivers the Message during Sunday Worship.

Special Congregational Meeting & Election

Sunday, February 10 Following 11 am Worship | Sanctuary
All members are asked to attend and cast a vote in the Senior Pastor Election.