



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

February 17, 2013

Invocation / Invocación

Marty Williams

excerpts from "*Gospel*" by Samiya Bashir

Prelude / Preludio

David McGurk Van English & Mark C. Brown

Love Changes Everything

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Words by Don Black and Charles Hart

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

One Thing Remains

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant in the trial and the change
One thing... Remains

On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never, ever, have to be afraid
One thing remains

Your love never fails, never gives up
Never runs out on me

In death, In life, I'm confident and
covered by, the power of Your great love
My debt is paid, there's nothing that
Can separate my heart from Your great love

by Christa Black, Brian Johnson, and Jeremy Riddle

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The Season of Lent

Lent, the 40 days which draw us from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week, culminating in celebration of the resurrection of Christ on Easter, is a time when we are invited to leave behind those things which heavy our heart, cloud our vision, and keep us from living into God's promise for our lives. As we make our way with Jesus and each other during this contemplative season we will share readings and reflections from Mark Nepo's book, *Seven Thousand Ways to Listen: Staying Close to What is Sacred* and will gather in conversations in small groups throughout Houston. Please join us! Details in this bulletin.

Samiya Bashir

Samiya Bashir is the author of two collections of poetry, *Gospel*, and *Where the Apple Falls*, which was a finalist for the 2005 Lambda Literary Award. She is the editor of two groundbreaking anthologies including, as co-editor with Tony Medina and Quraysh Ali Lansana, *Role Call: A Generational Anthology of Social & Political Black Literature & Art*. Bashir's poetry, stories, articles, essays and editorial work have been featured in numerous publications. Bashir is a founding organizer of Fire & Ink, a writer's festival for LGBT writers of African descent. She is currently an Artist in Residence with The Austin Project.

+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

Lenten Theme *Holy Listening*

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*.

In this book, Mark Nepo inquires into the endless ways we are asked to listen and he offers ancient and contemporary practices to help us stay close to what is sacred. Experiencing hearing loss himself,

Nepo affirms that listening is one of the most mysterious, luminous, and challenging art forms on Earth: "Whatever difficulty you face, there are time-tried ways you can listen your way through. Because listening is the doorway to everything that matters. It enlivens the heart the way breathing enlivens the lungs. We listen to awaken our heart.

We do this to stay vital and alive." Filled with questions to reflect on and discuss with others and meditations on how to return to what matters throughout the day, this book teaches us how to act wholeheartedly so we can inhabit the gifts we are born with and find the language of our own wisdom.

Kyrie, Eleison Translation

Kyrie, eleison,
Lord, have mercy,
Christe, eleison,
Christ, have mercy.

Scripture Lesson / Escritura Lección

Annette Beall

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only God.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'God will command the angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Reflective Moment

Mark C. Brown

Kyrie, Eleison

by Composer Steven R. Janco

Cantor: Kyrie, eleison,

ALL: Kyrie, eleison,

Cantor: Christe, eleison,

ALL: Christe, eleison,

Cantor: Kyrie, eleison,

ALL: Kyrie, eleison.

Contemporary Word

Annette Beall

"Being Lost" in Seven Thousand Ways to Listen: Staying Close to What is Sacred

by Mark Nepo

An old woodsman told me that the reason most people get lost is because they don't go far enough. They doubt where they are and change direction too soon. Somehow we are called to lean forward by what little light we are given ...

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

Spiritual

by Donald Lawrence

Engage / Sermón

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Listening Through the Wilderness

Moment of Reflection

We Offer Ourselves

Mark Eggleston

Total Praise
by Richard Smallwood

Communion / Comunion

Rev. Janice Ladd

Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunion

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross, On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His love.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Verse 1:

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise Christ's name! I'm fixed upon it, Name of God's redeeming love.

Verse 2:

Hitherto Thy love has blest me; Thou hast bro't me to this place;
And I know goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wond'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
God to rescue me from danger, Bo't me with unchanging love.

Verse 3:

O to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

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Just A Closer Walk With Thee

Verse 1:

I am weak, but Thou art strong, Jesus, keep me from all wrong,
I'll be satisfied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Chorus:

*Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

Verse 2:

Through this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

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 ...

(Chorus)

Verse 3:

When my feeble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more,
Guide me gently, safely o'er, To Thy heaven's shore, to Thy shore.

(Chorus)

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Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Maker, and I Thy true child,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor some's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Ruler of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Ruler of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God Creator,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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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. Janice Ladd

+ **Benediction / Bendición**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

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Worship | Sunday, 9 & 11 am
Children & Youth Worship | Sunday, 11 am
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Welcome!

If you are attending Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church for the first time, we are glad to have you here! We invite you to join us each week as we worship God and learn more about Christian living in an inclusive way. All are welcome.

Make sure to visit the Concierge Desk, located in our Welcome Area, to receive a gift from us. You will find friendly volunteer hosts waiting to greet you.

Worship Services

Resurrection MCC is proud to offer a variety in our worship services. Our two Sunday services, at 9 & 11 am, are identical in form, however they contain different elements from diverse religious traditions each week.

A Special Welcome to First-Time Families!

Our nursery staff would love to meet you and your infants & children aged one month through three years! The nursery is located to the right of the Sanctuary entrance and is open during both the 9 & 11 am services.

Children and youth aged 4 - 17 years are invited to join our Youth Ministries Program during the 11 am service in the Activities Building (located across the breezeway from our main parking lot). Sign-in begins at 10:45 am. All children must be registered and signed-in to attend. Parents are welcome to join the children for Communion at Noon in the Activities Building. Snack & sign-outs begin at 12:15 pm.

About Us...

Resurrection MCC is a Christian church that follows God's call to justice for all people. We build on a rich history of social justice for, and on behalf of, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people. Since its founding in 1968, Metropolitan Community Churches have been at the vanguard of civil and human rights movements as an international advocate for vulnerable people in places where religious orthodoxy, sexism, transphobia and homophobia can result in violence and death. MCC has been on the forefront in the struggle towards marriage equality in the US and other countries worldwide and continues to be a powerful voice in the LGBTQ equality movement. MCC's ministry reaches over 43,000 members in over 250 churches in 22 countries worldwide.

Metropolitan Community Churches are on a bold mission to transform hearts, lives, and history. We are a movement that faithfully proclaims God's inclusive love for all people and proudly bears witness to the holy integration of spirituality and sexuality. Because of our faith we are called to: do justice, show kindness, and live humbly with God (Micah 6:8); explore life's questions with open hearts and minds; raise our voices in sacred defiance against exclusion, whether religious, political or systemic; reach out to those with no hope; equip new generations of remarkable, far-reaching spiritual activists.

The **MISSION** of Resurrection MCC is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christian action.

The **VISION** of Resurrection MCC is to **ATTRACT** people into a relationship with God through radical **INCLUSION** into God's family, transform them to Christ-like **MATURITY**, and **MOBILIZE** them for their life purpose.

At Resurrection MCC, every member and friend is a minister of the church. We envision a Christian community that values diversity and is as diverse and all-encompassing as creation. Through salvation, service, study, and tithing, each member and friend will live and grow in faith and be spiritually fed. We embrace four core values:

Core Values

Inclusion

Love is our greatest moral value and resisting exclusion is a primary focus of our ministry. We want to continue to be the conduits of a faith where everyone is included in the family of God, and where all parts of our being are welcomed at God's table.

Community

Offering a safe and open community for people to worship, learn and grow in their faith is our deep desire. We are committed to equipping ourselves and each other to do the work that God has called us to do in the world.

Spiritual Transformation

Providing a message of liberation from the oppressive religious environment of our day or to those experiencing God for the first time is what guides our ministry. We believe that when people are invited to experience God through the life and ministry of Christ, lives will be transformed.

Social Action

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

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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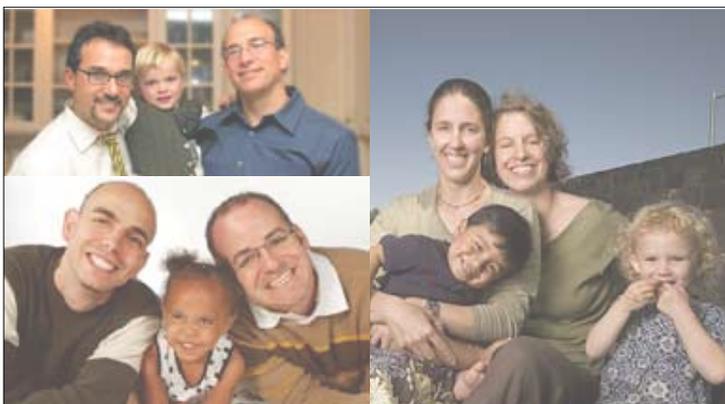
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SEVEN THOUSAND WAYS TO LISTEN: CONVERSATION GROUPS

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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WE ARE FAMILY! PHOTO DAY

TODAY

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!

Youth@ResurrectionMCC.org



GENERATION FAITH TEENS

BUY YOUR OWN BRUNCH
1 - 3 pm
TODAY

El Paraiso Mexican Restaurant
2320 Crocker St Houston, TX 77006
(713) 524-0309

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
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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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AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH CONCERT

"Let The Church Say Amen"

Presented by The Resurrection MCC Gospel Ensemble

FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 22

7 - 9 pm, SANCTUARY

The Resurrection MCC Gospel Ensemble, under the direction of Ms. Cassandra White, invites you to come and experience God's Anointed Word Through Song. Special guests will include Pastah Freedom Gulley and the Echos of Praise from Progressive Open Door Christian Center and Spoken Word artist Tye West. Come expecting a Blessing! Child care is provided.

Cassandra@ResurrectionMCC.org

Couplehood: A New Way to Love!

6-Week Series: Thursdays, 7 - 9 pm
February 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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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



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



ALL CHURCH WORK DAY

SATURDAY
MARCH 9

9 am - Noon, Resurrection MCC Campus

Join us in service as we beautify and clean our church home! Activities include both indoor and outdoor projects, carried out in an atmosphere of great fellowship and fun. Lunch will be served, so be sure to let us know if you plan to bless us with your presence as we "clean house with Jesus"!

Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org



LGBT WEALTH MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

MONDAY
MARCH 4
7 pm, Gathering Place

Join us as we discuss wealth management specifically for the LGBT community. Amy Rowe, Financial Advisor, and Geoffrey Sansom, Attorney at Law, will share strategies for financial planning, tax planning, estate planning, retirement planning, as well as gifting and philanthropy. Don't miss this opportunity to discover what you can do from an LGBT perspective to manage and protect your family's wealth! Space is limited.

RSVP on Facebook or LGBTwealth@ResurrectionMCC.org



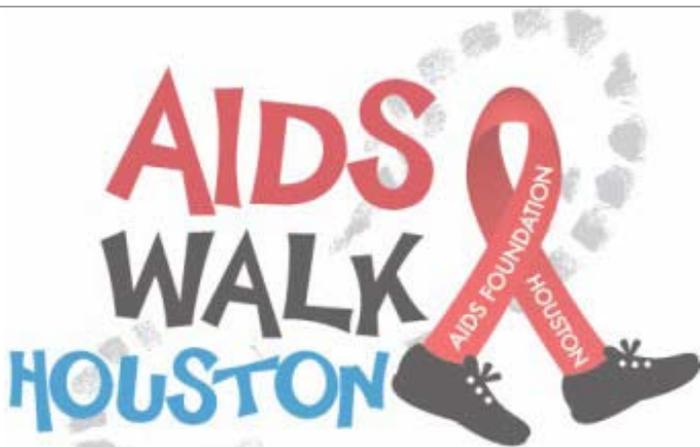
IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

SATURDAY
MARCH 2

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.

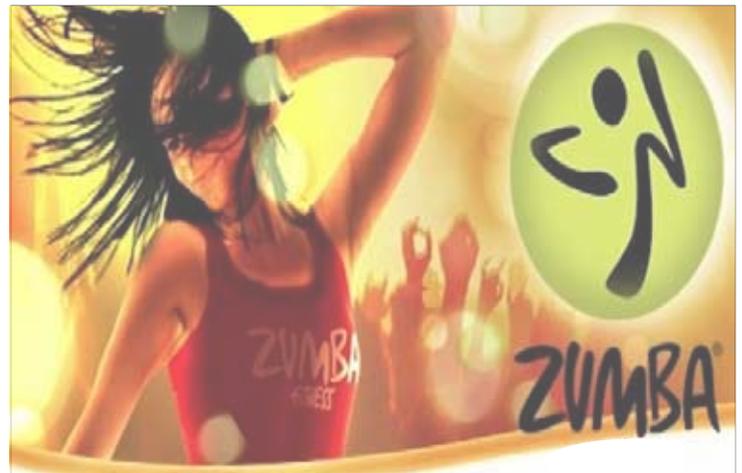
www.meetup.com/drummingcircle
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SUNDAY
MARCH 10

8 am • Hermann Square Park
T-Shirts Available TODAY in Inspirations

AIDS Walk Houston is an inspiring and fun event that helps raise much needed funds for area HIV/AIDS service providers. Resurrection MCC is blessed to be a partner with AIDS Foundation Houston, so 70% of the walk funds we raise stay at Resurrection MCC to fund our HIV/AIDS Benevolence Ministry. As a friend of Resurrection MCC, and advocate for people living with HIV/AIDS, please consider joining our AIDS Walk Houston Team or making a donation. Register at www.bit.ly/RMCC-AIDSWalk2013 Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org



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

MORE TO LIFE: BEYOND CANCER SUPPORT GROUP



THURSDAY
MARCH 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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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**

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.

RESURRECTION METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH



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.

HOLY LISTENING USING TWITTER



Throughout Lent, we'll experience a sermon series based on Mark Nepo's book, "Seven Thousand Ways to Listen: Staying Close to What is Sacred." As part of our weekly Worship services we'd like to engage in a new way to listen to each other . . . using Twitter.

To participate:

- 1) Sign up for a twitter account and/or install the application on your cell phone
- 2) Follow us on twitter @resurrectionmcc
- 3) Prayerfully consider the question we pose each week (it will be in our email Mobilizer, posted to our twitter account, and printed in the Sunday bulletin)
- 4) Tweet your response (including the hashtag) and they will be displayed on Sunday
- 5) Listen with an open heart and mind as you read and consider the tweets from your faith community

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Flowers in the Sanctuary
In Loving Memory of Judith Olin.
-Stephanie Olin

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In remembrance of my mother, Claire Wright.
-Connie Wright

RESURRECTION RIDERS
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.

Board Member on Duty
Manuel Diaz and Elisa Vega-Burns
Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

General Fund Giving Report For Week and YTD Ended February 10, 2013

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$16,902.50	\$81,089.14
Total Amount Anticipated	\$20,769.23	\$114,230.79
Total Giving Variance		(\$33,141.65)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$14,743.48	
Cash Flow Need	19,865.38	(A)
Ministry Plan Need	\$20,769.23	(B)
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	555	519
Programming	125	136
Total Weekly Attendance	680	654

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 17

9:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Love Makes a Family: Picture Day	Activities Building
12:30 pm	Jubilee Theater Meeting	Work Room
1:00 pm	Generation Faith/Teens: Buy Your Own Brunch	El Paraiso Mexican Rest.
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room
3:00 pm	Texas Big Gay Wedding Celebration	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Texas Big Gay Wedding Reception	Gathering Place

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED FEBRUARY 18

6:30 pm	Facility Committee Meeting	Work Room
6:30 pm	Special Music Rehearsal	Music Room
6:30 pm	Joyful Singing 102: Getting in the Sandbox	Chapel

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19

4:00 pm	Special Music Rehearsal	Music Room
6:00 pm	Praise & Worship Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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 20

5:00 pm	Pride Band Concert Tech Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Joyful Singing 104: Beyond the Showcase	Chapel
7:00 pm	The Prosperous Heart	Gathering Place

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 21

7:00 pm	Couplehood: A New Way to Love	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Concert Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Zumba	Activities Building
8:00 pm	OUT Later: Support for Gay Men	Chapel

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED FEBRUARY 22

6:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Concert Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	African American Heritage Month Concert	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	African American Heritage Month Reception	Gathering Place

SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED FEBRUARY 23

3:00 pm	Houston Pride Band Concert	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Houston Pride Band Reception	Gathering Place

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24

9:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Fishers Net Prayer Ministry

Fishers Net offers personal prayers on Sundays at the Prayer Wall after the 11:00 am Worship Service. Please email your prayer request to Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org. **Philippians 4:6-7** do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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.



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SERVICIO RELIGIOSO
SE INTERPRETA
EN ESPAÑOL
A LAS 11 AM.
 Sunday Worship
 now interpreted into
 Spanish at 11 am.