



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

April 28, 2013

+ Call To Worship

Bill O'Rourke

One: God, for 41 years you have guided us. You have been present every step of the way: from a small apartment in the Montrose, to Waugh, to Decatur, to West 11th Street.

ALL: Once we thought we were alone. O God, you have showed us that we are never alone.

One: In 1972, we planted seeds with weekly meetings. By 1974, we were a mission with 25 souls. In 1975, on Easter Sunday, with 43 charter members, we were officially a church.

ALL: O God, we thank you for those early visionaries who believed that from small beginnings great things would come.

One: Through fire, death, and flood, we have been your people. In the 70's, the Ku Klux Klan burned a cross on our lawn; and our pastor Jeri Ann received death threats. Beginning in the 80s, with unconditional love we companioned hundreds who died of HIV/AIDS. In 2001, Tropical Storm Allison displaced us from our Sanctuary and displaced over 50 of our families from their homes. With Project Noah, we rebuilt our dreams.

ALL: O God, through the years, You have turned our mourning into dancing.

One: Today, we celebrate 41 years. We celebrate our years to come. Once we were not a people. Now we are your people O God. Once we were lost; now we are found.

ALL: Now we are God's people. Remembering, hoping, dreaming, inviting--Now we are God's people. Alleluia! Amen.

Preparing Our Hearts

Jules Czarnik
Cassandra White

For Good
Words and Music By Stephen Schwartz

Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne

Rev. Troy Treash

Announcements / Anuncios

Mark Eggleston

+ Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz

Rev. Troy Treash

Celebrate

Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church celebrates its Anniversary today! 41 years ago, a dozen folks boldly believed God had called a new thing into being—a Church that would pull away from fear-based theology and step into a love-created dream of God—that all people are beloved and all people are welcome at God's table.

From inception to maturity, Resurrection MCC has held fast to our core values and has been a place of hope and healing for our community. Over the last 41 years we have become known for our powerful worship, transformational programming, radical hospitality and our community-building outreach. We have a legacy of lives that have been touched, literally and spiritually saved by our work together.

Forty-one years ago, the first members of Resurrection MCC had the vision that a church like ours was possible. Throughout the years, this vision has played out through mature faith and commitment, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the grace of God. Our church remains committed

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+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

Celebrate Cont.

to its long-standing mission to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christian action.

Especially today, we celebrate the seven years of ministry of Rev. Janice Ladd as our Executive Pastor and her family.

+ Opening Song / Apertura Canción

We Are the Church Alive

We are the Church Alive, Christ's presence on this earth;
We give God's Spirit body in the act of our new birth.
As yielded open channels for God's descending dove,
We shout and sing, with joy we bring God's all inclusive love.

We are the Church Alive, Our faith has set us free;
No more enslaved by guilt and shame we live our liberty!
We follow Christ's example and freedom now proclaim,
Destroying myths of doubt and fear in Jesus' mighty name.

We are the Church Alive, All praise to God on high.
Creator, Savior, Comforter, we laud and magnify.
Your name, Almighty God of love; Pray, give us life that we
May be your Church, the Church Alive, for all eternity.

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+ Scripture Lesson / Escritura Lección

Jessica Jackson

2 Corinthians 4:5-10, 16-18, 5:5

It is not ourselves we preach, but Christ Jesus as Sovereign, and ourselves as your workers for Jesus' sake. For God, who said "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts, so that we in turn might make known the glory of God shining on the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. God made us for this very purpose and whets our appetite by giving us a taste of what's ahead. God puts a little of heaven in our hearts so that we'll never settle for less.

Anthem

Mass Choir

The Words I Would Say

by David Frey, Ben McDonald, and Sam Mizell

Engage / Sermón

Rev. Janice Ladd

Building on the Past

We Offer Ourselves

Mark C. Brown

Offertory / Ofertorio

Steven Shannon

I Am What I Am
Words and Music by Jerry Herman

+ Doxology

Van English

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
by Thomas Ken

Communion / Comunion

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini
Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunion

The Power of Your Love

Lord I come to You, Let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace, That I have found in You
And Lord I have come to know, The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away, By the power of Your love

*Hold me close, Let Your love surround me
Bring me near, Draw me to Your side
And as I wait, I will rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love*

Lord unveil my eyes, Let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love, As You live in me
And Lord renew my mind, As Your will unfolds in my life
In living every day, By the power of Your love

Ending, And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love

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Confitemini Domino (Come and Fill Our Hearts With Your Peace)

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Open The Eyes of My Heart

by Paul Baloche
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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 española 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 ...

The Heart of Worship

When the music fades, And all is stripped away,
And I simply come; Longing just to bring
Something that's of worth, That will bless your heart.

I'll bring You more than a song, For a song in itself
Is not what You have required. You search much deeper within
Through the ways things appear; You're looking into my heart.

*I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
And it's all about You, All about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,
When it's all about You, It's all about You, Jesus.*

God of endless worth, No one could express
How much You deserve. Though I'm weak and poor,
All I have is Yours, Every single breath.

I'll bring You more than just a song, For a song in itself
Is not what You have required. You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear; You're looking into my heart.

(Chorus)

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I Can Only Imagine

I can only imagine what it will be like, when I walk by Your side.
I can only imagine, what my eyes will see, when Your face is before me.
I can only imagine.

*Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel?
Will I dance for you, Jesus, or in awe of You, be still?
Will I stand in Your presence or to my knees will I fall?
Will I sing Hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine! I can only imagine!*

I can only imagine, when that day comes, when I find myself standing in the Son!
I can only imagine, when all I will do, is forever, forever worship You.
I can only imagine, I can only imagine.

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+ **Litany of Release**

Board of Directors
Rev. Janice Ladd

Leader: For seven years, Rev. Janice Ladd has faithfully served as our Executive Pastor.

Minister: I thank Resurrection MCC, its members and friends for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last 7 years as a pastor and 15 years as a member. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted and for the good things we have been able to accomplish together. I ask forgiveness for any of my shortcomings. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

ALL: We receive your gratitude, offer forgiveness, and accept the fact that you are called into a new chapter or your life. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We too ask your forgiveness for any of our shortcomings. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

Minister: I accept your gratitude, and forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

Leader: Do you, the members and friends of Resurrection MCC, release Janice from the duties of pastor?

ALL: We do, with the help of God.

Leader: Do you offer your encouragement for Janice as God's call to her continues to unfold in new ways?

ALL: We do, with the help of God.

Leader: Janice do you release this congregation from turning to you and depending on you as pastor?

Leader: I do, with the help of God.

Minister: Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here and for the relationship this congregation continues to develop with the remaining staff pastors Kristen, Michael, and Troy?

Minister: I do, with the help of God.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, for remembered times when we, together, have shared the life of faith, we express our sincere gratitude. We thank you for the moments we have shared with Janice--in worship, in learning, in service, and in Christian living. We pray that she will be aware of your Spirit's guidance as she moves to a new place.

ALL: God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust you all of our days. Together, we have known laughter and tears, hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we cherish memories and engage the future. Amen.

+ **Benediction / Bendición**

Rev. Janice Ladd

Postlude / Postludió

Voices of Resurrection MCC

We Are What We Are
Words and Music by Jerry Herman

Prayer

If you are in need of prayer support, you can find prayer partners available during our time of communion or after worship in the right wing of the Sanctuary.

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



Three in the morning and I'm still awake / So I picked up a pen and a page / And I started writing just what I'd say / If we were face to face / I'd tell you just what you mean to me / Tell you these simple truths

Be strong in the Lord and never give up hope / You're gonna do great things / I already know / God's got His hand on you / So don't live life in fear / Forgive and forget / But don't forget why you're here / Take your time and pray / These are the words I would say

These are the lyrics of the song, "The Words I Would Say" by the Sidewalk Prophets and one of the songs playing over the radio when I was getting ready for the day last Monday morning. The words of the song landed square on my heart as I realized it had not been a dream - I did wake up in the wee hours of the morning and write my resignation letter. God has stirred my rest to tell me it was time to rest . . . it was time to release my pastoral leadership of Resurrection MCC into the Holy Spirit's care.

I learned one more time that God never asks you to do something without giving you exactly what you need to complete it. The words came flying from my soul onto the page to express to the people of Resurrection MCC how much they mean to me and how sure I am that God is equipping them to be the body of Christ in this community for a new chapter in their grand God-love-story.

Resurrection MCC has 41 years of experience in this God-love-story that models the simple truth of this song: God's got a hand on us, we do not have to live in fear, we can forgive and forget, and as we pray, we will be moved towards hope and strength. Resurrection MCC has 41 years of ministry in this God-love-story to know that it is not just about us . . . it is all for-the-one! God will give us everything we need to reach: the one who has lost hope, the one who has yet to discover God's unconditional love, the one who has yet to experience the love of this community.

41 for the one! That is the gospel of Jesus and that is the vision of Resurrection MCC! What an honor and privilege it has been to be part of this community's faithful answer to that call for my entire pastoral career!

Thank you for the many ways you have cared for me and my family over the last 15 years and thank you for all of the calls and communications I have received to thank me for my service. I am blessed to be part of the legacy of Resurrection MCC.

On Sunday, April 28 we will be celebrating Resurrection MCC's 41 years of ministry and celebrating my 15 years with you. Will you join me in making a special "41st Anniversary Offering" to ensure we will continue our ministry "for the one?"

Whether you have \$41, \$410, or \$4,100 to give, I believe we can raise \$41,000 to celebrate our shared ministry together as well as ensure our legacy remains. Your gift will certainly be a blessing that will bless others in God's grand love story!

The words I would say: \$41 for the One!
Now that is the gospel!!
Peace and blessings,

Janice

Rev. Janice Ladd
Executive Pastor

If you would like to participate in our 41 for the One Anniversary offering, there are several opportunities:

- Give online at www.ResurrectionMCC.org. Select "41st Anniversary Offering" as the fund.
- Bring your offering to church on Sunday, April 21 or 28. Write "41 for the One" on the offering envelope or check memo line and place in the offering basket.
- Pray for the growth of our shared ministry -- inside our walls, our community, and our world.



RESURRECTION MCC 41ST ANNIVERSARY & FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR REV. JANICE

TODAY

12:30 - 2 PM • ACTIVITIES BUILDING

Join us as Resurrection MCC celebrates our 41st Anniversary and 15 years of shared ministry with Rev. Janice. On this Anniversary Sunday, and also Rev. Janice's last Sunday as Executive Pastor, all are invited to share a delicious meal and fellowship with your Resurrection MCC family. You'll also have an opportunity to share your gratitude with Rev. Janice and bless her on her journey.

ENTER THE STORY: BIBLE STUDY



WEDNESDAYS
MAY 1, 8, & 15
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
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

MORE TO LIFE: BEYOND CANCER SUPPORT GROUP



THURSDAY
MAY 2
6:30 - 8 pm, Chapel

Living with - and beyond - a cancer diagnosis is many things, including frightening, confusing, and exhausting. Even so, there are those among us who would add spiritually awakening, deepening, and freeing to the list. This monthly connection group is offered by, with, and for persons who have experienced a cancer diagnosis in their lives. Come and share, no matter where you are on the path: recently diagnosed, pre-treatment, post-treatment, somewhere in the middle, or living in remission. We gather to share spiritual and practical encouragement by sharing our stories, our spiritual insights, our ideas and our resources, together bearing witness that cancer is only part of our journey; with God and each other there truly is more to life!

MoreToLife@ResurrectionMCC.org

STRICTLY SHOWTUNES

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FRIDAY
MAY 3

8 - 9:30 PM • Activities Building

Join us for an unforgettable evening of showtunes sung by Steven Shannon and accompanied by Mark C. Brown. A variety of your favorite Broadway shows will be presented ranging from Avenue Q to Les Miserables to Young Frankenstein. Proceeds support the ministries of Resurrection MCC and help cover travel costs for Bayou City Performing Arts and Steven Shannon as they sing at Carnegie Hall this June!

Warning: contains adult humor and jazz hands!

\$20 Tickets Available:

Online - www.stevenshannon.eventbrite.com

Inspirations Coffee Café & Bookstore and at the Door



YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH

SATURDAY
MAY 4
12 PM

JAVA JAVA Cafe

911 W 11th St Houston, TX 77008
www.javajavahouston.com

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

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



IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

SATURDAY
MAY 4

2 - 4 pm • FRONT LAWN

“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
RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org



DINNER & A SHOW

FRIDAY
MAY 10

7 - 9:30 pm, Gathering Place

Come join the Landscape and Facilities Team for our summer version of Friends by the Fire. It's too hot to sit around a campfire, so instead we'll enjoy dinner and a show (our fancy way of saying hot dogs and a movie)! We'll roast hot dogs outside and then watch a movie and cool off in the Gathering Place. Movie starts at 7:30. Hot dogs provided. Bring water or soda.

Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org

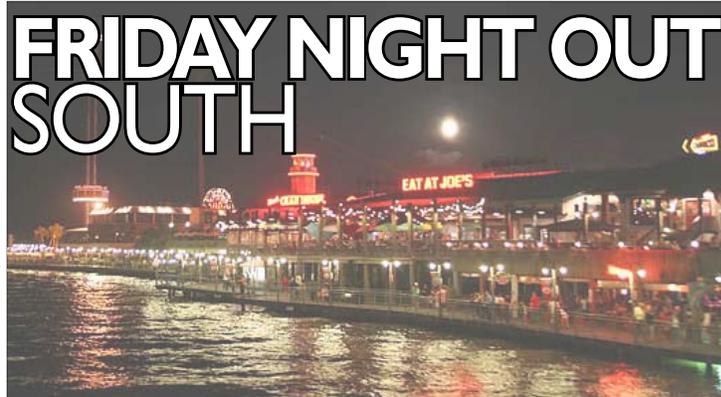


Celebration Choir

Sundays
May 12 & 26
June 9 & 23

10:15 - 10:50 am
Activities Building #104

All our young friends ages 6-14 are invited to join in celebration singing Praise & Worship music. This new group will be lead by Jules Czarnik and Eve Messina. Questions to CelebrationChoir@ResurrectionMCC.org.



FRIDAY, 7 pm
MAY 17

Spring Creek BBQ
2710 Gulf Fwy S
League City, TX 77573
(281) 534-7873

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) or FridayNightOUTSouth@ResurrectionMCC.org



Join the 2013 Pastoral Care Ministry Team!

INITIAL 2013 TRAINING

FRIDAY • MAY 17 • 6 - 9 pm
SATURDAY • MAY 18 • 9 am - 9 pm

Lifeline Chaplaincy Conference Center
1415 Southmore Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77004

Are you called to be a source of strength and comfort when a life event occurs? Are you a good listener with a prayerful heart? If so, then consider becoming a Pastoral Care Minister and provide prayerful and spiritual support to congregants who are homebound or in the hospital. For more information or to fill out an application, email our Pastoral Care Coordinator Rev. Johnna Faber at PastoralCare@ResurrectionMCC.org.

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Flowers in the Sanctuary

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

Board Member on Duty

Rhonda Brown and Manuel Diaz

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.



CHURCH SIZE THEORY WORKSHOP

Featuring Rev. Elder Ken Martin

SATURDAY

MAY 18

10 am - 2:30 pm, Gathering Place

This is a must for all church leaders and will be enlightening for everyone who is involved in the life of the church! We know that churches often get stuck at certain predictable plateaus and that the only way for them to move forward is by making specific changes which affect the role of the Pastor, the necessity for multiple Staffing, the way the Board of Directors functions, the way Programming is done, the style and content of Worship, and what Facilities are needed. These six aspects of congregational life MUST be in alignment in order for healthy and sustainable growth to occur both numerically and spiritually. Join us for this important and engaging 1-day workshop as we get together, get informed, and get growing!

General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended April 21, 2013

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$14,774.19	\$279,731.99
Total Amount Anticipated	\$20,769.23	\$321,923.09
Total Giving Variance		(\$42,191.10)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$18,047.23	
Cash Flow Need	19,865.38	(A)
Ministry Plan Need	\$20,769.23	(B)
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	464	544
Programming	84	149
Total Weekly Attendance	548	693

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)

How can we say
THANKS
for the things you
HAVE DONE FOR US?

for your time

- † 15 years as a member of Resurrection MCC
- † 7 years as Executive Pastor
- † faithful leadership in times of transition
- † uncountable hours of unselfish sacrifice and service

for your talent

- † preaching the Word
- † leading the staff
- † moderating the board of directors
- † nurturing the congregation
- † blessing the communion table and welcoming everyone to partake
- † identifying, recruiting, and mentoring staff and volunteers
- † seeing spiritual gifts in others and encouraging ministry in action
- † praying for all

for your treasure

- † sharing your heart, your love, your every resource, and your God love story
- † helping us realize our worthiness and God's love for us, just the way we are
- † connecting spiritually to enlighten personal perspective
- † that unforgettable laugh
- † in all things, knowing and exemplifying The One



The voices of a
MILLION ANGELS
cannot express our
GRATITUDE!

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SUNDAY APRIL 28

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:15 am	Celebration Choir Rehearsal	Activities Building
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	41st Anniversary Celebration & Farewell	Activities Building
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary

MONDAY APRIL 29

6:00 pm	Music Rehearsal	Music Room
6:30 pm	Joyful Singing 102: Getting in the Sandbox	Chapel

TUESDAY APRIL 30

4:00 pm	Special Music Rehearsal	Music Room
4:30 pm	Jubilee Theater Leadership Meeting	Gathering Place
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 MAY 1

6:00 pm	Music Rehearsal	Music Room
6:30 pm	Joyful Singing 104: Beyond the Showcase	Chapel

THURSDAY MAY 2

6:00 pm	Music Rehearsal	Music Room
6:30 pm	More to Life: Beyond Cancer Support	Chapel
7:30 pm	OUT Later: Support for Gay Men	El RealTex Mex

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED MAY 3

7:30 pm	Bingo Night at Big Tex Bingo	Big Tex Bingo
8:00 pm	Steven Shannon ~ Strictly Showtunes	Activities Building

SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED MAY 4

12:00 pm	Young Adult Brunch	Java Java
2:00 pm	ImaniVida Drum Circle	Front Lawn

SUNDAY MAY 5

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:15 am	Celebration Choir Rehearsal	Activities Building
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Jubilee Theater Meeting	Work Room
12:30 pm	Newcomers Welcome Reception	Gathering Place
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Online Giving

The mission of Resurrection MCC is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christian action. We believe that lives are transformed when people are invited to experience God through the life and ministry of Christ. Financial contributions are obviously very important to the achievement of Resurrection MCC's ministry goals, and we sincerely appreciate the generous offerings that you give faithfully each and every week.

To make it more convenient for you to financially support the ministries of Resurrection MCC, we now offer a **convenient online giving payment option** through ACS. Online giving enables you to easily make your financial contributions to the church by credit card, debit card, or directly from your bank account. Online giving is a simple way for you to give, and it enables you to support the church's mission and service no matter where you are in the world.

We ask that you prayerfully consider giving online.

It's really quite easy to set up an online giving account. Account creation instructions are available on our website by clicking on the "Giving is Only a Click Away" banner, and they are also included in the "How do I give online?" handouts that are available at all entrances to the Sanctuary. We will be actively promoting the online giving program until April 28. One of us will be available between services to answer any questions or concerns that you may have regarding online giving.

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Lastly, as our way of saying "Thank You," all online givers will be given an "I Give Online" button pin upon request. Recurring online givers will be gifted with a "Giving is Only a Click Away" mouse pad, and new recurring online givers will be entered into a prize drawing. Please visit our website or pick up a copy of the online giving handout for answers to online giving frequently asked questions.

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