



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

May 12, 2013

## + Call To Worship

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

- One: We honor those who mothered us with care and love.  
We thank those who mothered us as best as they knew how.  
We remember all who did not have the title but mothered us anyway.
- ALL: Naomi missing her children cried out to God and she was blessed.  
Ruth made Naomi the great, great grandmother of King David.**
- One: Hannah sang out her sorrow to God and she was blessed.  
She dedicated Samuel to God's service and he became a prophet.
- ALL: Samuel grieved over Saul's mistakes and God blessed him.  
Take heart. You have a second chance. Let's go!**
- One: Eternal God, mother and father of us all, bless us.
- ALL: Help us see the second chances you give us each day.**

## Preparing Our Hearts

Joel Hammett

***Cristo Vive (Christ is Risen, Christ is Living)***  
Music by Robert Farlee

## Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

## Announcements / Anuncios

Joy Jolley

## + Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

## We Gather

From many places we gather here. This is a high point of our week. We see our friends. We make new friends. And we spend time with The Friend -- the loving Christ who meets us where we are, as we are. In this Sanctuary we worship, and through worship the courage within us is kindled to inspire courageous living beyond this place.

## Mother's Day

Mothering is offered in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all! As sons and daughters who honor our mothers, we rejoice in mothering which blesses with steadfast and nurturing care! As male and female parents who nurture our children, we rejoice in mothering which blesses abundantly and without limitation! As we celebrate in our lives those who open themselves to mothering in many ways - through commitment and prayer, through open hearts and homes - we rejoice for truly, mothering is offered in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

## + Opening Song / Apertura Canción

### *This Is A Day Of New Beginnings*

This is a day of new beginnings, Time to remember and move on,  
Time to believe what love is bringing, Laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then,  
Can make for us a world of difference, As faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, Step from the past and leave behind  
Our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, Seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us, To show and share what love can do.  
This is a day of new beginnings-Our God is making all things new.

by Brian Wren

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## Enter the Story

Joseph Guerrero

David started from humble beginnings as a young shepherd. The prophet Samuel anointed him and set the wheels in motion for David to be king. David was recruited to play the lyre for King Saul to soothe him. Saul loved David greatly.

David heard Goliath's taunts and, leaving armor behind, slew the giant with his slingshot. King Saul brought David fully into his court. David was loved not only by Saul, but also by Saul's son Jonathan and Saul's daughter Michal.

King Saul became jealous of David's battlefield success and the affection his family had for David. Jonathan became a double agent, caught in the conflict between David and his father, Saul. After seven years of struggle in which both Jonathan and Saul died, David became king.

Here we enter the story...

## + Scripture Lesson / Escritura Lección

Andrea Ferguson

### *1 Samuel 16: 1-13*

God said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And God said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet Samuel trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are

all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

**Anthem**

Sanctuary Choir

*Ave Maria*

by Johann Sebastian Bach and Charles Francois Gounod

**Engage / Sermón**

Rev. Troy Treash

*Second Chances*

**Moment of Silence**

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

**We Offer Ourselves**

Honoring Reed Hoke

**Offertory / Ofertorio**

Sanctuary Choir

*Hail Mary, Gentle Woman*

**+ Doxology**

Mark C. Brown

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

by Thomas Ken

**Communion / Comunion**

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

**Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunion**

*Jesus Lover Of My Soul*

Jesus, lover of my soul  
Jesus, I will never let You go  
You've taken me from the miry clay  
Set my feet upon a rock, and now I know

I love You, I need You  
Though my world may fall, I'll never let You go  
My Savior, my closest friend  
I will worship You until the very end

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**Communion**

As we gather, break bread, and tell stories of hope through prayer, song and ritual in the practice we call "communion," we bear witness that "Life is stronger than death. People can change with God's help. And God is worthy of our thanks and praise." All are welcome at the table: you do not need to be a member of this or any church to gather as God's children at the table of Life.

A brief blessing is offered with bread and juice, available to all. Gluten-free bread is offered at the far right; Spanish blessing offered at the far left.

Please honor this time of sacred community with singing, quiet meditation or prayer that we might each receive the spiritual nourishment we seek ...

**Comunion**

Al reunirnos, partir el pan, y contar historias de esperanza a través de la oración, el canto y el ritual en la práctica que llamamos "comunion", damos testimonio de que "la vida es más fuerte que la muerte. Las personas pueden cambiar con la ayuda de Dios. Y Dios es digno de nuestro agradecimiento y alabanza. "Todos están invitados a la mesa: no es necesario ser miembro de esta iglesia o cualquier reunir como hijos de Dios en la mesa de la Vida.

Una breve bendición se ofrece con el pan y el jugo, al alcance de todos. Pan sin gluten se ofrece en el extremo derecho; bendición españoles ofrecen en el extremo izquierdo.

Por favor respetar este tiempo de comunidad sagrada con canto, la meditación o la oración silenciosa para que podamos recibir cada uno el alimento espiritual que buscamos ...

## ***Holy Spirit Rain Down***

by Russell Fragar  
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### ***I Give Myself Away***

*I give myself away, I give myself away  
So You can use me, I give myself away  
I give myself away, So You can use me*

Here I am, Here I stand, Lord, my life is in your hands  
Lord, I'm longing to see, Your desires revealed in me

Take my heart, Take my life, As a living sacrifice  
All my dreams all my plans, Lord I place them in your hands

My life is not my own, To you I belong  
I give myself, I give myself to you

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### ***How Great Is Our God***

The splendor that You bring; You're clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice; Let all the earth rejoice!

You wrap yourself in light, And darkness tries to hide.  
It trembles at Your voice, Trembles at Your voice.

*How great is our God? Sing with me!  
How great is our God and all will see  
How great, how great is our God.*

Age to age, You stand and time is in Your hands,  
Beginning and the end, Beginning and the end.

The Godhead Three in One, Abba, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb.

*(Chorus)*

Bridge;  
Name above all names, Worthy of our praise  
My heart will sing, How great is our God

Name above all names, Worthy of our praise  
My heart will sing, How great is our God  
*(Chorus)*

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## **Prayer**

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

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

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

+ **Benediction / Bendición**

Rev. Troy Treash

**Postlude / Postludio**

Bridgett Vinson

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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

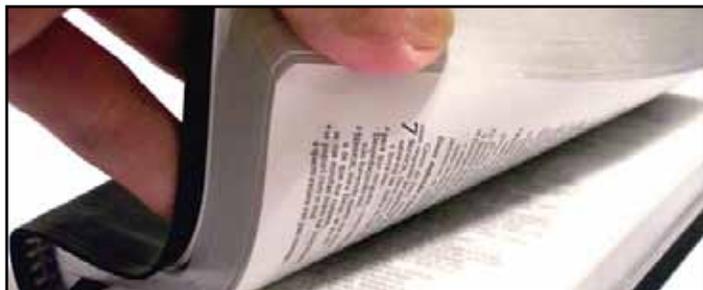
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# ENTER THE STORY: BIBLE STUDY



WEDNESDAY  
**MAY 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](http://www.bit.ly/rmcc-events)  
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## *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](mailto:CelebrationChoir@ResurrectionMCC.org).



## "AVE MARIA" RESURRECTION MCC SANCTUARY CHOIR CONCERT

FRIDAY  
**MAY 17**

7 pm, Sanctuary

This concert is a tribute to the blessed Virgin Mary and a testament to love through song. There are so many arrangements of the prayer to Mary that we couldn't sing just one! You'll have the unique opportunity to experience five different settings of the Ave Maria text. While in no way is this a definitive collection, it is a glorious one. You'll hear unison singing, handbells ringing, and complex, and mixed choir arrangements.

Two of the most well-known arrangements are included in the performance. The first is by Franz Schubert which is often sung at Christmas. The second is by French composer Charles Gounod, and is based on a tune by Johann Sebastian Bach. We are also excited to present a new arrangement, written especially for us, by local composer Peter Johns. It is a beautiful piece and Peter has graciously agreed to accompany us for the premier.

Concert is free. Donation accepted.



## **MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE:** HANDBELL RINGING CLASSES

**WEDNESDAYS, BEGINNING MAY 15**  
**7 PM, SANCTUARY**

If you've wanted to play handbells but were afraid to try, now is your opportunity to learn without the pressure of a sudden performance. Doug Hill, one of our handbell soloists, will provide free instruction on the proper ringing technique and styles to anyone who can read music (you should be familiar with note lengths and positions). If you are interested or have questions, please email [Handbells@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Handbells@ResurrectionMCC.org) or call Mark C. Brown at 281-254-8009.

# FRIDAY NIGHT OUT SOUTH



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)  
[FridayNightOUTSouth@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto: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](mailto:PastoralCare@ResurrectionMCC.org).



## 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 1/2-day workshop as we get together, get informed, and get growing!



## SURVIVING YOUR ADOLESCENTS!

How to Manage and Let Go  
of Your 13-18 Year-Olds

SATURDAY

**MAY 18**

10 am - 1 pm, Activities Building

Parenting is one of the most joyful - and challenging - experiences of our lives! And when our kids hit the pre-teen and teen years we often ask God why they don't come with an instruction manual! If you are a parent of a pre-adolescent or an adolescent, come join family therapist, certified family life educator, and mom, Leslie Guditis, Ph.D., for this workshop on the ins and outs of parenting pre-teens and teens. With many years of experience working with families, Leslie Guditis' workshop will instruct, inspire and encourage parents on the way to Surviving Your Adolescents! \$12 registration requested - no one turned away. Light lunch provided.

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# TRANSITIONS



Over the past three years our flowers have bloomed bigger, our campus has shined brighter, and our joy has surely been increased . . . because of Joy! Join in celebration of three wonderful years of ministry with our beloved Joy Jolley as she concludes her service as Director of Operations and Joy Jolleysteps out in faith into whatever God has in store for

her next! She will be in transition from full-time for the first two weeks of May to half-time during the last two weeks of this month. Joy and Brandon will continue to be part of our church family and she looks forward to rejoining the Gospel Ensemble as soon as possible. Whether bringing us the Sunday announcements, orchestrating the beautification of our campus, or keeping the books, Joy's infectious smile and passion for hands-on service has inspired us all to "walk the talk" of our faith with joy! We will love on her with hugs and gratitude at the "Feed-My-People" Friendraiser Brunch on Sunday, May 19, at 12:30 pm in the Activities Building.



We are also grateful for Reed Hoke, our Sanctuary Choir Director, who has served for the past year and a half. His impeccable work and kind, loving spirit has touched many. Reed and his partner, Joseph Guerrero, are preparing to move to New Braunfels to become the primary caregivers for Joseph's mother. Join us in praying for all of their

family during this time. His last Sunday with us will be May 12 and we'll host a reception following each service in the Gathering Place. Reed will direct the "Ave Maria" Sanctuary Choir Concert on Friday, May 17, at 7 pm in the Sanctuary.



We welcome Steven Shannon to serve as the Interim Director for the Sanctuary Choir as we begin a search for a permanent Director during the Summer. Steven will serve in this role from June through August. He has choral directing experience and is a wonderful Baritone soloist that many have experienced during Sunday

Worship. Steven and Mark C. Brown have put together a show, "Strictly Showtunes," that will be performed this Friday at 8 pm in the Activities Building. Steven is widely known for his Broadway vocals and is a classically trained singer with a degree in Music. We hope you will come out this Friday and see them in action. \$20 tickets support the ministries of Resurrection MCC and help cover travel costs as the Bayou City Performing Arts and Steven travel to perform at Carnegie Hall later this month.



## "Feed My People"

### Friendraiser Brunch & Celebration of Joy

**Sunday, May 19**  
12:30 pm, Activities Building

***Listen. God may speak...  
(and what you hear may surprise you!)***

Harold Spencer, a member of our Loaves and Fishes Ministry, was listening in church one Sunday...

"I was thinking all through the sermon on how I could serve the Lord better. The sermon had finished and we paused for a moment of reflection. The chime sounded and I was suddenly surrounded by a warm, safe feeling. A voice said 'Feed my people.' My response was What? When? I saw a meal, smelled the food, and knew what the menu was. The voice said 'Friend-raiser.' The chime sounded and I was back at church."

Joy Jolley, our Director of Operations, was listening in her office last week...

"I, too, heard the voice of God last Tuesday and knew it was time to be open for what God has in store for me next. A day before, I would have told you I wasn't going anywhere and meant it! Spirit spoke very loudly and let me know that God had other plans!"

You may asking, "What's on the menu?" Well, join us on May 19, and find out what God told Harold to serve! As for Joy, she's still checking out the buffet!

Enjoy lunch for a suggested donation of \$6 and a time to celebrate Joy and her ministry as our Director of Operations over the last three years.

## FRIDAY NIGHT OUT FUNDRaiser

FRIDAY • 7 - 9 pm

**MAY 24**

**California Pizza Kitchen**

1997 W Gray St, Houston, TX 77019

***California Pizza Kitchen is donating 20% of the  
entire bill back to Resurrection MCC!***

A popular monthly social gathering over dinner at a restaurant in Central Houston (inside the Loop). To ensure seating for all who wish to attend, please RSVP on Facebook.

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# GENERATION FAITH TEENS

## BUY YOUR OWN BRUNCH

1 - 3 PM  
**MAY 19**  
**DENNY'S**

7300 Washington Avenue • Houston, TX 77007

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

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

## Celebrating 30 Years of Ministry!

SUNDAY

**MAY 26**

Following Each Service, Gathering Place

Joel Hammett, our beloved organist and accompanist, is celebrating 30 faithful years of service! In speaking with him recently, he said, "It's the people and the church that keeps me here." We are blessed to have this masterful organist and pianist in our community. He may be quiet and sometimes shy, but when he has something to say, people listen. Joel is an inspiration and true blessing to this congregation. We wish him tremendous gratitude for his commitment to excellence in worship and his consistent participation in this community

*Thank you, Joel!*



# CRITICAL MASS

## BIKE RIDE - GOT LOVE?

FRIDAY  
**MAY 31**

6:45 pm - 9:30 pm

Market Square Park, 301 Milam, Houston

*Calling all Bicyclists!*

Join fellow Resurrection MCC bikers for a Critical Mass Bike Ride - a casual mass bike ride around the city, intended to raise awareness and advocate a bicycle-friendly urban environment. All bikes and skill-levels are welcomed. The ride will last around 2 hours - about 20 miles. Meet at 6:45pm on the corner nearest Congress Ave and Travis St. in Downtown Houston. Look for the GOT LOVE? Resurrection MCC Shirts!

FAQs - [www.houstoncriticalmass.com/faq](http://www.houstoncriticalmass.com/faq)  
[RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org)



# THE FIRESTARTER SESSIONS

WEDNESDAYS

**MAY 22 - SEPTEMBER 18**

7 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Place

Consider yourself specially invited to SHINE! Danielle LaPorte's wild and wonderful "training course for taking the leap of your life," The Firestarter Sessions is all about discovering what success really means to you! It's full of startling questions, illuminating challenges, and passionate permission to rethink your assumptions about what will make you happy! Join us throughout the summer for one, some, or every session of this "soulful and practical guide to creating success on your own terms"! Materials provided each session. Book optional. Learn more at [www.bit.ly/RMCC-FSS](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-FSS)

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## **SEXUAL SALVATION:** QUEER CHRISTIAN SEXUAL ETHICS FOUR SESSIONS

MONDAYS

# **JUNE 3, 10, 17, 24**

7 - 8:30 pm

Gathering Place

Most of Christianity has taught that human sexuality is counter to spirituality. Our series considers what a theology of "sexual salvation," a sexuality-affirming faith, could look like. Join Rev. Michael and Rev. Kristen and explore what it means for to claim, develop, and personally practice queer Christian sexual ethics - individually and as a community. A basic understanding of the issues regarding homosexuality and the Bible will be assumed and not specifically addressed.



## **SUMMER FLIX** HOW TO SURVIVE A PLAGUE

FRIDAY

# **JUNE 7**

8 - 9:30 pm

Sanctuary

How to Survive a Plague is the story of two coalitions-ACT UP and TAG (Treatment Action Group)-whose activism and innovation turned AIDS from a death sentence into a manageable condition. Despite having no scientific training, these self-made activists infiltrated the pharmaceutical industry and helped identify promising new drugs, moving them from experimental trials to patients in record time. <http://surviveaplague.com/>



# **ZUMBA**

EVERY THURSDAY

## **BEGINNING JUNE 6**

7 - 8 pm

Activities Building

Beginning Thursdays in June, Zumba fuses fitness, entertainment and culture into an exhilarating dance-fitness sensation. Zumba exercise classes are "fitness-parties" that blend upbeat world rhythms with easy-to-follow choreography, for a total-body workout that feels like a celebration.

Zumba@ResurrectionMCC.org



## **LANDSCAPE & FACILITIES WORK DAY**

SATURDAY

# **JUNE 8**

9 - 1 pm

Resurrection MCC Campus

Work Days provide you with a chance to come out and lend a hand to help out your "second home"...your church home. Things don't get done unless we do them...just like your own home.

Please help your church, consider yourself "one of the family" and join us Saturday. We can't do it without your help!

Meet in the Activities Building at 9:00 am to get your project assignment. Lunch served at Noon.



# Summer Gatherings with Rev. Troy

## JUNE 7 - HEIGHTS

If you have not already shared your story and your hope with Rev. Troy, there will be six opportunities on Fridays this summer. Gatherings are limited to 15 people and will be held in private residences in and around Houston. Registration is required. You may bring one guest.

Registered guests will receive an email with the home address. Register online at [www.conta.cc/YHDHS9](http://www.conta.cc/YHDHS9)

**Full Schedule of Summer Gatherings:  
June 7 & 21, July 12 & 26, August 9 & 23**

# FOOD PANTRY

Open by Appointment:  
713-861-9149 x103

### Nonperishables Needed:

Canned Meats, Vegetables, Fruit, Juice, Soup, Pasta, Rice, Beans



Please place donations in the shopping cart located in the Welcome Area.

Advertise  
with us.

As low as \$25 / week.

[Ads@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Ads@ResurrectionMCC.org)

### 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](mailto:Sara@ResurrectionMCC.org) or call 713-861-9149 x112.

### Board Member on Duty

Eddie Domingue and Rhonda Brown  
Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

## General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended May 5, 2013

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$20,288.42	\$322,274.93
Total Amount Anticipated	\$17,980.77	\$314,663.47
Total Giving Variance		\$7,611.46
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$18,415.71	
Cash Flow Need	17,980.77	(A)
Ministry Plan Need	\$17,980.77	(B)
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	551	544
Programming	127	161
Total Weekly Attendance	678	705

**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 MAY 12

9:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Reed Hoke Farewell Reception	Gathering Place
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	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Reed Hoke Farewell Reception	Gathering Place
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room
3:00 pm	Houston Heights Orchestra Concert	Sanctuary

## MONDAY MAY 13

6:30 pm	Joyful Singing 102: Getting in the Sandbox	Chapel
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## TUESDAY MAY 14

4:00 pm	Special Music Rehearsal	Music Room
4:30 pm	Jubilee Theater Leadership Meeting	Gathering Place
6:00 pm	Praise & Worship Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Night Court 2013 Rehearsal	Chapel
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 15

6:30 pm	Joyful Singing 104: Beyond the Showcase	Chapel
7:00 pm	Enter the Story: Bible Study	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Handbell Ringing Classes	Sanctuary

## THURSDAY MAY 16

No Events Scheduled

## FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED MAY 17

6:00 pm	Pastoral Care Ministry - 2013 Initial Training	
7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT South	Spring Creek BBQ
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Concert	Sanctuary

## SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED MAY 18

9:00 am	Pastoral Care Ministry - 2013 Initial Training	
9:30 am	Soul Care for Servant Ministry	Chapel
10:00 am	Size Matters: Church Size Theory Workshop	Gathering Place
10:00 am	Surviving Your Adolescents!	Activities Building
1:00 pm	Tony Stegall Celebration of Life	Sanctuary

## SUNDAY MAY 19

9:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	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	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Friendraiser & Celebration of Joy	Activities Building
12:30 pm	Jubilee Theater Meeting	Music Room
1:00 pm	Generation Faith Teens: Buy Your Own Brunch!	Denny's
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.



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