



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

June 23, 2013

+ **Opening Hymn / Apertura Canción**

Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Beneath the standard of your God, The cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Bright youth and snow-crowned age, Strong men and maidens fair,
Raise high your free, exulting song, God's wondrous praise declare.

(Chorus)

Yes on through life's long path, Still singing as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day, In gladness and in woe.

(Chorus)

Still lift your standard high, Still march in firm array,
As warriors through the darkness toil
Til downs the golden day.

(Chorus)

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Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

Announcements / Anuncios

Mark Eggleston

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

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

+ **Welcome Song**

All Are Welcome

Let us build a house where all are named,
Their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed
As words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,
Prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

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+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

**Turning Point
Town Hall**

**TODAY
12:30 pm**

We hope you join us following worship today to hear more about the vision and hope for Resurrection MCC and the resources necessary to support that vision. We plan to share clear information and to engage your questions.

Resurrection has consistently lived into the vision 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—such transformation changes the world.

Because of a "perfect storm" of circumstances over the past three years (multiple senior leadership transitions; a national economic recession; major maintenance needs of our campus) our financial giving as a congregation has fallen short of what we need to support our basic operating needs, along with our vision for growth.

As this trend has continued over the course of a few years, we are now at a crossroads as a community of faith: We must bring our finances and our vision into alignment to maintain our health and viability as a church.

Please join your family of faith for this important Town Hall!

Pride

"Stonewall," the site of a series of riots in late June-early June 1969 that resulted from a police raid on a Greenwich Village gay bar, has become synonymous over the years with gay resistance to oppression.

Becoming the emblematic event in modern lesbian and gay history, the first anniversary of the Stonewall riots birthed marches of solidarity and celebration which came to be known as "Gay Pride."

Today this liberation movement is spread across the globe as millions proclaim the right to freedom, dignity and full humanity of all peoples.

As those who claim the life and teachings of Jesus, who came bearing reconciling love for all, we celebrate our freedom, dignity, and full humanity with "Pride!"

The Wizard of OZ

This American Fable has captured our imagination in many forms: The Wiz, Wicked, The Wizard of Oz and other variations.

The original book by Frank Baum was published in 1900 and first made into a movie in 1939.

Many know what it is to long for a "somewhere over the rainbow" where there is a place for everyone. This timeless story of our human journey - seeking, wandering, meeting others on the way, discovering what's real together - calls us to the spiritual truth that we can find within us the very thing we believed we lack ...

Oz Encounter

Video

Song of Preparation

Teri Hay
Instrumental Ensemble

Hymn Of Promise

by Natalie Sleeth

Scripture Lesson / Escritura Lección

Jubilee Theater

Acts 9:3-22

Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." All who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?" Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

The Awakening

by Joseph M. Martin

Engage / Sermón

Rev. Troy Treash

Oh My!

Time of Reflection

Joel Hammett

We Offer Ourselves

Betty Bingo
Manuel Diaz

Offertory / Ofertorio

Sanctuary Choir

For Good

by Words and Music By Stephen Schwartz

Communion / Comunion

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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Change My Heart Oh God

Change my heart, oh God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, oh God, may I be like you.

You are the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me This is what I pray.

Change my heart, oh God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, oh God, may I be like you.

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Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.

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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 ...

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!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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Shout To The Lord

My Jesus, my savior Lord there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship You

*Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing
Power and majesty praises we sing
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You!*

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Prayer

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

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias** Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Benediction / Bendición** Rev. Troy Treash

+ **Postlude / Postludio** Mark C. Brown
Instrumental Ensemble

Friend Of God

by Michael Gungor and Israel Houghton

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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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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

RevKristen@resurrectionMCC.org

TURNING POINT TOWN HALL MEETING

TODAY

12:30 pm
Sanctuary

Our financial giving as a congregation is falling short of what we need to support our basic operating needs, along with our vision for growth. We are now at a crossroads as a community of faith: We can choose to bring our vision into alignment with our current financial reality, or we can choose to bring our financial reality into alignment with the vision we have put forth. All are welcome to this Town Hall meeting when we will together consider the financial reality that we share and discern the choices that we as a body must make.



FAMILY GAME DAY!

TODAY

1:30 - 3:30 pm
Activities Building

They say "families that play together stay together!" Stick around after church for some family play time! Bring your favorite family games from home to share with others, or join in one of another family's favorites! We will order pizza, hang out, and have some good ol' fashioned family fun! RSVP for pizza ordering purposes.

Youth@ResurrectionMCC.org

TAKE THE TEST TAKE CONTROL

PLANNED PARENTHOOD GULF COAST &
RESURRECTION METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
ARE PARTNERING FOR NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY.

JUNE 27TH, 2013
10:00 am -4:00 pm

Free HIV & STI Testing &
Free Syphilis Prevention

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Community Church

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Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast





SEXUAL SALVATION: QUEER CHRISTIAN SEXUAL ETHICS

MONDAY
JUNE 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.

RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



CRITICAL MASS BIKE RIDE - GOT LOVE?

FRIDAY
JUNE 28
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
RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org



PRIDE FESTIVAL SATURDAY, JUNE 29 • 1 - 7 pm

VOLUNTEER:

Booth Hosts needed to provide a friendly smile, hand out "On the Journey" magazines, and answer questions to festival attendees. To volunteer for a two-hour shift (Noon - 2 pm, 2 - 4 pm, 4 - 6 pm, 6 - 8 pm), email Festival@ResurrectionMCC.org. This opportunity is perfect for outgoing individuals and is a fun way to be the "face" of Resurrection MCC in the community. Our booth will proclaim God's inclusive love for all people with a special outreach (like Jesus) to those on the margins.

BOOTH LOCATION:

Near the Westheimer & Yokum Entrance.

PRIDE PARADE SATURDAY, JUNE 29 • 8 pm

PARADE ENTRY:

Our float, comprised of our Imani Vida Drummers, will be surrounded by Walkers and Dancers spreading a steady beat of God's unconditional love. Drummers will ride on the float. Walkers and Dancers need the ability to walk (or dance) approximately 1.5 miles in potentially hot, humid conditions.

RSVP:

Online at www.bit.ly/rmcc-parade2013 if you would like to participate in our Parade Entry as a Walker or Dancer. Drumming spots have been filled. Family and friends are welcome to walk with us -- they need not attend Resurrection MCC. Walking in the parade is a powerful, fun, and courageous demonstration of each person's unique identity.

WEAR:

"Got Love" T-Shirt or whatever fabulous outfit conveys your unique God-given Spirit

MEET:

Between 6 & 7 pm at our Float Staging Location - 1746 Harold St, Houston TX 77098 (On Harold Street, between Woodhead & Dunlavy)

DANCERS:

Email Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org to be connected with other dancers to coordinate dress/routine.

QUESTIONS:

Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org



Celebration Choir

TODAY

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.



IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

SATURDAY
JULY 6

2 - 4 pm • Activities Building

“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

MORE TO LIFE: BEYOND CANCER SUPPORT GROUP



THURSDAY
JULY 4
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



SUMMER FLIX A PLACE AT THE TABLE

FRIDAY
JULY 5

8 - 9:30 pm
Sanctuary

50 million people in the U.S. -- one in four children -- don't know where their next meal is coming from. This documentary shows us how hunger poses serious economic, social and cultural implications for our nation, and that it could be solved once and for all, if the American public decides -- as they have in the past -- that making healthy food available and affordable is in the best interest of us all. www.magpictures.com/aplaceatthetable

Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org

DRAG BINGO



SATURDAY JULY 13

\$10 for 3 Cards, \$20 for 9 Cards. Doors open at 4 pm. Bingo starts at 6 pm.

FOOD, BAR, RAFFLE

10 Fabulous Games of Bingo with your Favorite Drag Kings and Queens!

Child Care available for Age 3 and Under



Sunday Worship 9 & 11 am

Spanish & Deaf Interpretation 11 am, Children, Youth & Teen Program 11 am, Nursery Available / Handicap Accessible
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All proceeds support the ministries of Resurrection MCC.



GENERATION FAITH POOL PARTY

SUNDAY

JULY 7

1 - 5 pm

Location To Be Announced

Our Generation Faith Teens will practice the spiritual disciplines of grilling hamburgers and hot dogs, splashing and diving in the pool, and laughing and playing together after church. Teen Ministry Facilitators will drive the 13-17 year-olds to and from a nearby home. All Teens are welcome with signed Parental Release Form. RSVP for planning purposes. Email & RSVP for location. Teens@ResurrectionMCC.org

SUMMER RAFFLE



JULY 13, 2013

8 PM • ACTIVITIES BUILDING

\$20 EACH

VISA Gift Card Prizes:

First Prize: \$1,500.00

Second Prize: \$300.00

Third Prize: \$200.00

Tickets available in the
Inspirations Coffee Café & Bookstore

Proceeds support the General Fund of Resurrection MCC.

CREATING A LIFE



THAT MATTERS

SUMMER WEEKEND SERIES

**July 19-21, August 16-18,
September 20-22**

**Fridays, 6 - 9 pm • Saturdays, 10 am - 6 pm
Sundays, 1 - 3 pm**

Creating a Life that Matters: Summer Series is an intensive 3-course curriculum for rediscovering your relationship with the Sacred, your Self, and your Passion! For this 3-weekend CLM: Summer Series participants gather every third weekend of June, July, and August to complete the high-impact 18-session curriculum over 3 concentrated Friday - Sunday immersions. Space limited to 25. Commitment to all three weekends required. Scholarships available. \$50 Registration applied to \$150 tuition.

Details and register online - www.bit.ly/CLM2013



ZUMBA

THURSDAYS

7 - 8 pm
Activities Building

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

MEET YOUR BOARD



Jackie Marshall D.V.M.
Clerk of the Board of Directors

The Clerk of the Board is essentially the same as a corporate Secretary. I take minutes, handle email votes and distribution of documents, gather reports, committee updates, and prepare packets for both the board meetings and the Annual Congregational Meeting. Sounds glamorous Huh? On the more exciting side - I am charged with signing legal documents for the church, and managing the document archives. Though secretarial skills are not my strength - I think service to the church should stretch your abilities and skills, and should challenge you to grow.

Board service over the last 3 years has truly been a "growing" experience, and has helped me to stretch in ways that I never knew I could stretch! I feel that any form of giving as a part of my spiritual walk, must include this "growing". Only when you are challenged to try something new do you deepen your faith in the Lord. I have learned that giving is a "Faith" matter, as central to my faith journey as prayer, Bible study, and worship. So, service on the board - to me - is a Spiritual practice. And the blessings that follow this "stretching" have been amazing!

I have been a part of this congregation for over 24 years. In that time I lost many dear friends, and my partner to HIV/AIDS, signed loan documents to purchase our current campus (yes, I was the Clerk then!), performed with the sanctuary choir in the Wortham, Jones Hall, and Miller Theater, brought my daughter home from China to our amazing youth ministry, ripped up carpet and wood in the sanctuary after the flood, found my soul mate here at Resurrection, served as Vice Moderator during transition, and served on the PSC that brought Rev. Treash here RMCC.

You could say I have "History" here. I have endured hardships that I am sure I would not have survived without this congregation. Friends at Resurrection held me up, Pastors prayed with me, and for me, members of the congregation encouraged me, and have shown me so much love and care. In turn I am called to do the same for this amazing ministry called Resurrection. My heart for service is rooted in the experience of the grace and love that anyone can find here at Resurrection. I want to personally thank you for allowing me to serve, and I ask that you take a step out in faith, S-T-R-E-T-C-H, grow, and search your heart for where God is asking you to serve here at Resurrection. I also ask that you S-T-R-E-T-C-H your giving to this congregation, as you never know what life you will be helping to save - including your own.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNOUNCEMENT

The Resurrection MCC Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Eve Messina has been appointed as Interim Moderator, pursuant to Article III (C)(d) of the bylaws of Resurrection MCC, which state in part: "In the extended absence of the MODERATOR, the BOARD may appoint an Interim MODERATOR until such time as the MODERATOR is no longer absent." The position of Moderator was previously held by Rev. Janice Ladd and is a non-voting position. If you have any questions, please contact Board@ResurrectionMCC.org.



Leslie C. Guditis, Ph.D.

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
Certified Family Life Educator

Couples, Individuals, Family Counseling
& Personal Coaching

281-254-8018 • doctorleslieg@aol.com
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Counseling office located at Resurrection MCC



INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

Weekly Rehearsals on Mondays
7 pm • Sanctuary

This group will participate in both Sunday Worship services once or twice a month with optional opportunities outside of worship (Christmas, Holy Week, Concerts). Rehearsals held weekly on Mondays (beginning May 20) at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. This ensemble is a good fit for those who are fair to proficient music readers with knowledge of the basic music notations for your instrument.

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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

Mary Wagner and Eddie Domingue

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended June 16, 2013

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$15,674.48	\$417,824.75
Total Amount Anticipated	\$17,980.77	\$422,548.09
Total Giving Variance		\$4,723.34
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$17,779.78	
Cash Flow Need	17,980.77	(A)
Ministry Plan Need	\$17,980.77	(B)
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	383	515
Programming	120	151
Total Weekly Attendance	503	666

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 JUNE 23

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Celebration Choir Rehearsal	Activities Building
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Turning Point Town Hall Meeting	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	Family Game Day!	Activities Building
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary

MONDAY JUNE 24

7:00 pm	Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sexual Salvation	Gathering Place

TUESDAY JUNE 25

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 JUNE 26

7:00 pm	The Firestarter Sessions	Gathering Place
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THURSDAY JUNE 27

10:00 am	HIV Testing - Planned Parenthood	Activities Building
6:00 pm	First Impressions Meeting	Work Room
7:00 pm	Zumba	Activities Building

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED JUNE 28

6:45 pm	Critical Mass Bike Ride	301 Milam
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SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED JUNE 29

1:00 pm	Houston Pride Festival	Montrose
8:15 pm	Houston Pride Parade	Montrose

SUNDAY JUNE 30

9:00 am	PRIDE Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
11:00 am	PRIDE Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Family of Faith Sunday	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.

¡DOMINGOS!
SERVICIO RELIGIOSO
SE INTERPRETA
EN ESPAÑOL
A LAS 11 AM.

Sunday Worship
now interpreted into
Spanish at 11 am.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHES CLOSET

Our Food Pantry & Clothes Closet have been renovated and expanded for greater ministry and several volunteer opportunities are available.

Re-Stocking & Bagging Sundays, 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Move donations from the Shopping Cart in the Welcome Area to the Food Pantry, re-stock and organize the shelves, and prepare individual bags for distribution to clients.

Client Service

Tuesdays, 10 am - 2 pm

Provide food and clothes for clients by appointment and return phone calls.

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org.