



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

July 21, 2013

+ **Opening Hymn / Apertura Canción**

We Won't Be Shaken

This world has nothing for me, This life is not my own
I know You go before me and I am not alone
This mountain rises higher, The way seems so unclear
But I know that You go with me so I will never fear
I will trust in You

Whatever will come our way, Through fire or pouring rain
We won't be shaken, No we won't be shaken
Whatever tomorrow brings, Together we'll rise and sing
That we won't be shaken, No we won't be shaken
Oooh oooh oh, Oooh oooh oh, Oooh oooh oh
No we won't be shaken

You know my every longing, You've heard my every prayer
You've held me in my weakness, Cause You are always there
So I'll stand in full surrender, It's Your way and not my own
My mind is set on nothing less, Than You and You alone
I will not be moved oh

Whatever will come our way, Through fire or pouring rain
We won't be shaken, No we won't be shaken
Whatever tomorrow brings, Together we'll rise and sing
That we won't be shaken, No we won't be shaken

We will trust in You, We will not be moved
We will trust in You, And we won't be shaken
[x3]

No we won't be shaken

Whatever will come our way, Through fire or pouring rain
We won't be shaken, No we won't be shaken
Whatever tomorrow brings, Together we'll rise and sing
That we won't be shaken, No we won't be shaken
Oooh oooh oh, Oooh oooh oh, Oooh oooh oh
No we won't be shaken
Oooh oooh oh, Oooh oooh oh, Oooh oooh oh
No we won't be shaken

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Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Announcements / Anuncios

Mark Eggleston

+ **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.

+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

Enter the Story: Isaiah

(2 Kings 17:5-7, 13-14,
24)

Then the king of Assyria invaded all the land and came to Samaria; for three years he besieged it. In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria captured Samaria; he carried the Israelites away to Assyria. He placed them in Halah, on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

This occurred because the people of Israel had sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. They had worshiped other gods. Yet the Lord warned Israel and Judah by every prophet and every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments and my statutes, in accordance with all the law that I commanded your ancestors and that I sent to you by my servants the prophets." They would not listen but were stubborn, as their ancestors had been, who did not believe in the Lord their God.

The king of Assyria brought people from Babylon, Cuthah, Avva, Hamath, and Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria in place of the people of Israel; they took possession of Samaria, and settled in its cities.

Into this world
Isaiah brought
Gods' word.

Gathering Song

For Everyone Born
by Shirley Erena Murray

For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live,

*And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace; yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

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Community Prayer

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ Scripture Lesson / Escritura Lección

Wayne Wiggins

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a person of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

Gospel Mass - V. Sanctus
by Robert Ray

Engage / Sermón

Rev. Troy Treash

We Are Called

Song of Reflection

Mark C. Brown

If I Had My Way

We Offer Ourselves

Rhonda Brown

Offertory / Ofertorio

Gospel Ensemble

Guide My Feet
by Geron Davis and Tim Pedigo

Receiving Our Gifts

Rev. Troy Treash

Communion / Comunion

Vickey Gibbs

Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunion

I Love You Lord

I love You, Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship You
O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, My God, in what You hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

by Laurie Klein
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Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, (2x)

You're my Savior, You're my Savior, (4x)

You are worthy, You are worthy, (4x)

I will praise you, I will praise you, (4x)

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Have Thine Own Way

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**Justice
and Joy**

In the ancient world's understanding of the way things worked, the sky was held aloft by two pillars the Psalmist names Justice and Righteousness.

Justice is understood to be for the whole people of God--where systems of oppression are addressed and remedied.

Righteousness is understood to be justice within an individual--balance, wholeness, attention to those they are and who they are called to be. Or in other words, true Joy.

This Justice and Joy series follows the time of the prophets who called all into account for both systemic challenges and individual wholeness.

Communion

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

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

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

Comunión

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

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

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

We Are Called

Come, live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the Sacred,
To live in the freedom of the city of God!

*We are called to act with justice.
We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.*

Come, open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
So all hatred and blindness will be no more!

(Chorus)

Sing, sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love!

(Chorus)

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Here I Am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, If You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a-way.

I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send?

(Chorus)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

(Chorus)

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

Vickey Gibbs

+ **Benediction / Bendición**

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+ **Postlude / Postludio**

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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

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GENERATION FAITH TEENS

BUY YOUR OWN BRUNCH
Meet and depart from Gathering Place at 1pm

TODAY
IHOP

6508 Washington • 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-20130721
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



SPIRITS & SPIRITUALITY
NO RULES. NO RELIGION.

THURSDAY

JULY 25

7:30 - 9 pm

801 Studewood St, Houston 77007

A social group for our Young Adults (ages 21 to 39) who come together for fellowship and encouragement on our spiritual journeys. This is an open discussion for the 20 and 30 somethings to discuss the spiritual and non-religious aspects of relationships and life challenges. www.sonomahouston.com

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20130725
YoungAdults@ResurrectionMCC.org



FRIDAY NIGHT OUT CENTRAL

FRIDAY • 7 pm

JULY 26

Black Labrador

4100 Montrose Blvd

Houston, TX 77006

(713) 529-1199

www.blacklabradorpub.com

Join us for another Friday evening filled with food, fun and friends. To help ensure that we have adequate seating, we ask that you please RSVP and let us know if you will be attending. As always, friends and family (including children) are welcome!

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20130726
FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org



ZERO NEGATIVITY

*Positively Transforming Your Life,
One Relationship at a Time*

SATURDAY • 10 am - 2 pm

JULY 27

Gathering Place

Negativity destroys relationships. When we stop practicing negativity toward ourselves and others, our hearts, minds, and relationships are released from destructive habits of attitude and thought; our lives transformed from burdened and depleted, to uplifting and affirmed! Join Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini and Leslie Guditis, Ph.D., as they share Harville Hendrix and Helen Lakelly Hunt's wonderful work with "zero negativity" - and positively transform your life! \$12 registration requested; no one turned away.

Register online at www.bit.ly/RMCC-20130727
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



ONE NIGHT ONLY

FRIDAY

AUGUST 2

7 - 9 pm • Activities Building

You've heard and seen them perform in church. Now you can hear and see them perform on Broadway! Resurrection MCC's version of Broadway, that is!

Our Activities Building will be transformed into a posh 1970s-era dinner theatre with our singers and dancers entertaining us with a full evening of music from some of Broadway's most illustrious shows.

A delicious catered meal will be served amid the elegant ambiance created by our Design & Décor Ministry. Savor the rich voices of Terry Jones, Bridgett Vinson, Cassandra White, Van English, Kedric Brown, Lady Gentry, Sandy Solis, Steven Shannon, Jules Czarnik, and Mark C. Brown, as well as the stunning dance moves of Mike Martin and Dominique Williams. Emcees include Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz and Ms. Katherine Rowland.

Last year this event SOLD OUT! Purchase your tickets online today at <http://bit.ly/RMCC-BRD2013>



BINGO NIGHT AT BIG TEX BINGO

FRIDAY

AUGUST 2

7:30 pm

BIG TEX BINGO

13030 VETERANS MEMORIAL DR, HOUSTON, 77014

Bring your friends and family and join Resurrection for a night of fun! Over \$5,000 is given away nightly (bingo prizes and pull tabs). Big Tex offers a full service snack bar, daily food specials, beer, margaritas and more.

Resurrection MCC and Pride Charities are two of the organizations who share in the profits from Big Tex Bingo, www.BigTexBingo.com 281-586-0700.



IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

SATURDAY

AUGUST 3

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.

Details and RSVP: www.meetup.com/drummingcircle
RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org



NIGHT OUT AT THE BALLPARK

MONDAY
AUGUST 5

7 - 9:30 pm

Minute Maid Park, 501 Crawford St, Houston 77002

For \$25 per person, you get a seat on the Mezzanine Level (section 252) and access to the All-You-Can-Eat concession stand, which includes unlimited water, soda, peanuts, popcorn, nachos, and hot dogs. Purchase your tickets for the 7 pm ballgame in the Inspirations Bookstore and Coffee Café by Sunday, August 4th and help us cheer the Astros on as they face the Boston Red Sox at Minute Maid Park. It will be a fun night OUT at the ballpark! Tickets available online

www.bit.ly/RMCC-20130805
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SONS AND DAUGHTERS: RITES OF PASSAGE SATURDAY **AUGUST 10**

10 am - 1 pm • Gathering Place

Though we celebrate birth, death, and marriage, the “in-between” passages from childhood to adolescence to adulthood, don’t get much attention. Yet formal community celebration speaks of the value and worth of lives and futures. Leslie Guditis, Ph.D., will share ways some cultures celebrate, inviting us to create rites of passage for our sons and daughters. Parents and youth volunteers are especially encouraged. \$12 registration requested. No one turned away. Light lunch provided.

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20130810
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BULLETPROOF FAITH: For LGBTQ Christians

FOUR MONDAYS
AUGUST 5, 12, 19, 26
7 - 8:30 PM | GATHERING PLACE

It's only when we develop the heart-knowledge of God's unconditional and enduring love for us that we become “bulletproof” - able to withstand others' attacks on our faith as LGBTQ Christians. During these 4 Mondays we will work with Candace Chellew-Hodge's fantastic book to develop the “spiritual survival skills” we need to live an undeniable faith in every circumstance, even in the midst of others' hostility, ignorance or fear. Everyone welcome for one, some or all sessions!

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-BF2013
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



NURSERY PLAY: WATER DAY

SUNDAY
AUGUST 11

9 am & 11 am
Front Yard

Our little ones (ages infant through Pre-K) will enjoy age-appropriate, supervised water play with wading pools, slip-n-slides, water balloons, and water squirters! Have your infant, toddler or Pre-K bundle of joy dressed for success with swimwear or other water-welcome wear! Available during both 9 and 11 am Sunday Worship services.

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20130811
Nursery@ResurrectionMCC.org



SUMMER FLIX

BULLY

FRIDAY
AUGUST 16
8 - 9:30 pm • Sanctuary

Over 13 million American kids will be bullied this year, making it the most common form of violence experienced by young people in the nation. The new documentary film, "Bully," directed by Sundance and Emmy-award winning filmmaker, Lee Hirsch, brings human scale to this startling statistic, offering an intimate, unflinching look at how bullying has touched five kids and their families. Come gather together as a community to view and discuss this moving film. <http://www.thebullyproject.com>

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20130802
Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org

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.

MEET YOUR BOARD



Rhonda Brown
Vice Moderator of the
Board of Directors

I began attending Resurrection MCC in 1996 and became a member a few years later. Not wanting to leave my comfort zone, my early participation centered around volunteer projects with the Grounds Committee. A few years later, my partner, Georgia, suggested we participate in a ministry as a couple so we joined the Usher Team. While not exactly in my comfort zone, God was stretching me, one step at a time. We also joined a home group as a way to grow spiritually, and along the way participated in Creating a Life That Matters and other spiritual growth activities.

Over time, I began to feel the desire to contribute in ways that I could share my time and professional skills. Having worked in design and project management at the Corps of Engineers for over 19 years, I felt called to participate Master Plan Team of the Facilities Committee. As I became more secure in the spirit, I felt God's call to step out a bit more into a position of discernment. So, I applied for the Pastoral Search Committee. As that concluded, I felt God calling yet again to push the limits of my comfort and apply for the Board of Directors. I see my participation on the Board as a culmination of all the previous experiences I've had with volunteer ministries at Resurrection MCC and as a way to continue my support during the transition of our new Senior Pastor and future campus changes.

My current role as the Board Vice Moderator entails working together with the Senior Pastor and Moderator to ensure the Board fulfills their governance responsibilities and executes their goals in accordance with the church's mission and vision. My efforts include developing the monthly meeting agendas, maintaining the Board duty schedule and serving as Board Liaison to the Facilities Committee.

Board membership has also given me a better understanding of financial costs associated with providing spiritual growth opportunities and diverse programming for our congregants and the community. It's critical that we financially support our staff and their efforts in providing these programs, which feed us each week spiritually. I consider tithing less a matter of dollars and more as a matter of faith. My tithe is an investment in my own spiritual nourishment! From this perspective, tithing becomes a gift to ourselves – for it is in giving that we receive.

Participating in various ministries over the years has blessed me beyond measure. My relationship with my partner is grounded in a strong faith. I've made new friends and been inspired watching others step outside their comfort zones. I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve this church family as a Board member and am blessed by your presence in my life – thank you.

If you're wondering where YOU might fit in at Resurrection MCC, there are an abundance of opportunities. Start by taking one step at a time and asking God to give you the strength to step outside your comfort zone. If you haven't filled out a commitment card, I ask you to prayerfully consider doing this by Sunday, July 28. Malachi 3:10 says that in tithing, "God will throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

Won't you join me in reaping the benefits of tithing and volunteering in the ministries of Resurrection MCC? The rewards you receive will be endless!



BODY BLAST

Fitness Camp

SATURDAYS
JULY 27 - AUGUST 24

8 am - 9 am
Activities Building

Body Blast Fitness Camp is group exercise class that mixes basic calisthenics with interval and strength training. Using light weights and circuit-training stations to engage the entire body, FIT personal trainer Brian Kinney invites people of ALL fitness levels to participate in a fun and motivating one hour class. Whether you're looking to get back in shape or wanting to try a new workout, bring a towel and a bottle of water and join us for Body Blast!

Each class limited to 15 participants.
Online registration required: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20130727
BodyBlast@ResurrectionMCC.org

YOGA

CONNECTIONS

TUESDAYS

7 - 8 pm | Activities Building

**Please bring a mat and towel.
Everyone is welcome to join us
for these free sessions.**

**RSVP at [Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC](https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC)
or for more info email Yoga@ResurrectionMCC.org**



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



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.

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Board Member on Duty

Mary Wagner and Kandace Klingler

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended July 14, 2013

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$9,421.15	\$478,332.20
Total Amount Anticipated	\$17,980.77	\$494,471.17
Total Giving Variance		\$16,138.97
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$17,393.90	
Cash Flow Need	17,980.77	(A)
Ministry Plan Need	\$17,980.77	(B)
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	405	498
Programming	83	149
Total Weekly Attendance	488	647

January - June, 2013
(unaudited)

Actuals

Income: \$415,951
Expenses: \$418,725 (includes principal portion of debt payments) \$(2,774)

Cash June

General Fund \$41,900 (owes \$55,449 to Capital)
Capital Fund \$14,714
Other \$3,728 (Bookstore, Petty Cash, etc.)
Total \$60,342

Details at www.bit.ly/RMCC-20130630

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY JULY 21

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Pastoral Care Ministry Team	Work Room
1:00 pm	Generation Faith BYOB (Buy Your Own Brunch!)	lHop
1:00 pm	Creating a Life That Matters	Chapel
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary

MONDAY JULY 22

6:30 pm	Joyful Singing 102	Chapel
7:00 pm	Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary

TUESDAY JULY 23

4:30 pm	Jubilee Theater Leadership Meeting	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Rainbow of Hope NA Group	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Yoga	Activities Building
9:00 pm	Broadway Review Music Rehearsal	Music Room

WEDNESDAY JULY 24

6:30 pm	Joyful Singing 104	Chapel
7:00 pm	The Firestarter Sessions	Gathering Place

THURSDAY JULY 25

7:00 pm	Zumba	Activities Building
7:30 pm	Spirits and Spirituality: No Rules. No Religion.	Sonoma

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED JULY 26

7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT - Central	Black Labrador
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SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED JULY 27

8:00 am	Body Blast Fitness Camp	Activities Building
10:00 am	Zero Negativity: Positively Transforming	Gathering Place

SUNDAY JULY 28

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	John Smith Celebration of Life Potluck	Activities Building
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary
2:00 pm	John Smith Celebration of Life Service	Sanctuary
3:00 pm	John Smith Celebration of Life Reception	Gathering Place

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.

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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.