



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

November 3, 2013

+ **Opening Song/Canción de Entrada**

*This Is The Day That The Lord Has Made*

This is the day, this is the day,  
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.  
I will rejoice, I will rejoice  
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made.  
I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
That the Lord has made.

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**Announcements / Anuncios** Mark C. Brown

+ **Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz** Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Gathering Song/ Canción de Bienvenida**

*Oh Give Thanks*

O give thanks unto the Lord  
For God is good, yes God is good.  
O give thanks unto the Lord  
For God is good, yes God is good.

For God is worthy, worthy,  
For God is good, yes God is good,  
For God is worthy, worthy,  
For God is good, yes God is good,

O give thanks unto the Lord  
For God is good, yes God is good.  
O give thanks unto the Lord  
For God is good, yes God is good.  
For God is good, yes God is good.  
For God is good, yes God is good.

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+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

## 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.

## Transgender Awareness Month

Transgender Awareness Month is held in November to raise visibility for the diverse and vibrant identities of transgender individuals. Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) is November 20, and organizations and grassroots groups around the globe hold events to remember all those we have lost to transphobic hate crimes.

## Wisdom of Solomon

Written no later than the beginning of the first century C.E., the Wisdom of Solomon or "Book of Wisdom" is a deuterocanonical writing that eventually became part of the Bible in Roman Catholic and Orthodox traditions. Although the work is traditionally attributed to Solomon, the real author is unknown but of Jewish origins, living in the prosperous Jewish community of Alexandria in Egypt. Woman Wisdom, or Sophia, is a prominent theme in the book, showing another feminine side of the Divine.

## Dr. Colt Meier

Colt Meier received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Houston. He conducts research on female-to-male transgender people and has taught the Psychology of Human Sexuality at the University of Houston for four years. He is currently working to improve the health care of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Veterans.

### First Reading

Robert Fleming

#### *Wisdom 11:24-12:1a*

For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for what you hated, you would not have fashioned. And how could a thing remain, unless you willed it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you? But you spare all things, because they are yours, O God and lover of souls, for your imperishable spirit is in all things!

### Special Music

Bobby Jo Valentine

#### *Still in Love*

Words and Music by Bobby Jo Valentine

### + Second Reading

Rev. Johnna Faber

#### *Luke 19:1-10*

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

### Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

#### *God Meant It For My Good*

by Damian D. Price

### Engage / Sermón

Dr. Colt Meier

#### *Unexpected Love: Healing through Inclusion*

### Sermon Reflection

Rev. Troy Treash

## We Offer Ourselves

### Offertory / Ofertorio

*Grateful*  
by Sean Brown

Gospel Ensemble

### + Doxology

Mark C. Brown

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*  
by Thomas Ken

### Communion / Comunion

Rev. Johnna Faber  
Andrea Ferguson

### Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunion

#### *One Bread, One Body*

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
One cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, Servant or free,  
Woman or man, No more.

Many the gifts, Many the works,  
One in the Lord, Of all.

Grain for the fields, Scattered and grown,  
Gathered to one, For all.

by John B Foley

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#### *On Eagle's Wings*

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in God's shadow for life, say to the Lord:  
"My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear:  
Under God's wings your refuge,  
God's faithfulness your shield.

## 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

...

*And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.*

For to God's angels is given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

*And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.*

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias**

Andrea Ferguson

**+ Closing Hymn/Canto Final**

***Let There Be Peace On Earth***

Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be.  
With God as Creator  
United all are we.  
Let us walk with each other  
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow.  
To take each moment  
And live each moment  
With peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth,  
And let it begin with me.

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**+ Benediction / Bendición**

Dr. Colt Meier

**+ Postlude / Postludio**

Joel Hammett

**Prayer**

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

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# 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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# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

Immediately Following our 11 am Worship

Resurrection MCC members are encouraged to attend this meeting and cast their votes on the issues presented. It is critical that enough members present to achieve quorum so that we may conduct the business of the church. We will be voting on the 2014 budget, as well as Board of Director and Lay Delegate candidates.

Detailed information including the Annual Congregational Meeting agenda, candidate applications, financials, and slides presented at the Annual Congregational Forum are available online at [www.ResurrectionMCC.org/acm](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org/acm).



## BOBBY JO VALENTINE ACOUSTIC CONCERT

# TODAY

4 - 5:30 pm • Gathering Place

Resurrection MCC is proud to host this amazing musician in an intimate concert setting. A love offering will be accepted.

[www.bobbyjovalentine.com](http://www.bobbyjovalentine.com)

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131103](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131103)

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## HIV / STD Testing

by Planned Parenthood

# TODAY

Gathering Place  
after both services

Free rapid HIV testing (results in 15 minutes), as well as standard testing for Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, Hepatitis C, and Syphilis (results in 2 weeks). Knowing your HIV and STD status is the best way for you to stay healthy and avoid spreading sexually transmitted illnesses. Get tested and take control.

[www.plannedparenthood.org](http://www.plannedparenthood.org)



WEDNESDAYS

## NOVEMBER 6, 13, 20

7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering Place

Daring Greatly is an invitation to risk the kind of vulnerability that is not only at the core of such feelings as fear and disappointment, but is also the birthplace of love, belonging, joy, empathy, and creativity. Renowned Houston therapist, TEDX presenter and author Brene Brown suggests Daring Greatly is both a practice and a powerful new vision for letting ourselves be seen. Finding the courage to be vulnerable is the challenge of a lifetime: choosing to become truly ourselves!

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-DG2013](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-DG2013)

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# TRANS\*FORMATIONS

THURSDAYS

**NOVEMBER 7, 14, 21  
DECEMBER 5**

7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering Place

Join Community Educator and Activist Lou Weaver as he facilitates this empowering Thursday evening series in honor of Trans\* Awareness and Ally Month! Joined by incredible guest presenters Daniel Williams, Tye West, and Katy Stewart and co-sponsored by such ground-breaking community organizations as TENT, HRC Houston, Black Transmen Inc and Equality Texas, Lou will host this enriching series featuring trans\* storytelling, history sharing, advocacy training, and community healing!

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-T2013](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-T2013)  
Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org



**BISHOP CARLTON  
PEARSON**

SATURDAY

**NOVEMBER 9**

## HEALING THE WOUNDED YOU: KNOWING YOUR TRUE SELF AND THE GOODNESS OF ALL HUMANITY

Noon - 2 pm • Gathering Place

Join Bishop Pearson, spiritual activists, and academics for a conversation on moving the Christian Church and religion in general to a place of healing and reconciliation where ALL are affirmed and celebrated. Bishop Pearson will sign copies of his latest books following the discussion.

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131109panel](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131109panel)

## THE HEALING JOURNEY: AN EVENING CONCERT WITH BISHOP CARLTON PEARSON

6 - 9 pm • Sanctuary

Join Bishop Pearson, singers, and musicians for a progressive and positive worship experience that focuses on healing and reconciliation. A love offering will be received during the service.

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131109concert](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131109concert)

*These are free community events in partnership with Progressive Open Door Community Center.*



# FRIDAY NIGHT OUT NORTH

FRIDAY

**NOVEMBER 8**

7 pm

**Olive Garden**

26715 Interstate 45, Spring, TX

281-363-1288

[www.olivegarden.com](http://www.olivegarden.com)

Join your Resurrection friends on the North side of town for a night filled with good food, good friends and good conversation!

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131108](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131108)  
FridayNightOUTNorth@ResurrectionMCC.org



# Coming Out To ourselves

SUNDAY

**NOVEMBER 10**

1 - 2 pm, Gathering Place

This heart-opening interactive workshop will invite, encourage and even challenge you to change your "story" to one that feels better, and to look at opportunities for forgiveness which come as we begin to heal feelings of guilt, shame and regret. The workshop is based on Rev. Jerry Troyer's book, *Coming Out to Ourselves... Admitting, Accepting and Embracing Who We Truly Are*. [www.revjerry.com](http://www.revjerry.com)

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131110](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131110)  
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

# FRIDAY NIGHT OUT SOUTH



FRIDAY  
**NOVEMBER 15**  
7 pm

## Beyond Burger

10510 Emmett F Lowry Expy, Texas City  
409-986-7832

[www.yelp.com/biz/beyond-burger-texas-city](http://www.yelp.com/biz/beyond-burger-texas-city)

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.

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131115](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131115)  
[FridayNightOUTSouth@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:FridayNightOUTSouth@ResurrectionMCC.org)



# LANDSCAPE & FACILITIES

WORKDAY

SATURDAY

**NOVEMBER 16**

9 am - 1 pm

Resurrection MCC Campus

Let's get together to love on, clean up, organize, and maintain our church. Join us at 9 am in the Welcome Area to choose an indoor or outdoor project. Lunch and laughs will be held in the Gathering Place from Noon - 1 pm.

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131116b](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131116b)  
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**MCC 101**  
SATURDAY  
**NOVEMBER 16**  
9 AM - NOON  
Gathering Place

Learn more about who we are at Resurrection MCC in this introductory class. We'll discuss the mission, vision, and values of Resurrection MCC, learn more about our history, and discover the many ways people are making an impact in our faith community. At the end of class you will be given the opportunity to become a member if you feel God's call on your heart to do so. The class is open to those wishing to become members and those who simply want to learn more about Resurrection MCC.

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131116](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131116)  
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**LGBTQ AND FREE**  
SUNDAY  
**NOVEMBER 17**  
1 - 5 pm, Chapel

This foundational offering is for all who seek to reconcile their experience of God, their sexuality, and their understanding of Christian Scripture. In the course of an intensive afternoon, we will engage study of the 6 "clobber passages" in the Bible through the lens of our personal faith experience, current Biblical scholarship, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. If you are asking "What does the Bible say about homosexuality?" or "What does Jesus say about being gay?" please join us!

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131117](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131117)  
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**SPIRITS & SPIRITUALITY  
NO RULES. NO RELIGION.**

# J. BLACK'S

FEEL GOOD KITCHEN & LOUNGE

THURSDAY  
**NOVEMBER 21**  
7:30 - 9 pm

**J. Black's Feel Good Kitchen & Lounge**  
110 South Heights Blvd. Houston, TX 77007  
713-862-7818 [www.jblacks.com](http://www.jblacks.com)

Join other MCCers for a casual evening filled with spiritual conversation and fun fellowship. This is an opportunity to explore the spiritual and non-religious aspects of relationships and life challenges in a casual environment.

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131121](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131121)  
[Connections@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Connections@ResurrectionMCC.org)



## Transgender Day of Remembrance

SATURDAY  
**NOVEMBER 23**

7 - 9 pm, University of Houston-Main Campus  
A.D. Bruce Religion Center

TDOR was set aside to memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. It raises public awareness of hate crimes against transgender people and publicly mourns and honors the lives who might otherwise be forgotten. Through vigil, we express love and respect for transgender people in the face of national indifference and hatred. TDOR gives our allies a chance to step forward with us and stand in vigil, memorializing those who've died by anti-transgender violence. [www.tgdor.org](http://www.tgdor.org)

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/TDOR2013](http://www.bit.ly/TDOR2013)  
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## CHRISTMAS CRAFT BAZAAR

SATURDAY

**NOVEMBER 23**  
9 am - 6 pm, Activities Building

SUNDAY

**NOVEMBER 24**  
12:30 - 6 pm, Activities Building

Delicious food, great shopping, and door prizes. Come browse handmade items from local artists and find unique gifts for your family and friends this Christmas season. Admission is free. Vendor booths for this two-day event start at just \$50 and may register online at [www.bit.ly/CraftBazaar2013](http://www.bit.ly/CraftBazaar2013)

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## CRITICAL MASS BIKE RIDE - GOT LOVE?

FRIDAY  
**NOVEMBER 29**

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!

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131129](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131129)  
FAQs - [www.houstoncriticalmass.com/faq](http://www.houstoncriticalmass.com/faq)  
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# THANKSGIVING OPEN TABLE & WORSHIP NOVEMBER 28

Thursday • 11 am - 1 pm • Activities Building

Join your family of faith and the community beyond as we gather for this holiday at the table together, open to all! We will share a traditional Thanksgiving meal as an act of worship - all are welcome, all are fed, all belong!

### Prepared Food Needed:

Turkey, dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, rolls, cranberries, and desserts.

### Volunteers Needed:

Set up, clean up, servers, kitchen prep, greeters, and decorators.

Sign up to volunteer on Sundays, November 3, 10, or 17 in the Gathering Place.

Please contact us if you are interested in leading the decorating assignment, or if you are unable to attend the event but would like to help.

Full details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131128](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131128)  
[Thanksgiving@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Thanksgiving@ResurrectionMCC.org)

# ADVENT WEDNESDAY TAIZE SERVICE



WEDNESDAYS  
**DECEMBER 4, 11, 18**  
7 - 8 pm, Chapel

Taizé is an ecumenical service of prayer, scripture, reflection and meditative music. This form of prayer comes from the Christian monastic community of Taizé, located in the heart of the Burgundy region in France.

The Taize liturgy serves to quiet our innermost being. There is repetition in the words of the music. There is a period of silence, and the readings are read slowly -- all so that we may have a deep, quiet growth in our hearts. Then we may be still and perhaps listen to the voice of God..

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-AWTS](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-AWTS)



# CHRISTMAS BASKETS

With your support, we can provide a delicious Christmas meal to our hungry neighbors. Robert Sliepka & Billy Stevens are coordinating this effort again this year. Our goal is to collect enough donations to assemble 100 baskets of food this season and there are several ways you can share the love with our hungry neighbors!

## DONATE FOOD

**Sundays, December 1 & 8, Gathering Place**

Drop off non-perishable donations before or after Worship: Canned Corn, Canned Green Beans, Canned Vegetables, Rice (2 lb. bag), Canned Cranberry Sauce, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Dried Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Mix Package, Box of Macaroni & Cheese, Box of Stuffing, Dried Beans (2 lb. bag), Flour (4 or 5 lb. bag), Sugar (4 or 5 lb. bag), Box of Cake Mix w/ Corresponding Frosting, Box of Snack Cakes, Vegetable Oil (32 oz.)

## DONATE CASH

**Sundays, December 1 & 8**

Make a financial donation so that we may purchase items that are not donated. Write "Christmas Baskets" in the memo line of your check or offering envelope and place in the offering plate.

## ASSEMBLE BASKETS

**Saturday, December 14, 10 am - Noon,  
Activities Building**

Create an assembly line to pack each of the food items into laundry baskets in preparation for distribution.

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131214](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131214)

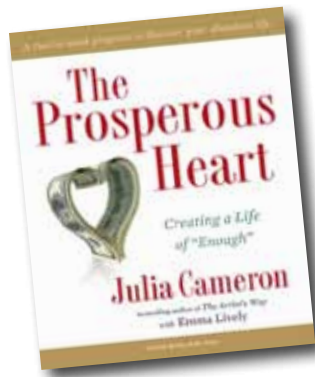
## DISTRIBUTE BASKETS

**Sunday, December 15, 12:30 - 3 pm,  
Activities Building**

Assist with arranging baskets for distribution, signing in clients, and distributing baskets.

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131215](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131215)

**Questions to [ChristmasBaskets@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:ChristmasBaskets@ResurrectionMCC.org).  
Sign up to receive a Christmas Basket for yourself or  
someone you know by calling our Food Pantry at  
281-254-8003.**



# The Prosperous Heart

## Creating a Life of "Enough"

MONDAYS  
**SEPTEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 9**  
 7 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Place

Author Julia Cameron, creator of the popular Artist's Way process, guides us in this incredible 12-week series for freeing ourselves of limiting ideas, negative patterns, and habitual fears which keep us from experiencing clarity and freedom in our financial lives. Recognizing that prosperity is a spiritual condition rooted in faith in God's care and provision, The Prosperous Heart deepens our awareness of blessing and cultivates our ability to live prosperously no matter our financial situation.

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-PH2013](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-PH2013)  
 RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

# FOOD PANTRY

Open by Appointment:  
 281-254-8003

**Nonperishables Needed:**  
 Canned Meats, Vegetables, Fruit,  
 Juice, Soup, Pasta, Rice, Beans,



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

## 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](mailto:Prayers@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.

## ADVERTISE WITH US!

As low as \$25/week.

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

### Board Member on Duty

Dr. Jackie Marshall and Kandace Klingler  
 Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

## General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended October 27, 2013

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$15,935.25	\$741,961.23
Total Amount Anticipated	\$17,980.77	\$764,182.72
Total Giving Variance		(\$22,221.49)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$17,254.91	
Ministry Plan Need	\$17,980.77	
Attendance		
	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	384	481
Programming	168	157
Total Weekly Attendance	552	639

### January - September, 2013 (unaudited)

All Revenue: \$792,855  
 Expenses: \$655,774  
 Principal Payments: \$67,209  
 Current Liabilities: \$7,400  
 Prepaid 2014 Pledges: \$20,603  
 Net: \$41,869  
 Owed to Capital: \$55,448

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 NOVEMBER 3

9:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
9:00 am	HIV & STD Testing	Gathering Place
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Annual Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Bobby Jo Valentine Acoustic Concert	Gathering Place

## MONDAY NOVEMBER 4

6:30 pm	Joyful Singing 102	Chapel
7:00 pm	Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	The Prosperous Heart	Gathering Place

## TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5

6:00 pm	Resurrection Praise Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Christmas Craft Bazaar Meeting	Work Room
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 NOVEMBER 6

7:00 pm	Daring Greatly	Gathering Place
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## THURSDAY NOVEMBER 7

7:00 pm	Zumba	Activities Building
7:00 pm	Trans* Formations	Gathering Place

## FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED NOVEMBER 8

7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT - North	Olive Garden
7:15 pm	Star of Hope Music Explosion - Gospel Ensemble	

## SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED NOVEMBER 9

8:00 am	Body Blast	Activities Building
9:30 am	OA 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
1:00 pm	Healing the Wounded YOU	Gathering Place
1:00 pm	5th Quarter Christmas - Rehearsal	Music Room
3:00 pm	Four Seasons Sock-Hop	Activities Building
6:00 pm	The Healing Journey: Concert	Sanctuary

## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10

9:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Coming OUT to Ourselves	Gathering Place
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room

# YOGA CONNECTIONS

## TUESDAYS

7 - 8 pm | Activities Building

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

Details and RSVP: [www.bit.ly/YOGA2013](http://www.bit.ly/YOGA2013)



# BODY BLAST Fitness Camp

## SATURDAYS

8 - 9 am

Activities Building

BodyBlast@ResurrectionMCC.org  
Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/BODYBLAST2013](http://www.bit.ly/BODYBLAST2013)



# ZUMBA

## THURSDAYS

7 - 8 pm • Activities Building

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/ZUMBA2013](http://www.bit.ly/ZUMBA2013)  
Zumba@ResurrectionMCC.org