



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

November 10, 2013

+ **Opening Song/Canción de Entrada**

*Rejoice Give Thanks and Sing*

Rejoice, give thanks and sing; your Sovereign God adore!  
For Christ has robbed death's sting and triumphs evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Our Savior Jesus reigns, the God of truth and love;  
The Lamb who purged our stains is crowned with power above,  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Christ Jesus cannot fail to rule both earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell are to the Savior given.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Rejoice in glorious hope, for Christ the Judge shall come,  
And take the faithful up to their eternal home.  
We soon shall hear a heavenly voice  
Above the trumpet's sound, "Rejoice!"

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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

+ **Gathering Song/ Canción de Bienvenida**

*Oh Give Thanks*

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

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

## First Reading

Marcial Renteria

A Reading from *"Coming OUT to Ourselves"* by Rev. Jerry D. Troyer

"I believe each of us came here with something to do. We live in an orderly universe - the earth does what it does each and every day without provocation, the tides ebb and flow, nature does the winter thing in winter and the spring thing in spring. You are too important to spend another moment in guilt, shame, resentment or regret. There are wonderful times to be had, wonderful people to meet, and wonderful things to be done, that can't be had, met or done if we are stuck in separation from our true self.

Our true self is who we are when we are by ourselves, in a quiet room (either literally or figuratively). No one to impress, no rules to follow except our own, no regrets. Just the joy and wonder and passion of the present moment. Maybe you haven't felt that in a while. Maybe you have never felt that. It's time. You deserve it."

## Special Music

Bridgett Vinson  
Dominique Williams

### *Wanted*

by Justin Ebach and Dara Maclean

## Rev. Jerry Troyer

Engaging knowledge of New Thought principles, the New Testament empowering teachings of Jesus, and a touch of humor, Rev. Troyer is a motivating and heart-opening guest speaker, who has spoken and conducted workshops at Metropolitan Community Churches, New Thought and United Methodist Churches throughout the U.S. Rev. Jerry and his life partner of more than 28 years, Jerry Collins, met at Metropolitan Community Church of San Diego. Rev. Jerry is the author of "Coming Out to Ourselves... Admitting, Accepting and Embracing Who We Truly Are" and is offering an open workshop based on these principles from 1-2 pm today in the Gathering Place. All are welcome!

## + Second Reading

Rose Wall

### *John 14: 16-17*

And I will ask our Heavenly Parent, who will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees nor knows this Spirit. You know it, because the Spirit of truth abides with you, and will be in you.

## Engage / Sermón

Rev. Jerry D. Troyer

### *As You Believe*

## Sermon Reflection

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

## We Offer Ourselves

Lou Weaver

*Many Gifts One Spirit*  
by Allen Pote

+ Doxology

Mark C. Brown

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus, whose pow'r uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Communion / Comunion

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunion

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Amazing grace  
How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

*My chains are gone  
I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love, Amazing grace*

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God, Who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

Communion

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

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

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

Comunion

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

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

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

***Holy Spirit Rain Down***

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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 of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

**+ Closing Hymn/Canto Final**

***I Know Who I Am***

I know who I am, I know who I am, I know who I am.  
I am Yours, I am Yours!  
I know who I am, I know who I am, I know who I am,  
I am Yours, I am Yours,  
And You are mine, Jesus, You are mine  
You are mine, Jesus, You are mine

I was running, and You found me.  
I was blinded, and You gave me sight  
You put a song of praise in me  
I was broken, and You healed me  
I was dying, and You gave me life  
Lord, You are my identity.  
I know, I know,

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**+ Benediction / Bendición**

Rev. Jerry D. Troyer

**+ Postlude / Postludio**

***We Are What We Are***  
Words and Music by Jerry Herman

**Prayer**

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

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# 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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# Coming Out To ourselves

## TODAY

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)  
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## TRANS\*FORMATIONS

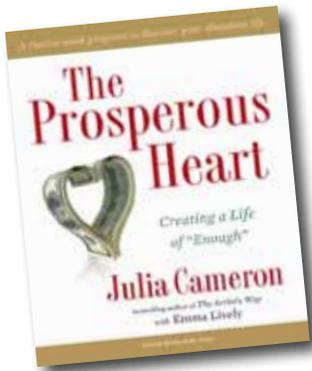
THURSDAYS

**NOVEMBER 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)  
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## 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)  
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WEDNESDAYS

**NOVEMBER 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)  
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)  
[Facilities@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Facilities@ResurrectionMCC.org)



**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)  
[RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org)



**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)  
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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)

[CraftBazaar@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:CraftBazaar@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)  
[Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org)



## **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)  
[RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org)



# 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)  
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# 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.**

One more work of art to display.  
One more bedtime story to read.  
One more family night to treasure.



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MENTAL HEALTH | FOSTER CARE | ADOPTION

# The Gay Girl Love Tour Dating Workshop



arrives at Resurrection MCC on

## NOVEMBER 16

6:30 PM • GATHERING PLACE

A very special event for single and recently dating lesbians. There's a better way to date. Isn't it time you found out?

**Individual Ticket \$25.00 pre-event**  
**Bring a Friend Discount - \$35.00 for 2**  
**Ticket price at the door - \$35.00/person**

Go to [www.gaygirldatingcoach.com](http://www.gaygirldatingcoach.com) for more info and to purchase tickets.

### For Bring a Friend Discount:

- 1) Click on link for Houston tickets
- 2) Change ticket quantity to 2 and hit enter
- 3) Add Coupon Code: HOUS1116 and apply

## 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).

# Commitment Cards

During this season of Thanksgiving, as we give gratitude for the financial commitments that have already made, we continue to invite everyone to be in the journey of generosity from just starting off -- to tithing 10% -- into even greater abundance.

Specifically, if we have already made a commitment based on a percentage of our income, we are asked to increase that commitment by 1-2% of our gross income. If we haven't made a consistent commitment, we are asked to calculate what starting at 5% of our income would be and making a first step to achieve that goal. This is a journey for everyone - one step at a time.

Commitment Cards are located at all Sanctuary entrances and may be placed in the offering plate when complete.

If you prefer to submit a commitment card online, please visit [www.ResurrectionMCC.org/give](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org/give) commitment

### Board Member on Duty

Eve Messina and Van English

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

## General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended November 3, 2013

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$18,082.71	\$760,043.94
Total Amount Anticipated	\$17,980.77	\$782,163.49
Total Giving Variance		(\$22,119.55)
<b>Weekly Giving Comparison</b>		
Average Amount Received	\$17,273.73	
Ministry Plan Need	\$17,980.77	
<b>Attendance</b>		
	<b>Week Ended</b>	<b>YTD Average</b>
Worship	490	482
Programming	166	157
Total Weekly Attendance	656	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 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

## MONDAY NOVEMBER 11

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

## TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12

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 13

7:00 pm	Daring Greatly	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	OA 12-Step Meeting	Chapel

## THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14

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

## FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED NOVEMBER 15

7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT - South	Beyond Burger
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## SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED NOVEMBER 16

8:00 am	Body Blast	Activities Building
9:00 am	MCC 101	Gathering Place
9:00 am	Landscape & Facilities Work Day	Welcome Center
9:30 am	OA 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
1:00 pm	5th Quarter Christmas - Rehearsal	Music Room
4:00 pm	Girl Scouts Thanksgiving Event	Activities Building
6:30 pm	Gay Girl Dating Coach Workshop	Gathering Place

## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17

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	LGBTQ and Free in Thee	Chapel
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary

# 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