



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

November 17, 2013

+ **Opening Song/Canción de Entrada**

The "Gay" Thers

Singing With The Saints

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Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Announcements / Anuncios

Mark Eggleston

A Visit From Santa

Suzette Cotto
& Santa Claus

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

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **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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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.

+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

To be a Saint

To be a saint is to work and weep for the broken and suffering of the world, but it is also to be strangely light of heart in the knowledge that there is something greater than the world that mends and renews. Maybe more than anything else, to be a saint is to know joy. Not happiness that comes and goes with the moments ... but joy that is always there like an underground spring no matter how dark and terrible the night. To be a saint is to be a little out of one's mind, which is a very good thing to be a little out of from time to time. It is to live a life that is always giving itself away and yet is always full.

- Frederick Buechner

Contemporary Reading

Georgette L. Monaghan

A Reading from "*Daring Greatly*" by Brene Brown

If you decide to walk into the arena and dare greatly, you're going to get kicked around. Why? Because cynicism, criticism, cruelty, and cool are even better than armor - they can be fashioned into weapons that not only keep vulnerability at a distance but also can inflict injury on the people who are being vulnerable and making us uncomfortable. If we are the kind of people who "don't do vulnerability," there's nothing that makes us feel more threatened and more incited to attack and shame people than to see someone daring greatly. Someone else's daring provides an uncomfortable mirror that reflects back our own fears about showing up, creating, and letting ourselves be seen. That's why we come out swinging. When we see cruelty, vulnerability is likely to be the driver.

Special Music

Praise Team

One Thing Remains

Higher than the mountains that I face, Stronger than the power of the grave.
Constant in the trial and the change, This one thing remains.

Your love never fails, it never gives up, Never runs out on me.
Your love never fails, it never gives up, Never runs out on me.
Your love never fails, it never gives up, Never runs out on me.

And on and on and on and on it goes. For it overwhelms and satisfies my soul.
And I never, ever, have to be afraid. One thing remains, one thing remains.

Your love never fails, it never gives up, Never runs out on me.
Your love never fails, it never gives up, Never runs out on me.
Your love never fails, it never gives up, Never runs out on me, Your love, your love.

In death, In life, I'm confident and covered by, the power of Your great love
My debt is paid, There's nothing that can separate my heart from Your great love.

Your love never fails, it never gives up, Never runs out on me.
Your love never fails, it never gives up, Never runs out on me.
Your love never fails, it never gives up, Never runs out on me, Your love.

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+ Scripture Lesson

Marion Kirby

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." The disciples asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that

this is about to take place?" And Jesus said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am the one!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Anthem

It Ain't Over (Til God Says It's Over)
by Maurette Brown Clark

Gospel Ensemble

Engage / Sermón

Truth or Dare

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Sermon Reflection

Mark C. Brown

We Offer Ourselves

Tammy Powers

Offertory / Ofertorio

I Won't Go Back
by William McDowell

Gospel Ensemble

+ Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
by Thomas Ken

Mark C. Brown

Communion / Comunion

Denise Junious

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 ...

Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunion

Spirit Of The Living God

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Oh How He Loves You And Me

by Kurt Kaiser
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Breathe

This is the air I breathe. This is the air I breathe.
Your holy presence, This is my daily bread.
This is my daily bread. This is my daily bread.
Your very word spoken to me.

*And I, I'm desperate for you.
And I, I'm lost without you.
I'm lost without you,
I'm lost without you,*

by Marie Barnett
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Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias

Denise Junious

+ Closing Hymn/Canto Final

Hold To God's Unchanging Hand

Time is filled with swift transition,
Naught of earth unmoved can stand,
Build your hopes on things eternal,
Hold to God's unchanging hand.

*Hold to God's hand, God's unchanging hand,
Hold to God's hand, God's unchanging hand,
Build your hopes on things eternal,
Hold to God's unchanging hand.*

Trust in God who will not leave you,
Whatsoever years may bring,
If by earthly friends forsaken
Still more closely to God cling.

Covet not this world's vain riches
That so rapidly decay,
Seek to gain the heav'nly treasures,
They will never pass away.

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+ Benediction / Bendición

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ 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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LGBTQ AND FREE TODAY

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
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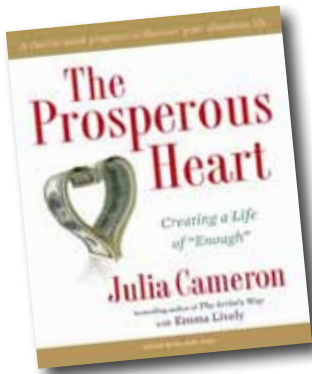
WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 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
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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
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



TRANS*FORMATIONS

THURSDAYS

NOVEMBER 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 and co-sponsored by ground-breaking community organizations including 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
Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org

**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

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
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

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/TDOR2013
Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org



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

CraftBazaar@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
FAQs - www.houstoncriticalmass.com/faq
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
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



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

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

**Questions to 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.**



World AIDS Day Services & AIDS Quilt Display

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 1

9 & 11 am, Sanctuary

All are welcome to join our Sunday Worship Services at 9 & 11 am. Two AIDS Quilt panels will be on display and our Worship services will include a remembrance for those who have passed.

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131201
MarkB@ResurrectionMCC.org



HIV / STD Testing

by Planned Parenthood

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 1

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



"For the Glory of the King"

Celebration Children's Choir Christmas Mini-Musical

DECEMBER 8

9 & 11 am • Sanctuary

The stage is set and the Celebration Children's Choir is ready for this year's Christmas Musical. That is, except for Will. Where is Will? Apparently, he's at home opening presents and wondering what other gifts he'll receive this Christmas. Join Diona, Alina, Hailey, and the rest of the children as they remind Will about the real meaning of Christmas and the best gift ever given!

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131208
CelebrationChildrensChoir@ResurrectionMCC.org

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT CENTRAL



FRIDAY • 7 pm

DECEMBER 6

Cadillac Bar and Grill

1802 Shepherd Dr, Houston, TX 77007

Neighborhood: The Heights

(713) 862-2020, cadillacbar.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 & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131206
FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org

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



One more child's life you
FOREVER CHANGED.

If you want to make a difference in the life of a child,
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WE'RE LOOKING FOR FAMILIES who are interested in
experiencing the joys of parenting.

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YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH

ALL AGES WELCOME

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 7

Noon - 1:30 pm

Liberty Kitchen & Oyster Bar

1050 Studewood St. Houston, TX 77008

713-802-0533, www.libertykitchenoysterbar.com

The Young Adults of Resurrection MCC invite those of all ages to join them for a fun brunch and an opportunity to make new friends and reconnect with those you may already know.

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20131207
YoungAdults@ResurrectionMCC.org

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.

Commitment Cards

During this season of Thanksgiving, as we give gratitude for the financial commitments that have already been 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/commitment

Board Member on Duty

Eddie Domingue and Manuel Diaz

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended November 10, 2013

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$15,862.05	\$775,905.99
Total Amount Anticipated	\$17,980.77	\$800,144.26
Total Giving Variance		(\$24,238.27)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$17,242.36	
Ministry Plan Need	\$17,980.77	
Attendance		
	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	495	482
Programming	203	158
Total Weekly Attendance	698	640

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 17
9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:15 am	Lay Delegate Meeting	Work Room
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	LGBTQ and Free in Thee	Chapel
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary
MONDAY		NOVEMBER 18
6:30 pm	Joyful Singing 102	Chapel
7:00 pm	Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	The Prosperous Heart	Gathering Place
TUESDAY		NOVEMBER 19
6:00 pm	Resurrection Praise Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Rainbow of Hope NA Group	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Yoga	Activities Building
WEDNESDAY		NOVEMBER 20
7:00 pm	5th Quarter Christmas Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Daring Greatly	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	OA 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
THURSDAY		NOVEMBER 21
7:00 pm	Zumba	Activities Building
7:00 pm	Trans* Formations	Gathering Place
7:30 pm	Spirits and Spirituality	J. Blacks
FRIDAY		OFFICE CLOSED NOVEMBER 22
6:00 pm	Cristmas Craft Bazaar Set-Up	Activities Building
SATURDAY		OFFICE CLOSED NOVEMBER 23
8:00 am	Body Blast	Gathering Place
9:00 am	Cristmas Craft Bazaar	Activities Building
9:00 am	Praise Dance Team Meet & Greet	Music Room
9:30 am	OA 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
1:00 pm	5th Quarter Christmas - Rehearsal	Music Room
2:00 pm	Joy of Djembe Drumming	Chapel
7:00 pm	Transgender Day of Remembrance	Univ. Of Houston
SUNDAY		NOVEMBER 24
9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Christmas Craft Bazaar	Activities Building
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



BODY BLAST

Fitness Camp

SATURDAYS

8 - 9 am

Activities Building

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ZUMBA

THURSDAYS

7 - 8 pm • Activities Building

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