



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

December 22, 2013

+ Call To Worship

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

One: Give ear O Shepherd of Israel, stir up your might and come to save us!
All: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
One: O God, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
All: Restore us, O God: Let your face shine, that we may be saved.
One: O God, we have drunk tears in full measure as they laugh at us.
All: Restore us, O God: Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

+ Opening Carol

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

Good Christian friends,
Rejoice with heart and soul, and voice;
Now give heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before Him bow, and
Asleep within the manger now.
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice,
With heart and soul and voice;
Now you know of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
God has opened heaven's door, and
You are blessed forevermore.
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice,
With heart and soul and voice;
Now you need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all,
To gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

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Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Announcements / Anuncios

Mark C. Brown

+ Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Advent

In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our worlds. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait in Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love; and remembering the promises of God with prayer.

From the Latin word, *adventus*, Advent means "arrival" or "coming" of Jesus as human into the world. Advent is a season of preparation the four Sundays before Christmas and is the beginning of the church year.

+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

+ **Gathering Song**

Star Child

Star-Child, earth-Child, go-between of God,
Love Child, Christ Child, heaven's lightning rod,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone,
everyone alive!

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Lighting the Advent Candles

Marty Williams

One: Watch and wait for Christ's coming! Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

ALL: We light this candle in hope. We light this candle for peace. We light this candle in joy! We light this candle with love.

One: Out of love for the people of God, God spoke through the prophet Isaiah: God spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put God to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary God also? Therefore God will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. Let us pray, God of hope, Bringer of peace, Jubilee Judge, First Love...

ALL: Your goodness is beyond our wildest imaginings. You give us more than we can think to ask, coming to us with impossible possibility.

One: Teach us to love this world and all people as you love us.

ALL: God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

Special Music

Steven Shannon

Ave Maria

(English Translation)

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
Blessed art thou amongst women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners now
And at the hour of our death.
Amen.

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Matthew 1: 18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

Carol Of The Bells

by Mykolo Leontovich and Peter Wilhousky

Sermon

Rev. Troy Treash

Doing The Right Thing

Reflection Moment

We Offer Ourselves

Claire Sebesta

Offertory / Ofertorio

Sanctuary Choir

We Need A Little Christmas

Words and Music by Jerry Herman

Communion / Comunion

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz
Rev. Andrea Ferguson

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

O Come O Come Emmanuel

by Henry Sloane Coffin, Thomas Helmore, and John Mason Neale
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Away In A Manger

by Martin Luther, John Thomas McFarland, and James Ramsey Murray
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Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

+ Closing Carol

O Come All Ye Faithful

O Come All Ye Faithful
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing all that hear in heaven God's holy word.
Give to our Father glory in the Highest;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
O Jesus! for to Thee all glory giv'n.
Word of Creator, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

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+ Benediction / Bendición

Rev. Troy Treash

+ Postlude / Postludio

Mark C. Brown

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

Resurrection MCC

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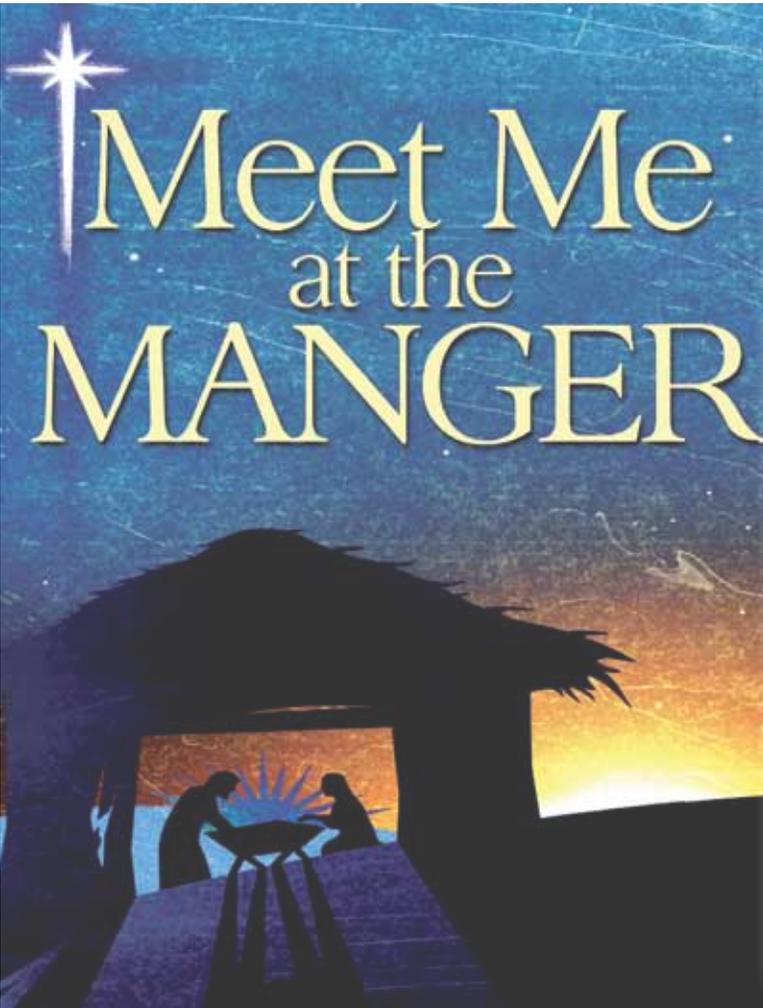
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Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Tuesday, 7 pm
December 24

Resurrection
Metropolitan Community Church

Sunday Worship 9 & 11 am • Spanish & Deaf Interpretation 11 am
Children, Youth & Teen Program 11 am • Nursery Available / Handicap Accessible
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At Resurrection MCC we celebrate the gift of God's love every day, all year long.

We celebrate God's love with special joy at Christmas, blessed that long ago God put each of us "at the top of the list" and gave the most wonderful gift to us all - Jesus Christ. Each Christmas, as we gather at the manger to receive the gift of Jesus Christ anew, we come grateful. And this time, we come bringing our gifts too . . .

You're invited to join us . . . Meet Me at the Manger!

It's beautifully simple: This Christmas, as you open your hearts and make a list of your family and friends and the gifts you hope to give this Christmas, give thanks for the blessing of your loved ones and for God's provision which makes it possible for you to have gifts to bring them.

And then put Jesus on the top of the list.

In the candlelit beauty of Christmas Eve, many of us will make a special gift to the ministry of Resurrection MCC in celebration of our relationship with Jesus and his life among us. We will make an offering (beyond our regular giving) in the amount of one dollar more than the cost of the most expensive gift we have on our list. We will place it in a small gift box, and place it in a basket near the altar on Christmas Eve. For some of us, this is a way of honoring what we value most this season; for others, it's a way to say "Thank you!" or "I love you!" to God. For many of us, it is a spiritual practice, like prayer or fasting. For all of us, it is a joy and a blessing.

We hope you will join us . . . Meet Me at the Manger!
Empty gift boxes are available at all of the Sanctuary entrances.



CRITICAL MASS BIKE RIDE - GOT LOVE?

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 27

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-20131227
FAQs - www.houstoncriticalmass.com/faq
RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org



January 1 "First Light":

An Open 12-Step Recovery
Community Gathering

WEDNESDAY
January 1

7 am - Noon

Outside Between Bayou & Activities Building

Greet the "First Light" of 2014 with an open 12-Step Recovery gathering! "Let-Go-and-Let-God" will be the theme of our open (all are welcome!) 7-8:30 am speaker-discussion meeting, which will take place around the fire with an abundance of hot chocolate, coffee and cider. Immediately following the meeting a continental breakfast buffet. Afterwards, all are invited to participate in simple rituals of Releasing the Old and Visioning the New - letting go, and letting God bring us into the New Year happy, joyous and free!

RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

KWANZAA



SATURDAY
DECEMBER 28

7 pm, Sanctuary

Kwanzaa is a unique African-American celebration with a focus on the seven basic principles of African society that contribute to the building and reinforcing of family, community and culture. With the help and support of our Resurrection MCC sisters and brothers, and many from the community, we will come together to share music, poetry and reflections that highlight the beauty and accomplishments of the African-American community.

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-KWANZAA2013
Kwanzaa@ResurrectionMCC.org



FRIDAY NIGHT OUT CENTRAL

FRIDAY • 7 pm

JANUARY 3

Teotihuacan Mexican Cafe

1511 Airline Dr, Houston 77009

713-426-4420 • www.teomexicancafe.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-20140103
FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org



IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

SATURDAY
JANUARY 4
2 - 4 pm • Activities Building

“Imani” means Faith in Swahili, and “Vida” means Life in Spanish. Join us as we explore life and faith through drumming! If you like to drum or have an interest in drumming, join us as we make music through all sorts of percussion instruments: hand drums, shakers, rain sticks and even the sound of foot stomping music. Drummers of all skill levels are welcome. No prior drumming experience is required to participate in our circle. We only ask that you bring your desire to be a part of our community drum circle. We meet every first Saturday of the month in the Gathering Place, as well as other locations for other special drumming occasions.

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



YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH

ALL AGES WELCOME

SATURDAY
JANUARY 4
Noon - 1:30 pm

Polovina Italian Cafe

4500 Washington Ave #200, Houston, TX 77007
713-861-1042, www.polovinaitalian.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-20140104
YoungAdults@ResurrectionMCC.org



The Grief Recovery MethodSM

The Grief Recovery Method: The Action Program for Moving Beyond Loss

A 7-Week Grief Recovery Group with
Larry Leutwyler at Resurrection MCC

SEVEN MONDAYS
**January 13, 20, 27 &
February 3, 10, 17, 24**
7 - 9 pm • Chapel

Simply defined, grief is the normal and natural reaction to significant emotional loss of any kind. The range of emotions associated with grief is as varied as there are people and personalities. Grief is individual and unique. As every relationship is unique, so are the feelings and thoughts each person will have about the relationship that has been altered by death, divorce, or for other reasons. Recovery from loss is accomplished by discovering and completing all of the undelivered communications that accrue in relationships. We are all advised to “Let Go,” and “Move On,” after losses of all kinds. Most of us would do that if we knew how.

The Grief Recovery Method® Outreach Program provides the action choices that help people move beyond the pain caused by loss. It is a seven-week program which creates a safe environment in which to look at old beliefs about dealing with loss; to look at what losses have affected your life; and to take new actions which lead to completion of the pain attached to one of those losses.

The Grief Recovery Method® Outreach Program is not an occasional, drop-in group. For the safety and success of all participants, commitment and attendance are essential. The fee for the program is \$100.00. (Scholarships are available)

The Grief Recovery Method® Outreach Program is led by Chaplain Larry Leutwyler, who has been trained and certified by The Grief Recovery Institute® and is currently on staff with Bering Support Network.

Register: \$50 deposit to register before Sunday, January 5. Balance due by first class. Minimum of 6 pre-registered participants. Maximum of 12. Confirmation of minimum registration achieved sent to all participants on Monday, January 6.

Details & REGISTER: www.bit.ly/RMCC-GRIEF
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

EXPLORING YOUR SPIRITUAL LOCATION



WEDNESDAYS

JANUARY 8, 15, 22

7 - 8:30 pm

Gathering Place

The journey of asking yourself "Where am I, in this moment, in my spiritual life?" is a journey that asks you to pay attention to what your inner world is telling you, what your body is trying to say, what your spirit longs to speak. During this workshop we will be guided in the practice of paying attention to ourselves in these ways as we explore our spiritual location at this moment in our lives through reflective activities and interactive exercises designed to deepen our personal awareness.

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-EYSL2014
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT NORTH



FRIDAY

JANUARY 10

7 pm

The Black-eyed Pea

1330 Lake Woodlands Dr, The Woodlands, 77380

281-367-7143

www.theblackeyedpea.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-20140110
FridayNightOUTNorth@ResurrectionMCC.org

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT SOUTH



FRIDAY

JANUARY 17

7 pm

Rudy's BBQ

21361 Gulf Fwy, Webster 77598

281-338-0462

www.rudysbbq.com

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-20140117
FridayNightOUTSouth@ResurrectionMCC.org



Claiming Personal Power through Voice with Tony Pryor of Living Your Voice

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 29

7 - 9 pm • Chapel

Speaking our truth is a means of both discovering and claiming our authentic selves. Bringing our unique selves to the world through self-expression is an act of transformation. By engaging our voice to express internal truth, challenge distress, and bring to the light that which is within us, we stand in the sacred space of our own personal power. Join Tony Pryor, innovative creator of Living Your Voice, for a powerful workshop designed to free you to claim your inner truth, your personal power, and your most authentic life by claiming your voice! This offering is for everybody; no experience with voice, self-expression, or speaking necessary! Register at Tony@LivingYourVoice.com



PRAYERS OF JESUS DISCUSSION GROUP

SUNDAYS

JANUARY 12, 19, 26 FEBRUARY 2, 9

10:25 - 10:50 am, Chapel

Jesus taught the disciples many things by example, and we have the blessing of the Scriptures that recorded many of the prayers of Jesus. Fishers Net Prayer Ministry invites all to a short, weekly discussion group on Jesus' prayer in the Gospel of John, Chapter 17. In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus asks for unity among the followers, confirms who He is, and talks about our authority over the circumstances we face in our lives.

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-POJDG2014
FishersNet@ResurrectionMCC.org



HIV / STD Testing

by Planned Parenthood

JANUARY 19

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

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



We are blessed to have served hundreds of clients throughout 2013. Your continued support through food and monetary donations allow us to continue to serve our community in a very meaningful way. The Board of Pride Charities would like to launch a special 2014 campaign by asking each of you to consider joining us in an effort to make each Sunday a special donation Sunday to keep our shelves bursting at the seams.

- First Sunday (Protein)** – Tuna, Chicken, Chili, Vienna Sausages, Luncheon Meat
- Second Sunday (Fruits & Vegetables)** – Canned Fruit, Peas, Corn, Green Beans
- Third Sunday (Carb)** - Small bags of Rice or Beans, Pasta Noodles, Cans of Soup
- Fourth Sunday (Breakfast)** – Cereal, Oatmeal

Volunteers are also needed to help return calls and set appointments, and to assist clients in the Food Pantry on Tuesdays from 9 am – Noon. If you are interested in volunteering, or have any questions, please contact Debbie Skelly at Volunteer@PrideCharities.org.

Thank you for your continued support of the Food Pantry!



(Not Held Dec. 25 or Jan. 1)

WEDNESDAYS - 7 pm
SATURDAYS - 9:30 am
Chapel

Overeaters Anonymous offers a program of recovery from compulsive eating using the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA. Worldwide meetings and other tools provide a fellowship of experience, strength and hope where members respect one another's anonymity. OA charges no dues or fees and is self-supporting through member contributions.

OA is not just about weight loss, weight gain maintenance, obesity, or diets. It addresses physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. It is not a religious organization and does not promote any particular diet.

OA members differ in many ways, but we are united by our common disease and the solution we have found in the OA program. We practice unity with diversity, and we welcome everyone who wants to stop eating compulsively. Welcome to Overeaters Anonymous. Welcome home.

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 giving, as we are grateful 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

Elisa Vega-Burns and John Lasseigne

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

In loving memory of Dorothy Cooksey.

-Westall & Bryant Family

General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended December 15, 2013

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$14,514.53	\$842,432.08
Total Amount Anticipated	\$17,980.77	\$890,048.11
Total Giving Variance		(\$47,616.03)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$16,848.64	
Ministry Plan Need	\$17,980.77	
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	396	473
Programming	18	155
Total Weekly Attendance	414	628

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 **DECEMBER 22**

9:00 am	Worship Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	<i>Chapel</i>
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	<i>Activities Building</i>
11:00 am	Worship Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>

MONDAY **DECEMBER 23**

7:00 pm	Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
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TUESDAY **DECEMBER 24**

6:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00 pm	Rainbow of Hope NA Group	<i>Gathering Place</i>

WEDNESDAY **OFFICE CLOSED** **DECEMBER 25**

No Events Scheduled

THURSDAY **OFFICE CLOSED** **DECEMBER 26**

No Events Scheduled

FRIDAY **OFFICE CLOSED** **DECEMBER 27**

6:45 pm	Critical Mass Bike Ride
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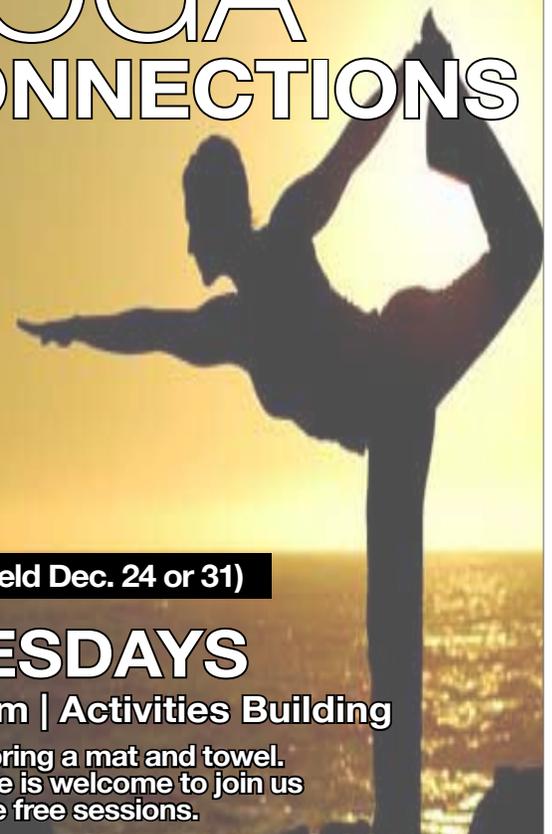
SATURDAY **OFFICE CLOSED** **DECEMBER 28**

9:30 am	OA 12-Step Meeting	<i>Chapel</i>
7:00 pm	Kwanzaa	<i>Sanctuary</i>

SUNDAY **DECEMBER 29**

9:00 am	Worship Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	<i>Chapel</i>
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	<i>Activities Building</i>
11:00 am	Worship Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>

YOGA CONNECTIONS



(Not Held Dec. 24 or 31)

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

(Not Held Dec. 28)

SATURDAYS

8 - 9 am • Activities Building

BodyBlast@ResurrectionMCC.org
Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/BODYBLAST2013