



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

April 27, 2014

+ Opening Hymn

We Are the Church Alive

We are the Church Alive, Christ's presence on this earth;
We give God's Spirit body in the act of our new birth.
As yielded open channels for God's descending dove,
We shout and sing, with joy we bring God's all inclusive love.

We are the Church Alive, Our faith has set us free;
No more enslaved by guilt and shame we live our liberty!
We follow Christ's example and freedom now proclaim,
Destroying myths of doubt and fear in Jesus' mighty name.

We are the Church Alive, All praise to God on high.
Creator, Savior, Comforter, we laud and magnify.
Your name, Almighty God of love; Pray, give us life that we
May be your Church, the Church Alive, for all eternity.

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Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

+ Announcements

+ Exchange of Peace

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

Gathering Song

Hallelujah

Halle, halle, halleluja.
Halle, halle, halleluja.
Halle, halle, halleluja.
Halleluja, halleluja.

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Happy Anniversary!

For 42 years, God has guided us every step of the way: from a small apartment in the Montrose, to Waugh, to Decatur, to West 11th Street. In 1972, we planted seeds with weekly meetings. By 1974, we were a mission with 25 souls. In 1975, on Easter Sunday, with 43 charter members, we were officially a church.

In the 70's, the Ku Klux Klan burned a cross on our lawn; and our pastor Rev. Jeri Ann received death threats. Beginning in the 80s, with unconditional love we companioned hundreds who died of HIV/AIDS.

In 2001, Tropical Storm Allison displaced us from our Sanctuary and displaced over 50 of our families from their homes. With Project Noah, we rebuilt our dreams.

Through fire, death, and flood, we have been God's people. With this faithful story, we continue to reach out in faith and service to create new stories of new life with a future of infinite possibilities!

+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

After Resurrection, what's next?

We have been preparing during the church season of Lent and Holy Week to celebrate new life—the miracle of love overwhelming death. New life, when the past is the past and the future is full of possibility, beckons to us. It is good to have fellow travelers.

Today, Resurrection MCC celebrates 42 years on this journey of new life. And still, the future beckons. Today, Rev. Elder Don Eastman launches RMCC's 2014 strategic planning process. We will explore opportunities before us and discern the path which brings life most fully.

Next week, May 4, we begin "Tattoos on the Heart" in our Sunday Worship and Wednesday evenings. This series embraces the possibilities of the power of boundless compassion.

June is Pride Month and brings "From Stonewall to Carnivale" in stories of lives that knew new life and launched liberation.

In July we'll enjoy "The Gospel According to Glee," when life sings.

It is a new beginning!
Join us on the journey exploring the possibilities new life brings.

+ Scripture Lesson

Elisa Vega-Burns

Isaiah 56:1-8

God, the Eternal One says, Take care that you do what is right and fair, because before you know it, I will come to save you; Soon you will see how I rescue.

God's favor rests on those who attend to justice, who devote themselves to doing what is right, Who keep the Sabbath and don't disregard or belittle it, who keep from doing what is wrong: destructive, deceitful, or violent.

No stranger who has put trust in the Eternal should ever say, "I don't count. I'm not part of God's chosen people." And no eunuch should ever say, "I am all dried up, worthless and empty."

For this is what the Eternal One has to say: The eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, make good choices, and follow the terms of My covenant, will blossom with My blessing. I will give them, within My house, an enduring memorial and a name better than if they had sons and daughters— A name that will never be forgotten and will continue to inspire and encourage forever.

And of those strangers who are not among the chosen people Israel, yet have bound themselves to the Eternal One, attend to God, and love all that God is and does; if they serve God, keep the Sabbath, make good choices, and cling to the terms of the covenant, I will bring them into My holy mountain and give them a joyful welcome within My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will find acceptance on My altar because My house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

And the One who brings the exiles of Israel together, God, the Eternal One, declares: I am not done yet. I will still gather more to this community.

One: In these human words, God's voice is.

All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

For Those Tears I Died

*And Jesus said, "Come to the water, stand by My side,
I know you are thirsty, you won't be denied;
I felt ev'ry teardrop when in darkness you cried,
And I strove to remind you that for those tears I died."*

by Marsha J. Stevens

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+ Scripture Lesson

Aileen North

John 20:19-22

The disciples were afraid of the religious leaders, and on the evening of that same Sunday they locked themselves in a room. Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group. He greeted them and showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they became very happy.

After Jesus had greeted them again, he said, "I am sending you, just as God has sent me." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Mass Choir

Anthem Of Praise
by Richard Smallwood

Sermon

Rev. Elder Don Eastman

Welcome Home

Sermon Reflection

We Offer Ourselves

Mojo Johnston & Terry Talley
Stewardship Committee

Offertory

Mass Choir

Turn Around and See
Words and Music by Heather Sorenson

Communion

Rev. Troy Treash
Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Communion Songs

I Worship You, Almighty God
by Sondra Corbett

I See Our God
by Chris Falson

Above All
by Paul Baloche and Lenny LeBlanc

Rev. Elder Don Eastman

Since 1975, Rev. Don has pastored MCC congregations in Des Moines, Iowa and Dallas, Texas where he served for 8 years. In 1983, Rev. Eastman was elected and then served six terms on the Board of Elders of Metropolitan Community Churches.

Rev. Don also served as Director of the UFMCC HIV/AIDS Ministry from 1987 to 1996. He was a founding board member and the first chairperson of the AIDS National Interfaith Network from 1988 to 1992.

Rev. Don has been one of MCC's most passionate advocates for ministry excellence in local churches. In 1995, he created the Strategic Growth Initiative, which developed Benchmarks of Excellence in Ministry and provided training programs, consultation services and other resources to support thousands of local leaders in building healthier churches.

Rev. Don continues his work to support local church development and growth through the Office of the Moderator of Metropolitan Community Churches.

He can be contacted at RevDonEastman@MCCchurch.net

Communion

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

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

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

Comunión

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

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

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

+ Closing Song

I Can Only Imagine

I can only imagine what it will be like, when I walk by Your side.
I can only imagine, what my eyes will see, when Your face is before me.
I can only imagine.

*Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel?
Will I dance for you, Jesus, or in awe of You, be still?
Will I stand in Your presence or to my knees will I fall?
Will I sing Hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine! I can only imagine!*

I can only imagine, when that day comes, when I find myself standing in the Son!
I can only imagine, when all I will do, is forever, forever worship You.
I can only imagine, I can only imagine.

(Chorus 2x)

I can only imagine, I can only imagine.

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+ Benediction

Rev. Elder Don Eastman

+ Postlude

Mark C. Brown

*Please join us for our 42nd Anniversary Dessert Reception
in the Gathering Place following the 11 am Worship Service.*

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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 Christ-like 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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www.ResurrectionMCC.org



GROWING FAMILIES SUNDAY SERIES

TODAY

1 - 2:30 pm

Fourth Sundays this season our families are growing spiritually together and there is something for parents and children of all ages! Nursery care is available for infants through Pre-K with pre-registration email to Nursery@ResurrectionMCC.org. We love our families!

KIDS MOVIE & PIZZA

Activities Building & Sanctuary

Our schoolage kids ages K-12 years will enjoy pizza lunch in the Activities Building and then watch a kids' movie, Frozen, on the big screens in the Sanctuary.

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/GFSS-20140427a

GENERATION FAITH TEENS: KEEP IT REAL SESSIONS

Activities Building

In these "keep it real" sessions teens will be encouraged to express their unique voice through spoken word, to explore what the Bible has to say about sex and sexuality (and what that might or might not mean to them), and to talk about dating in this new age of technology with the reality of virtual violence. Guest presenters will partner with our facilitators for these sessions.

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/GFSS-20140427b

DARING PARENTS WORKSHOP

Gathering Place

In her book "Daring Greatly" Dr. Brene Brown writes "Even though the vulnerability of parenting is terrifying at times ... it is our richest, most fertile ground for teaching and cultivating connection, meaning, and love." Join other parents, exploring and encouraging becoming "Daring Parents" together!

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/GFSS-20140427c



HOUSTON EQUAL RIGHTS ORDINANCE SPECIAL SESSION

WEDNESDAY

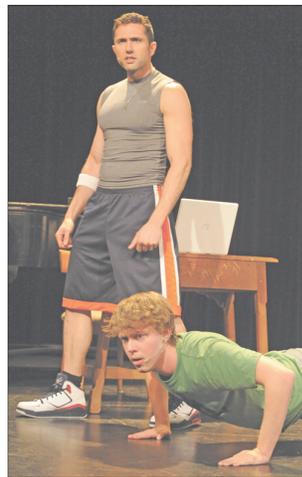
APRIL 30

2:00 pm • Council Chambers, City Hall
901 Bagby Street, Houston TX 77002

On April 21, Mayor Annise Parker proposed an Equal Rights Ordinance for Houston that includes protections in accommodations, public, and private employment. The proposed ordinance includes Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity as "protected characteristics." This proposal will be reviewed at a special session of the Quality of Life Committee which is open to the public and includes an opportunity for citizen input.

Proposed Draft - www.bit.ly/HouERODraft
Why we Need an ERO - www.bit.ly/HouEROWhy

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140430
Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org



IT GETS BETTER

\$10 tickets.
For our Teens.
Limited Tickets Available.

FRIDAY • 8 pm

MAY 2

615 Louisiana, Houston 77002

It gets better is a moving musical theatre performance that uses the power of song and story to transform painful histories of bullying, harrassment, and discrimination into a celebration of courage. The program features a touring cast accompanied by Houston's Bayou City Performing Arts. This Teen Event has limited a limited number of tickets available for \$10. Teens meet and return to Resurrection MCC and will attend event with Teen Coordinator and Facilitators. Teens must register to attend: Teens@ResurrectionMCC.org

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT CENTRAL



FRIDAY • 7 - 9 pm

MAY 2

Torchy's Tacos

350 West 19th Street, Houston 77008
www.torchystacos.com • 713-595-8229

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-20140502
FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org



LGBTQ AND FREE

THREE MONDAYS

MAY 5, 12, 19

7 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Place

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 this series, 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-20130505
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH

ALL AGES WELCOME

SATURDAY

MAY 3

Noon - 1:30 pm

Home of Will Carr

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-20140503y
YoungAdults@ResurrectionMCC.org



IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

SATURDAY

MAY 3

1 - 3 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



TATTOOS ON THE HEART

INTERACTIVE BOOK STUDY

FOUR WEDNESDAYS

MAY 7, 14, 21, 28

7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering Place

For twenty years, Gregory Boyle has run Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program located in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles, the gang capital of the world. In *Tattoos on the Heart*, he distills his experience working in the ghetto into a breathtaking series of parables inspired by faith. These essays about universal kinship and redemption are moving examples of the power of unconditional love and the importance of fighting despair.

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



BEGINNER DJEMBE DRUMMING WORKSHOP

SATURDAY

MAY 10

9:30 am - 5 pm • Gathering Place

LEARN: Correct drumming posture • Proper hand stroke techniques • Musical time signatures • Understanding musical rhythm notation sheets • Correct drumming hand patterns • Hand fluidity • How to feel and play to the pulse of the rhythm • How to keep time • Learn popular African and Afro-Caribbean rhythms

Cost is \$100.
RSVP to RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT NORTH



FRIDAY • 7 - 9 pm

MAY 9

Pallotta's Italian Grill

27606 I-45 North, Conroe 77385

www.pallottasitaliangrill.com • 281-364-9555

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-20140509n
FridayNightOUTNorth@ResurrectionMCC.org

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE



FRIDAY

MAY 9

7 - 8 pm • Chapel

A contemplative experience using both spoken word and song, lead by Tony Pryor in the tradition of Taize. Please join us for this rich spiritual practice.

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140509t
Taize@ResurrectionMCC.org



MCC 101

SUNDAY
MAY 11

12:45 - 3:30 pm
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-20140511m
RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org



JOY OF DJEMBE DRUMMING

SATURDAY
MAY 17

1 - 5 pm • Gathering Place

This advanced group of drummers from the Imani Vida Drum Circle meets monthly to rehearse for community event performances.

For an audition to join, email
RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT SOUTH



FRIDAY • 7 - 9 pm

MAY 16

Rudys BBQ

21361 Gulf Fwy, Webster 77598
www.rudysbbq.com • 281-338-0462

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-20140516s
FridayNightOUTSouth@ResurrectionMCC.org

GOT LOVE? SANCTUARY CHOIR CONCERT



SATURDAY
MAY 31

7 - 8 pm • Sanctuary

Under the direction of Steven Shannon, our Sanctuary Choir presents a collection of sacred and secular songs focusing on love, and sung with love-including a special surprise original piece! Come and experience the unconditional love of God expressed through music. A reception hosted by the Gospel Ensemble follows the concert. Admission is free. An offering will be received for our General Fund. Child care provided for children one month through pre-K.

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140531
Steven@ResurrectionMCC.org

Five Steps for a Houston Equal Rights Ordinance



Houston City Council will soon consider Mayor Parker's Equal Rights Ordinance. The Houston GLBT Political Caucus and community partners are working to ensure that the ordinance presented to City Council is inclusive and comprehensive.

Please join us in calling on council to support an ordinance that protects Houstonians from discrimination based on real or perceived race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, sex, gender identity, gender expression, religion, sexual orientation, disability, marital or family status, and veteran's status in housing, public accommodation and both public and private employment.

1. E-mail City Council (takes 20 seconds)

Our friends at Equality Texas have created an easy e-mail form at www.bit.ly/HouERO. Just put your information in and hit "send." (For bonus points you may draft your own unique letter)

2. Call City Council (15 minutes)

There are 5 "At-Large" City Council members, 11 "single-member" City Council Members and 1 mayor. These 17 people will be voting on the Equal Rights Ordinance and 7 of them were elected to represent you. Call them and tell them you want an inclusive, comprehensive ordinance that covers housing, public accommodation and both public and private employment.

Mayor

Annise Parker: 832-393-1012

"At-large" City Council members

Each member represents the entire city

Stephen Costello: 832-393-3014

David Robinson: 832-393-3013

Michael Kubosh: 832-393-3005

"Brad" Bradford: 832-393-3012

Jack Christie: 832-393-3017

"Single-member" Council members

Each represents different areas of Houston.

Find out who represents you at www.bit.ly/HouVOTE

District A, Brenda Stardig: 832-393-3010

District B, Jerry Davis: 832-393-3009

District C, Ellen Cohen: 832-393-3004

District D, Dwight Boykins: 832-393-3001

District E, Dave Martin: 832-393-3008

District F, Richard Nguyen: 832-393-3002

District G, Oliver Pennington: 832-393-3007

District H, Ed Gonzalez: 832-393-3003 (Mayor Pro-Tem)

District I, Robert Gallegos: 832-393-3011

District J, Mike Laster: 832-393-3015

District K, Larry Green: 832-393-3016

3. Meet with City Council (30 minutes each)

While you're calling City Council members, ask for an in person meeting. It's generally pretty easy to get a meeting and you can use this opportunity to tell the people who represent you that you want them to support a comprehensive, inclusive ordinance.

4. Testify to City Council (2 hours)

Houston City Council receives public testimony every Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 pm. Call the City Secretary at 832-393-1100 and ask to be added to the list of people testifying. You will be given 3 minutes to speak. Here are a few suggestions for your testimony:

- Tell them that like the majority of Houstonians you support the Equal Rights Ordinance.
- If you have experienced discrimination in housing, public accommodation, or private or public employment, tell them about your experience.
- If you are a parent, tell them about the future you want to create for your children.
- If you are a person of faith, tell them about how your beliefs inform your support of the Equal Rights Ordinance.
- List all of the attributes protected by the Equal Rights Ordinance: perceived race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, sex, gender identity, gender expression, religion, sexual orientation, disability, marital or family status. Make sure they know that this is about updating the ordinance to protect all Houstonians.

5. Recruit more help! (mere seconds)

Forward this e-mail, post the information on Facebook, or tweet about it! Over 70% of Houstonians support laws like the Equal Rights Ordinance. We are the majority! Tell your friends, family and coworkers to do their part and contact the City Council.

Thanks to the Houston GLBT Political Caucus for this resource. www.thecaucus.org



BODY BLAST

Fitness Camp

SATURDAYS

8 - 9 am • Activities Building

Body Blast Fitness Camp is group exercise class that mixes basic calisthenics with interval and strength training. Using light weights and circuit-training stations to engage the entire body, FIT personal trainer Brian Kinney invites people of ALL fitness levels to participate in a fun and motivating one hour class.

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/BODYBLAST2014
BodyBlast@ResurrectionMCC.org

YOGA CONNECTIONS

Instructors Alternate Weekly:

Darrin Brindle, Robin Mack, and Special Guests

TUESDAYS

7 - 8 pm | Activities Building

Please bring water and towel. Yoga mats available to borrow. Beginner to Intermediate skill levels.

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/YOGA2014
Yoga@ResurrectionMCC.org

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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.

Board Member on Duty

Rhonda Brown and Janetta Ross

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended April 20, 2014

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$35,525.21	\$300,214.36
Total Amount Anticipated	\$17,837.38	\$285,398.04
Total Giving Variance		(\$14,816.32)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$18,763.40	
Ministry Plan Need	\$17,837.38	
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	881	471
Programming	117	174
Total Weekly Attendance	998	644

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		APRIL 27
9:00 am	Anniversary Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Anniversary Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:15 am	Anniversary Dessert Reception	Gathering Place
12:30 am	Brunch Buddies	Welcome Center
1:00 pm	Teens Keep It Real Sessions	Activities Building
1:00 pm	Kids Movie and a Pizza!	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Daring Parents	Gathering Place
MONDAY		APRIL 28
7:00 pm	Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary
TUESDAY		APRIL 29
6:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Yoga	Activities Building
8:00 pm	BCPA "It Gets Better" Rehearsal	Activities Building
WEDNESDAY		APRIL 30
7:00 pm	BCPA "It Gets Better" Rehearsal	Activities Building
7:00 pm	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
THURSDAY		MAY 1
6:30 pm	P & P Meeting	Conference Room
6:30 pm	Sacred Service Leadership Council	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	BCPA "It Gets Better" Rehearsal	Activities Building
FRIDAY		OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT - Central	Torchy's Tacos
SATURDAY		OFFICE CLOSED
8:00 am	Body Blast Fitness Camp	Activities Building
9:30 am	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
11:00 am	Praise Dance Rehearsal	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Young Adult Brunch	Home of Will Carr
2:00 pm	Imani Vida Drum Circle	Sanctuary
3:30 pm	Community Voices for Public Education	Gathering Place
SUNDAY		MAY 4
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 am	Brunch Buddies	Welcome Center



BRUNCH BUDDIES TODAY

12:30 - 2 pm

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Every Sunday, all are welcome to meet in the Gathering Place after the 11 am Worship service to connect with those going to brunch. Around 12:30 the group departs for the chosen location for the week (Restaurant name and address are in the bulletin each week). Whether you're a long-time congregant or a first-time visitor, consider yourself invited to become a Brunch Buddy!

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SACRED SERVICE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

THURSDAY
MAY 1

6:30 - 8:00 pm • Gathering Place

All Volunteer Team Leaders are invited to a once a month meeting for training, connection, and support from other leaders at Resurrection MCC. We will gather for connection over a meal at 6:30 pm and discuss agenda items and ministry priorities at 7 pm. A representative from every ministry area is asked to contribute through your presence. Special guests from the community will join us periodically.

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140501
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