



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

August 17, 2014

+ Opening Song

My Lighthouse

In my wrestling and in my doubts,
In my failures You won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through,
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa.
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence, You won't let go,
In my questions, Your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through,
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa.
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

*My Lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness. I will follow You, whoa.
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore, (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore, (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore, (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore.*

I won't fear what tomorrow brings.
With each morning I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through.
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa,
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh!

(Chorus)

Fire before us, You're the brightest.
You will lead us through the storm.
Fire before us, You're the brightest.
You will lead us through the storm.

(Chorus)

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Our Community Gathers

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Announcements

Mark Eggleston

+ Exchange of Peace

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ 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.

Dreamers

Through August, Rev. Michael, Rev. Kristen, and Rev. Troy will explore the challenge to faithfully dream, vision, create and hope as the people of God. The scripture stories of Jacob wrestling, Joseph dreaming, Midwives conspiring, and God weaving will spice our journey.

We are a people of faith that know dreams aren't free and stay committed to make dreams come true. Join us for In Our Dreams (8/3), Technicolor Dreamcoat (8/10), Dream Weaver (8/17), River of Dreams (8/24), and Dream Catcher(8/31).

+ **Gathering Song**

Without Seeing You

*Without seeing you we love you.
Without touching you we embrace.
Without knowing you we follow.
Without seeing you we believe.*

For ever we sing to you
Of your goodness, O God;
Proclaiming to all the world
Of your faithfulness and love.

(Chorus)

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Prayers of the People

Rev. Johnna Faber

Special Music

Kedric Brown, Mark C. Brown, Ketrick Braggs

Everything Must Change
Words & Music by Bernard Ighner

+ **Scripture Reading**

Gemma Burns

Genesis 45:1-3, 7, 10-11

Then Joseph could no longer stay in control before the Egyptian officials who stood nearby and cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But they could not answer, so dismayed were they at his presence.

"Come closer. I am your brother Joseph whom you sold into Egypt. Do not be distressed or angry with yourselves. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

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

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

Beyond the Veil
Words and Music by Daryl Coley

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

Dream Weaver

Sermon Reflection

Mark C. Brown

We Offer Ourselves

Douglas Harris
Nominating Committee

Offertory

Gospel Ensemble

God Favored Me
Words & Music by Hezekial Walker

Receiving the Gifts

Rev. Troy Treash

Communion

Rev. Troy Treash

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.

Communion Songs

God Is

Words and Music by Dr. Robert J. Fryson

El Shaddai

by Michael Card and John W. Thompson

Total Praise

by Richard Smallwood

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Troy Treash

+ Closing Song

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

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

+ Postlude

Joel Hammett

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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



SOUL REPAIR: Rebuilding Your Spiritual Life

MONDAYS

JULY 21 - AUGUST 25

7 - 8:30 pm
Gathering Place

Do you wonder if God is really for you? Deep down many of us believe that we are not good enough to have a meaningful relationship with God. Having inherited distorted and inadequate spiritualities - abusive, anorexic, addictive, and codependent understandings of God - our souls recoil with a toxic combination of fear and shame. We try to please God and earn God's love, but we find ourselves exhausted and discouraged. Come, transform a burdensome and unfulfilling spirituality with Soul Repair!

Details - www.bit.ly/RMCC-soulrepair



GENERATION FAITH TEENS

BACK TO SCHOOL POOL PARTY

SATURDAY

AUGUST 23

4 - 10 pm

Generation Faith, our Teens ministry, will stay spiritually fit this summer vacation by practicing their hanging out by the pool skills, consuming an impressive amount of grilled burgers and dogs, and meditating upon loud music while engaging in equally loud laughter. With a bit of prayer thrown in by the adult facilitators, they should all be in good spiritual shape this summer vacation! All teens aged 13-17 invited; friends and family members also welcome with a parent in attendance.

Location given with RSVP to Teens@ResurrectionMCC.org
www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140823



The Challenge of Intimacy

Wednesdays

August 20 & 27

7 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Place

"Intimacy" has both emotional and sexual meanings! And one way or another many of us find we have "intimacy" challenges. For some, sex is the easy part; connecting emotionally is our challenge. For others it is easier to bond emotionally; sharing sexual desire can be the challenge. What if we chose not to "settle" but instead stepped up to the "intimacy" challenge and claimed connection with both body and soul? Join us as we commit 30 days to renewing our fully passionate lives together!

RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org
www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140727



CRITICAL MASS BIKE RIDE - GOT LOVE?

FRIDAY

AUGUST 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-20140829
FAQs - www.houstoncriticalmass.com/faq
RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org



HIV / STD Testing

by Planned Parenthood

TODAY

Gathering Place
after both services

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

www.plannedparenthood.org

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT CENTRAL



FRIDAY • 7 - 9 pm

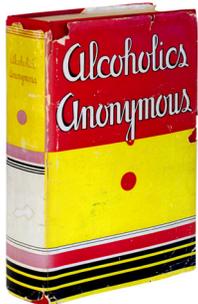
SEPTEMBER 5

California Pizza Kitchen

1997 West Gray Houston, TX 77019
713-526-0010 • www.cpk.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!

www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140905c
FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org



THROWBACK THURSDAY OLD SCHOOL BIG BOOK STUDY

OPEN AA MEETING

Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Chapel

Bring your Big Book, your highlighter, and get ready to get down with the dictionary and the first 164 pages and Dr. Bob's story! All Big Book-based 12-Step recovery folks welcome.

BigBook@ResurrectionMCC.org

SORDID LIVES

by Del Shores

Thursday, September 18 • 8 pm

Friday, September 19 • 8 pm

Saturday, September 20 • 2 pm & 8 pm

Activities Building. \$10 Tickets Online.

www.bit.ly/SordidLives2014

Sordid Lives is a hilarious show by acclaimed playwright, Del Shores. This cult favorite chronicles the lives of a dysfunctional family living in a small Texas town after the passing of the family matriarch.

MarkB@ResurrectionMCC.org



IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 6

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.

www.meetup.com/drummingcircle
RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org



Campus Care Team

MONDAY
September 8

6:30 - 7:45 pm • Conference Room

The Campus Care Team is being formed and will be responsible for assessing the condition of the facilities and site. The team meets monthly to plan and execute maintenance projects around our campus. The team also plans and participates in our monthly Campus Care Days. Dinner will be provided.

www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140908
Facilities@ResurrectionMCC.org



Survey Deadline: August 25

www.surveymonkey.com/s/Worship_Arts_Survey

If you sing, play an instrument, dance, act, build or design sets, or otherwise express yourself artistically, we are likely to have -- or perhaps can create -- a place for you. We are extremely blessed to have a congregation and church leadership who highly value the fine arts. We see this manifested every Sunday during worship and throughout the week. The arts can take us on an amazing journey to self awareness; they can challenge our senses; they can inspire us to overcome adversity and compel us to take action. They can calm us during the storm and excite us during the restful season. On a simpler, perhaps more tangible level, the arts can bring out the fun in us!

If you have talent as an artist, performance based or otherwise, please consider filling out the Worship Arts Survey for Resurrection MCC. One of the leaders in our Worship Arts Department or a designee will be happy to contact you soon to see how you would like to be involved.



FRIDAY NIGHT OUT NORTH

FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 12

7 - 9 pm

PALLOTTA'S ITALIAN GRILL

27606 IH-45 North, The Woodlands TX 77385
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-20140912n
FridayNightOUTNorth@ResurrectionMCC.org

PROPERTY UPDATE

As we began the Dreamers series on Sunday, August 3, our Lay Delegates each spoke their dream for Resurrection MCC aloud, with the last Lay Delegate sharing his dream that we become “debt free.” That surely is a worthy dream and would mean so much to the level of ministry we can do together. So, last Sunday as part of the Sermon, I shared a brief summary of the journey that Resurrection MCC has been on the last few years related to our property and buildings. Though this information has already been shared with congregants publicly in Town Halls which attract 50-75 participants, we needed a larger reach.

In 2011, a master plan team for our buildings discerned that the current buildings were approaching the end of their usable life span and that even with extensive repairs we would need to prepare for new buildings. In the “Charrette” process, the many uses of our property were considered and an overall master plan was developed to house the ministries in the future. It included two completely new buildings at an estimated \$10 million two years ago. Part of the cost included raising the elevation of any extensive new work to comply with building codes for properties in the “Floodway.”

Before any major investment, it is necessary to explore all options with a commitment to due diligence. We want to be sure our generosity is used in the most faithful way possible to advance the mission of our church.

To do so, our board empowered exploration of what other options may be. With the recent sale of the adjacent apartment complex, we looked at the pros and cons of selling one or two acres of land (that we do not use) to the new owners. If possible, it could be enough to make Resurrection MCC debt free and to do some significant immediate repairs. But, it would not affect the buildings’ overall lifespan, nor address our need for new facilities.

Next, we looked at alternative ways of developing the current property where more acreage would be sold for development. However, sharing the site with a commercial partner proved to be logistically complex and high risk due to having even less buildable space for our facilities.

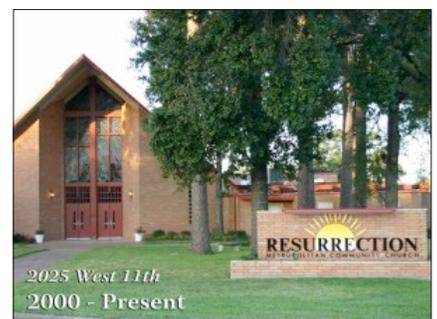
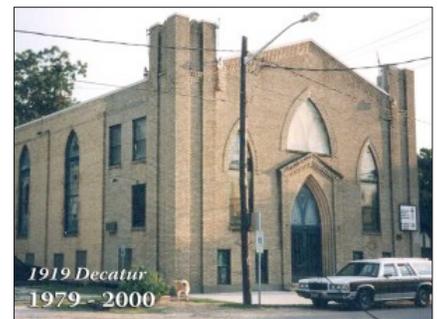
At the April Town Hall, the Board shared this information with the congregation and explained that every alternative would need to be evaluated to determine the best solution for meeting the needs of the church ministries. With the aging buildings at the end of their lifespan and with the completion of the assessment for potential development opportunities on our existing campus, the search for adequate facilities then turned outward.

At the July Town Hall, the Board informed the congregation that the initial exploration for specific church venues within a 3-mile and 5-mile radius of our current location had not turned up a good alternative. Even with this limited search it did show that our land has been a good investment and there is a good probability that we could indeed sell, purchase, and upgrade a facility with a longer lifespan and potentially achieve a debt free goal. However, buying property and building a new facility from the ground up would not likely be attainable in becoming debt free.

Following the July Town Hall, the Board affirmed expanding the radius and the type of buildings being explored and to recruit a larger team to advance our exploration. We are very thankful to Janae Evans, Rhonda Brown, Kandace Klingler, and Angela Whorton who have already given their time, and we seek others to join them in this effort on the search team. The findings of this new team should enable our church to make the most faithful decisions possible for the future.

As we continue to dream, good information is helpful! Please check out our Web site (link below) for the volunteer job description for the search team and see if it is a fit for you. Also, please keep our journey in your prayers and dreams as we seek to fulfill our mission as God’s people.

www.ResurrectionMCC.org/search
Search@ResurrectionMCC.org



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Pride Charities, Inc. is pleased to tell our congregation that through your generous donations in 2014 we have received \$4,181 in cash donations and hundreds of food items that have allowed us to serve 220 clients in the pantry and the clothes closet through July 31, 2014. Thank you for your support! We also started a special donation Sunday this year and ask that you consider making specific food donations on certain Sundays.

First Sunday (Protein)

Tuna, Chicken, Vienna Sausages, Lunch Loaf

Second Sunday (Fruits & Vegetables)

Canned Fruit, Peas, Corn, Green Beans

Third Sunday (Carb)

Small bags of Rice/Beans, Pasta Noodles, Soup

Fourth Sunday (Breakfast)

Cereal, Oatmeal

Fifth Sunday (Toiletries, Travel-size)

Soap, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Shampoo

Please note that all items listed are food products that we use for the food bags. Although we are happy to accept your food donations, please consider purchasing only the items listed above.

You may have noticed that Pride Charities also began selling Food Bags in the Inspiration Bookstore for \$19 a bag. The cost reflects the amount needed for each and every bag that is given to each of our clients each month. Thanks to purchases of these bags, we have been able to serve 16 households.

We have noticed a large increase in the amount of clothing items donated in the last few weeks. We ask that you deliver those donations directly to Activities Building #110 so that the shopping cart in the Welcome Area can be used for food donations. If this is not possible, we do understand. We do ask that whenever possible, leave clothing donations on hangers as we have limited storage space. Please note that Pride Charities only accepts gently used clothing. We prefer not to receive undergarments of any sort.

Your continued support of this ministry is truly making a difference in the lives of many. For more information, check out our new Web site, www.pride-charities.com, or "Like" us on Facebook.



ZUMBA

MONDAYS

August 18, 25 • 8 - 9 pm
Activities Building

Zumba fuses fitness, entertainment and culture into an exhilarating dance-fitness sensation. Zumba exercise classes are "fitness-parties" that blend upbeat world rhythms with easy-to-follow choreography, for a total-body workout that feels like a celebration.

www.bit.ly/ZUMBA2014
Zumba@ResurrectionMCC.org

YOGA CONNECTIONS

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Instructors Alternate Weekly:
Robin Mack, Darrin Brindle, Debbie Kelly, and 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**



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TWO POSITIONS OPEN

APPLICATION DEADLINE - SEPTEMBER 5

Have your prayers and discernment on ways to share your gifts led you to consider serving on our Board of Directors? If so, there are two open positions for election at the Annual Congregational Meeting in November, 2014.

The anticipated roles for these available positions are Board Development and Clerk. Details on the application process, qualifications, and responsibilities are available on our Web site at the link below.

If you have questions, please email the Nominating Committee or contact any member: Jessica Booker, Douglas Harris, Jackie Marshall, Sharri McGlauthing, Georgette Monaghan, Kris Sankarsingh, or Raymond Tirado.

www.ResurrectionMCC.org/bod
NominatingCommittee@ResurrectionMCC.org

Board Member on Duty

Van English and Rhonda Brown

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.



ANNOUNCEMENT BOOKKEEPER

We welcome Michael Musselwhite as our bookkeeper! Michael's responsibilities as bookkeeper includes keeping accurate contributor records and responding to contributor questions, following general rules of accounting practice, preparing financial statements and other reporting for our stewardship efforts and IRS tax requirements. Michael comes to us with a BBA in Accounting and experience with Deloitte and also Ernst & Young. Michael and his husband, Moises, and their son, Trent, have been visiting Resurrection MCC since September, 2013, and are excited about connecting with us! You can reach him at Bookkeeper@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*

General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended August 10, 2014

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$14,891.34	\$535,098.30
Total Amount Anticipated	\$17,837.38	\$570,796.08
Total Giving Variance		(\$35,697.78)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$16,721.82	
Ministry Plan Need	\$17,837.38	
Attendance		
	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	414	449
Programming	172	181
Total Weekly Attendance	586	630

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 AUGUST 17

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	Brunch Buddies	Welcome Center
1:00 pm	Sordid Lives Rehearsal	Activities Building
7:00 pm	The Mankind Project Support Group	Chapel

MONDAY AUGUST 18

6:30 pm	Living Your Voice 102	Chapel
7:00 pm	Soul Repair	Gathering Place
8:00 pm	Zumba	Activities Building

TUESDAY AUGUST 19

6:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Yoga	Activities Building

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20

7:00 pm	The Challenge of Intimacy	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel

THURSDAY AUGUST 21

6:30 pm	AA Big Book 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
7:00 pm	First Impressions Leadership Team	Conference Room

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED AUGUST 22

No Events Scheduled

SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED AUGUST 23

8:00 am	Body Blast Fitness Camp	Activities Building
9:30 am	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
10:00 am	Praise Dance Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Teen Pool Party	

SUNDAY AUGUST 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	Brunch Buddies	Welcome Center
1:00 pm	Sordid Lives Rehearsal	Activities Building
7:00 pm	The Mankind Project Support Group	Chapel



BRUNCH BUDDIES

TODAY

12:30 pm

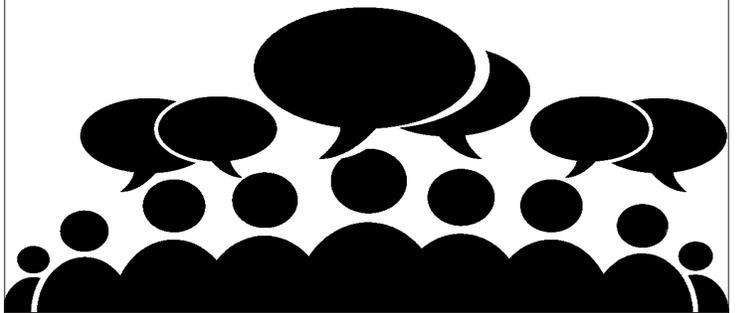
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Every Sunday, all are welcome to meet in the Gathering Place after the 11 am Worship service to connect with those going to brunch. Around 12:30 the group departs for the chosen location for the week (Restaurant name and address in the bulletin each 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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CONGREGATIONAL FORUM #3

WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO AS A CHURCH?

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 13

9:30 am - 3:00 pm • Gathering Place

This forum will engage the question, "Where do we want to go as a church?" What is God calling us to become and be doing in the months and years ahead? To answer this question we need to consider two more questions: Who do we intend to reach and serve? And: What will we have to offer? Breakfast and lunch provided. Please RSVP for meal planning purposes to Forum@ResurrectionMCC.org

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