



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

November 30, 2014

Prelude / Preludio

Jonathan Craft

*O Magnum Mysterium*  
Composer Mortne Lauridsen (b. 1943)

+ Advent Hymn

*Advent Carol*



As with mad-ness we pre-pare for this fes - tive time of year, As we\_ rush and  
As with mad-ness we col-lapse In our arm-chairs to take naps, As we\_ eat too  
As with mad-ness we keep on Try-ing to ig - nore your One Time-ly\_\_ God now

count the days, Ad - vent pass - es in a haze, So may our feet  
much and then fill our plates right up a - gain, So may we en -  
takes a risk, bawl - ing babe now shakes a fist, So may each of

take us to Plac - ces where we will meet You.  
joy the feass, prompt - ed now to share at least.  
us now see Christ has come to set us free.

Lyrics by Janet Less, Music by Conrad Kocker & Folllott Sandford Pierpoint  
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## 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.

Our Community Gathers / Nuestro Comunidad Se Reúne

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

Announcements / Anuncios

Mark Eggleston

Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

+ **Gathering Song / Canción de Bienvenida**

*Sanctuary*

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy, tried and true;  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
sanctuary for You.

Words and Music by Randy Scruggs and John W. Thompson  
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**Contemporary Reading / Lectura Contemporánea**

Shawty Augustine

*In Due Time (adapted)*

by Frances Ballantyne

One: Advent is God's due time,

**All: not our immediate now,**

One: God's perfect timing.

**All: not our impatience.**

One: God's timetable,

**All: not our schedule,**

One: God's day of grace,

**All: not our days of plans and activities.**

One: God's celebrations,

**All: not our human-made festivities.**

One: God's delivery date,

**All: not our predictions**

One: God's due time

**All: not our demanded**

One: Advent reminds us that all time is God's time

**All: In due time, Love is born in our midst.**

One: Until then, we wait.

**All: Until then, we anticipate.**

One: Until then, we hope.

**All: Until then, we worship.**

**Special Music / Selección Musical**

Forever Blest

*Life's Railway to Heaven/Ride that Glory Train*

Words and Music by Charles Tillman, J. R. Baxter & Baker Knigh

*Romans 13:11a*

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

*Matthew 3:1-2*

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the desert of Judea announcing, 'Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!'

One: This is the Word of God for the People of God.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem / Selección Musical**

Mass Choir

*Got Love?*

Words and Music by Mark C. Brown

**Sermon / Sermón**

Rev. Troy Trash

*Sacred Time*

**Moment of Reflection / Minuto de Reflexión**

**We Offer Ourselves / Ofrenda**

Paul Gonzalez

**Offertory / Ofertorio**

Jonathan Craft

*Rejoice Rejoice Believers*

by Sarah Borthwick Findlater, Laurentius Laurentii Laurinus, and Henry Thomas Smart

**Communion / Comunion**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

**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 españolas 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.

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**Communion Songs / Cantos de Comuni3n**

***Prepare The Royal Highway***

by Michael Burkhardt

**Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acci3n de Gracias**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Closing Song / Canto de Salida**

***Come Thou Long Expected Jesus***

Come, Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's Strength and Consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear Desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

by Robert J. Hughes and Charles Wesley

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+ **Benediction / Bendici3n**

Rev. Troy Treash

+ **Postlude / Postludio**

Jonathan Craft

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**Worship** | Sunday, 9 & 11 am  
**Children & Youth Worship** | Sunday, 11 am  
**Nursery** | Sunday, 9 & 11 am

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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.



# TRANSFORMATIONS:

## HONORING TRANS AWARENESS MONTH

FOUR WEDNESDAYS

**NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19  
DECEMBER 3**

7 - 8:45 pm • Gathering Place

Community Educator and Activist Lou Weaver will facilitate this empowering series of workshops in honor of Trans Awareness and Ally Month! Joined by wonderful guest presenters and co-sponsored by groundbreaking community organizations including TENT, Equality Texas, HRC, and Black Transmen, Inc., Lou will host this enriching series featuring trans storytelling, advocacy training, and community healing! We begin with Gender 101 and conclude the Wednesday following Transgender Day of Remembrance. Networking encouraged!

[www.bit.ly/RMCC-2014transformations](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-2014transformations)  
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



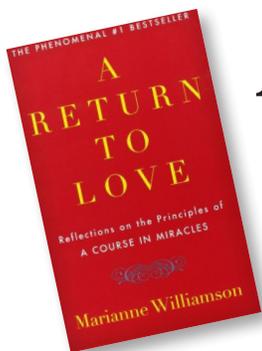
# Deck The Halls TODAY

**& DECEMBER 7 & 14**

12:30 - 3:30 pm • Sanctuary

Join us as we enjoy Christmas tunes, celebrate the upcoming Season of Advent, and decorate our Sanctuary with abundant fabulousness for Christmas! Lunch will be served, so please RSVP. Meet at the piano.

[www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141123](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141123)  
MarkB@ResurrectionMCC.org



# A Return to Love: A Liberating Book Study

8 MONDAYS

**NOVEMBER 3 -  
DECEMBER 22**

7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering Place

“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.” These words from Marianne Williamson have resonated within the souls of many for the past 20 years. In this interactive book study we will explore the text and learn our way into the truth “We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It’s not just in some of us; it’s in everyone ... As we’re liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.”

[www.bit.ly/RMCC-2014RTL](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-2014RTL)  
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

# SPECIAL HOLIDAY FRIDAY NIGHT OUT CENTRAL

FRIDAY • 7 - 9 pm

**DECEMBER 5**

**Residence of Terry Briggs**

1319 Arthur St, Houston 77019

Join us for a special holiday Friday Night OUT at the home of Resurrection MCC volunteer Terry Briggs in Midtown. A delicious dinner, including meat and vegetarian options, will be served. The dinner is free. You are invited to bring an unwrapped children's toy which will be donated this Christmas. RSVP required to [FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org) or 281-254-8002

[www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141205c](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141205c)  
[FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org)



# IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

SATURDAY  
**DECEMBER 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](http://www.meetup.com/drummingcircle)  
[RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org)



# "A Day of Gifts" Christmas Toy Drive

SUNDAYS  
**DECEMBER 7 & 14**

Welcome Area

*Drop off Your Christmas Toy Donations for Children Ages 4-12*

Since 2002, Dee Dee Watters & The First Amendment volunteer group have been providing Christmas toys to children in Houston's Third Ward, Fifth Ward, and neighboring low-income apartments. This year, the Houston Gaymers will help distribute the toys while dressed as popular video games characters like Spider Man and the Incredible Hulk! Please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy suitable for children ages 4-12 and place it in the large box in the Welcome Area. Your generosity will be a blessing for many children this Christmas!

[www.bit.ly/RMCC-2014toys](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-2014toys)



# CHRISTMAS BASKETS

With your support, we can provide a basket with all the ingredients necessary for our neighbors to prepare a delicious Christmas meal for their families. Robert Sliepka & Pride Charities are coordinating this effort again this year. Our goal is to collect enough donations of food and cash to assemble 100 baskets and there are several ways you can share your love with our neighbors in need:

## DONATE FOOD

**SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 7 & 14, Gathering Place**

Drop off non-perishable donations before or after Worship: Canned Corn, Canned Green Beans, Canned Vegetables, Rice (2 lb. bag), Canned Cranberry Sauce, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Dried Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Mix Package, Box of Macaroni & Cheese, Box of Stuffing, Dried Beans (2 lb. bag), Flour (4 or 5 lb. bag), Sugar (4 or 5 lb. bag), Box of Cake Mix with Corresponding Frosting.

## DONATE CASH

**SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 7 & 14**

Make a financial donation so that we may purchase items that are not donated. Make checks payable to Pride Charities, write "Christmas Baskets" in the memo line, and place in offering plate. You may also donate online at [www.pride-charities.com](http://www.pride-charities.com). Please type "Christmas Baskets" in the notes field when paying by credit or debit card.

## ASSEMBLE BASKETS

**Saturday, December 20, 10 am - Noon,  
Activities Building**

Create an assembly line to pack each of the food items into laundry baskets in preparation for distribution.

[www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141222](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141222)

## DISTRIBUTE BASKETS

**Sunday, December 21, 12:30 - 3 pm,  
Activities Building**

Assist with arranging baskets for distribution, signing in clients, and distributing baskets.

[www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141221](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141221)

**Sign up to receive a Christmas Basket  
for yourself or someone you know  
by calling our Food Pantry at  
281-254-8003.**

# WORLD AIDS DAY



## DECEMBER 1

Did you know that World AIDS Day was founded through Metropolitan Community Churches?

In 1985, frustrated with San Diego's lack of broad community response to the AIDS pandemic, Rev. David Farrell (then senior pastor of MCC San Diego, California) set aside a weekend to focus attention on the AIDS crisis.

Under Rev. Farrell's leadership, the San Diego MCC congregation sponsored a 50-hour prayer vigil, conducted workshops, and invited participation by a broad spectrum of faith communities, social workers, medical specialists, funding organizations and community groups.

The event was so successful that the following year -- in 1986 -- Metropolitan Community Churches asked Rev. Farrell to lead an international campaign to help MCC churches, along with other faith communities, sponsor AIDS Day weekend observances.

Organizational kits were prepared and posters were printed and in 1986, MCC churches around the world not only hosted World AIDS Day events, services, workshops, and vigils, but also offered HIV materials and resources to other faith groups.

MCC's challenge for other groups to host these simple but powerful AIDS observances struck a responsive cord in other faith communities around the world.

When the results were in, more than 5000 churches and temples from a broad spectrum of faith communities had joined hands with 300 MCC congregations to sponsor World AIDS Day events in 1986.

Only two years later -- in 1988 -- the United Nations and the World Health Organization jointly proclaimed December 1 of each year as World AIDS Day -- and the observance became an annual international event in communities around the globe.



## The Word Becomes Flesh: Embodied Advent Meditation

WEDNESDAYS  
**DECEMBER 10 & 17**  
7 - 8 pm • Gathering Place

Year after year the Advent Scriptures tell an ancient and ever-new story of Humanity and Divinity becoming One. Rich with image and emotion, these verses speak of fire and light, of angels and birth, long journeys guided by stars and devotion. This story of God-With-Us is profoundly intimate yet awesome in its Mystery; we hear it within and beyond words. During these candlelit evenings we will meditate with breath, music and gentle movement, receiving an embodied Advent blessing. All welcome!

[www.bit.ly/RMCC-wbf](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-wbf)



## HIV / STD Testing

by Planned Parenthood

# DECEMBER 7

9 am - 1 pm • Gathering Place  
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](http://www.plannedparenthood.org)



# AARP PRESENTATION: Ready for Retirement/ Financial Freedom

SATURDAY  
**DECEMBER 13**  
10 am - 1 pm

A Certified Financial Planner will provide a basic to intermediate look at how to become financially secure. The training is designed for those who have careers or hourly jobs. The second part of the program will include speakers and a breakout session. All ages welcome.



# JAVA & JESUS

THURSDAY  
**DECEMBER 18**  
7:30 - 9 pm

## Antidote Coffee

729 Studewood St, Houston 77007  
713-861-7400

A social time for adults in their twenties and thirties to come together for fellowship, encouragement, and conversation over a cup of coffee. This month's discussion will consider our spiritual locations as individuals and community.

[www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141120](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141120)  
[YoungAdults@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:YoungAdults@ResurrectionMCC.org)



# Brief Online Survey about our Location & Facilities

You are invited to participate in a brief online survey seeking important information on the location and facilities of Resurrection MCC.

The Resurrection MCC Board of Directors is currently considering the long-range viability of our present location and facilities for the future health and growth of Resurrection MCC. Our Board is considering bringing a recommendation to our members regarding our church's location and facilities.

Several facts about our present location and facilities inform this decision:

- The location of the church property is in a designated floodway which dramatically increases the regulations and construction costs of new buildings or substantial renovation of the existing buildings.
- The age, size, and condition of the buildings, along with existing debt on the property, are also major challenges that adversely impact the financial capacity for adequate staffing and ministry growth.
- Apart from the current buildings, the present property of RMCC has substantial market value that would likely provide significant support for re-location.
- Your responses to this brief survey will help to inform the Board of Directors in its considerations regarding recommendations on the future location and facilities of Resurrection MCC.

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/8MZRJSK](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8MZRJSK)  
Deadline: Noon on Tuesday, December 2, 2014

Thank you for your input!

Property Team  
[PropertyTeam@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:PropertyTeam@ResurrectionMCC.org)



# Santa's Workshop

SUNDAY

## DECEMBER 14

1 - 3 pm • Activities Building

Grab your jingle bells and get ready to "Ho! Ho! Ho!" as the creative elves of our Youth Ministry Program offer their famous Santa's Workshop! School-age kids will be making delightful ornaments, delicious cookies, and other unique treats for gifting and giving! Reindeer games, hot chocolate and special Christmas surprises are all part of the fun - and if you're good a secret visit by Santa for wishes and photos might happen too! Teens and nursery-age kids accompanied by grown-ups welcome!

[www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141214](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20141214)

[RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org)



# Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

WEDNESDAY

## DECEMBER 24

### 7 PM

**¡DOMINGOS!**  
**SERVICIO RELIGIOSO**  
**SE INTERPRETA**  
**EN ESPAÑOL**  
**A LAS 11 AM.**

Sunday Worship  
 now interpreted into  
 Spanish at 11 am.

English Assistive Listening  
 available at 9 & 11 am



Please pick up an Audio Receiver in the Narthex.

# FOOD PANTRY

### 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.

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](http://www.pride-charities.com), or "Like" us on Facebook.

# YOGA CONNECTIONS

**Instructors Alternate Weekly:**  
**Darrin Brindle, Robin Mack,**  
**Debbie Kelly, 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](http://www.bit.ly/YOGA2014)**  
**[Yoga@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Yoga@ResurrectionMCC.org)**

## 12-STEP SUPPORT GROUPS

*Rainbow of Hope*  
**Narcotics Anonymous**



Tuesdays, 7 - 8 pm | Chapel  
 A recovery program that offers hope and freedom from active addiction in a safe space for the LGBTQ community. This group meets weekly to help each other learn a new way of life through sharing their experience, strength, and hope. 832-326-6330

**Overeaters Anonymous**



Wednesdays, 7 - 8 pm & Saturdays, 9:30 - 10:30 am | Chapel  
 A program of recovery from compulsive eating that is not just about weight loss, weight gain maintenance, obesity, or diets. This support group also addresses physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. [OA@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:OA@ResurrectionMCC.org)

*Throwback Thursday Old School*  
**Big Book Study**



Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Chapel  
 Bring Your Big Book, a 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 to this open AA Meeting. [BigBook@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:BigBook@ResurrectionMCC.org)

**Advertise with us.**  
 As low as \$25 / week.  
[Ads@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Ads@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](mailto:Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org)

### General Fund Giving Report

**For Week and YTD Ended November 23, 2014**

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$16,497.12	\$771,545.99
Total Amount Anticipated	\$17,837.38	\$838,356.74
Total Giving Variance		(\$66,810.75)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$16,772.74	
Ministry Plan Need	\$17,837.38	
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	411	434
Programming	125	183
Total Weekly Attendance	536	617

**Ministry Plan Need** is the weekly amount needed per the budget approved by the congregation to achieve our 2014 ministry plan goals and strategic growth initiatives (i.e., the amount needed to make ministry happen)

# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

## SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 30

9:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Brunch Buddies	Welcome Center
12:30 pm	Deck The Halls	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	The Mankind Project Support Group	Chapel

## MONDAY

DECEMBER 1

12:00 pm	World Aids Day Candlelight Service & Quilt Display	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	A Return to Love Book Study	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Instrumental Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Gay Men's Chorus of Houston Rehearsal	Music Room

## TUESDAY

DECEMBER 2

7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
7:00 pm	Yoga	Activities Building

## WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 3

7:00 pm	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
7:00 pm	Transformations	Gathering Place

## THURSDAY

DECEMBER 4

6:30 pm	Sacred Service Leadership Council	Gathering Place
6:30 pm	AA Big Book 12-Step Meeting	Chapel

## FRIDAY

OFFICE CLOSED

DECEMBER 5

7:00 pm Friday Night OUT - Central

## SATURDAY

OFFICE CLOSED

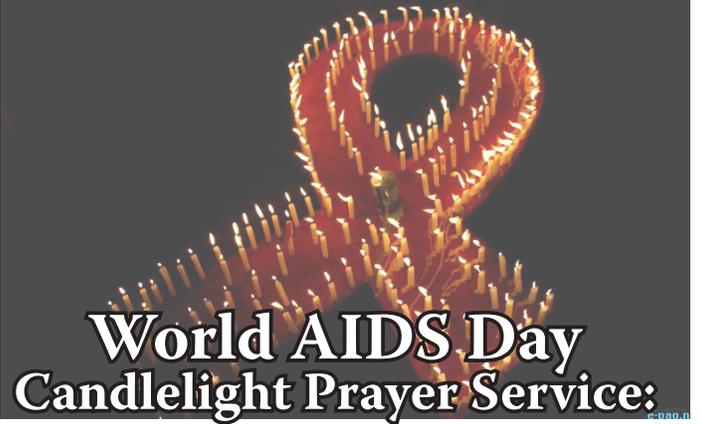
DECEMBER 6

9:30 am	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
10:00 am	Praise Dance Rehearsal	Sanctuary
2:00 pm	ImaniVida Drum Circle	Activities Building
3:30 pm	CommunityVoices for Public Education	Faith Explorers

## SUNDAY

DECEMBER 7

9:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Brunch Buddies	Welcome Center
12:30 pm	Deck The Halls	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Ministry Coordinators Meeting	Conference Room
7:00 pm	The Mankind Project Support Group	Chapel



MONDAY  
**DECEMBER 1**

Service: Noon - 1 pm  
Quilt Display: 1 - 6:30 pm  
Sanctuary

Join us from Noon - 1 pm for a simple, open prayer service in contemplative style to honor all those we have lost and those who are affected by HIV & AIDS. Following the service, a personal, meditative space with the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be provided from 1 - 6:30 pm.

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# 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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