



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

August 30, 2015

+ **Opening 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.*

We return to you deep within,  
leave the past to the dust;  
Turn to you with tears and fasting,  
You are ready to forgive.

*(Chorus)*

The sparrow will find a home  
Near to You, O God;  
How happy, we who dwell with you,  
Forever In Your house.

*(Chorus)*

Forever we sing to You  
Of your goodness, O God;  
proclaiming to all the world  
Of Your faithfulness and love.

*(Chorus)*

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**Our Community Gathers**

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

**Announcements**

Mark Eggleston

+ **Exchange of Peace**

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

+ 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.

+ **Gathering Song / Canción de Bienvenida**

***This is the Day Lord Has Made***

*This is the day, this is the day,  
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.  
I will rejoice, I will rejoice  
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made.  
I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
That the Lord has made.*

by John W. Peterson

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**Contemporary Reading / Lectura Contemporenea**

***Learning to Walk in the Dark***

Barbara Brown Taylor

Whom did I refuse to let in that night? Did I turn the Beloved away because of a frightening mask? Or was the Beloved out there without a mask for once, asking only that I handle my fear long enough to let the divine darkness in? I will never know. I do not even know what I would do if I had it to do over again. How many times since then have I rejected Love because it did not present itself the way I expected, in a form acceptable to me? I do not know that either. All I know is that I am as rested as I have ever been after my short night in this cloud of unknowing, where I let the darkness manage me for once instead of trying to manage the darkness.

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

**All: Amen.**

**Special Music / Musica Especial**

Devotion in Motion  
Praise Team

***Stomp***

by George Clinton, Kirk Franklin, Garry M. Shider, and Morrison Walker

+ **Scripture Reading / Lectura Bíblica**

***Revelation 3: 14-17, 20, 22***

‘And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin of God’s creation:

‘I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. For you say, “I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing.” You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.’

One: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem / Selección Musical**

Christy Irvin  
Mass Choir

*Don't Be Afraid of the Dark*  
Words and Music by Cassandra White (c) 2015

**Sermon / Sermón**

Rev. Troy Treash

*The Way In is the Way Out*

**Moment of Reflection / Momento de Reflexión**

Mark C. Brown

**We Offer Ourselves / Nos Ofrecemos**

Jerry Bray

**Invitation to Give / Invitación a Dar**

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

**Offertory / Ofertorio**

Forever Blest

*God Walks the Dark Hills*  
by Audra Czarnikow

**Prayer of Receiving / Oración de Recepción**

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

**Learning to Walk in the Dark Series**

As Christians, we have a tendency to associate all that is good with lightness and all that is evil and dangerous with darkness. Doesn't God work in the nighttime as well? In Learning to Walk in the Dark Sermon and Spiritual Development Series, we will explore:

How would our faith be different if we put aside our fears and anxieties and explore all that God has to teach us "in the dark?" What it would be like if we moved away from our "solar spirituality" and eased our way into appreciating "lunar spirituality", since, like the moon, our experience of the light waxes and wanes. Through the exploration of darkness, can we find courage? Can we come to understand the world in new ways? Can we feel God's presence around us, guiding us through things seen and unseen? What if it is while we are in the dark that we grow the most? Are you willing to explore the possibilities open to us in lunar faith?

**July 26** - Hampered by Brilliance

**August 2** - The Eyes of the Blind

**August 9** - Entering the Stone

**August 16** - When the Night is Long

**August 23** - Working with Darkness

**August 30** - The Way Out is the Way In

## 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 unfermented 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 / Comunión

Rev. Vickey Gibbs

### Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunión

#### *Revelation Song*

by Jennie Lee Riddle

#### *I Will Rise*

by Louie Giglio, Matt Maher, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin

#### *Spirit of the Living God*

by Daniel Iverson

### Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias

Rev. Vickey Gibbs

### + Closing Song / Canto de Salida

#### *Stand Up and Give God the Praise*

Who is like our God?  
There is no one.  
Who is like our God?  
God is strong and mighty.  
Who is like our God?  
God is worthy,  
Stand up and give God the praise!

Praise the Lord,  
Praise the Lord,  
Our God is worthy of glory!  
From the rising of the sun,  
To its going down,  
The name of our God is to be praised!

Words and Music by Lynn DeShazo  
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### + Benediction / Bendición

Rev. Troy Treash

### + Postlude / Postludio

Mark C. Brown

## Executive Team

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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.

Our **MISSION** is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christ-like action.

Our **VISION** is to boldly experience, engage, and embody our faith to transform ourselves and the world into the full expression of Christ's inclusive love.

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. Inclusion is a primary focus of our ministry. We believe that all people, as they are and where they are, should be welcomed at God's table.

### Community

Our deep desire is to offer a safe and open community for people to worship, learn, share, and grow in their faith. 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

A message of liberation guides our ministry. We believe that when people are invited to experience God through the life and ministry of Christ, lives are transformed.

### Justice

We are committed to uplifting all people and standing with those who suffer under the weight of oppressive systems. We are guided by our commitment to global human rights.



## *A Letter from Our Director of Connections*

Dear People of Resurrection MCC,

Like many of you, I am amazed at the deep insights and spiritual awakenings we are all experiencing during our current worship series, "Learning to Walk in the Dark". Spirit keeps speaking clearly, moving gracefully, and nudging her people ever so uncomfortably to a place of embracing Divine Presence wherever we find ourselves - in holy Darkness and Light. I'm learning I must embrace God's blessings wherever I am and wherever God leads, no matter how uncomfortable I might feel.

St. John of the Cross and Barbara Brown Taylor remind us that we are never more in danger of stumbling than when we think we know what Spirit's plan for us is. In each of our lives come moments of risk where one must decide whether taking a first step towards the next God-rich adventure is worth the distress and growth of moving on to something unknown. In these uncomfortable moments amidst the holy Darkness, we all must pray and ask ourselves, "Are Divine Possibilities actually worth the risk?" For me at this moment in time, the possibilities are well worth the risk.

As many of you know, back in January I started an MBA degree program here in Houston, and I loved it. Exhausting as that first semester was, I knew in my heart I was taking the right steps for the next part of my spiritual journey. Now an opportunity has come for me to complete the requirements for the MBA degree in a year-long program in Boston beginning this Fall. As heartbreaking as it is to even think about leaving this dynamic community of faith and this wonderful city that I admire dearly, I trust the love of God, recognizing that neither you nor I walk alone. Spirit always journeys with us.

And so, it is with discomfort and excitement, with grief and peace, with a daring hope and an abiding trust in Spirit who lives within each of you that I humbly submit my resignation as your Director of Connections. I look back at my tenure at Resurrection MCC and I smile. I've had the privilege of working with the most giving and selfless congregants, the most transformational clergy and staff in MCC, and the incredible joy of Spirit who never ceases to amaze me.

It's never easy to say goodbye, and it isn't supposed to be. I wouldn't trade the last five years here in Houston for anything in this world. I have been challenged and blessed by our shared ministry at Resurrection MCC, and am a better pastoral leader because of your leadership in our community. Whether together or apart, our shared ministry continues. Please do not grow weary for there is far too much work left to do in order to carry out the mission of sharing God's unconditional love to all people through Christ-like action. Remember to always embody justice, root out hate and discrimination, and continue being a HERO in Houston.

And recognize for eternity that you are God's beloved. You are loved without condition or doubt, without pause or regret. No matter what you face today or in the days ahead, Divine Love is always with you.

In Loving Gratitude,  
Rev. Michael



# FAREWELL OPPORTUNITIES WITH REV. DR. MICHAEL DIAZ

REV. MICHAEL'S FINAL SERMON AS DIRECTOR OF CONNECTIONS  
**Sunday, September 13, 9 & 11 am**  
Sanctuary

HISPANIC HERITAGE SUNDAY & CELEBRATION OF SHARED MINISTRY  
**Sunday, September 13, 12:30 - 2 pm**  
Activities Building

Rev. Michael's last day in the office is August 31.  
Rev. Michael's final Sunday with us is September 13.  
You may also contact Rev. Michael by email at  
[RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org).



# HIV / STD Testing

by Planned Parenthood

FIRST SUNDAYS

## SEPTEMBER 6

10 am - 1 pm • Gathering Place

*After both Worship 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)



# TODAY

As our parents "Get Organized for Back to School" our Children and Youth will have a movie break. We will be watching "HOME."

When Oh, a loveable misfit from another planet, lands on Earth and finds himself on the run from his own people, he forms an unlikely friendship with an adventurous girl named Tip who is on a quest of her own. Through a series of comic adventures with Tip, Oh comes to understand that being different and making mistakes is all part of being human. And while he changes her planet and she changes his world, they discover the true meaning of the word HOME.



# TODAY

12:30 - 3 pm

Activities Building

Tired of running out of the door with a cold pop-tart, unzipped back pack and sleepy kid in tow and it is only the first week back to school? This interactive class that will provide parenting tips and strategies for starting a successful school year. It's also motivational and inspiring. A light lunch and children's movie time will be provided

[www.resurrectionmcc.org/gettingorganized](http://www.resurrectionmcc.org/gettingorganized)  
[RevVickeyGibbs@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevVickeyGibbs@ResurrectionMCC.org)



# SABBATH AS RESISTANCE

WEDNESDAYS

**SEPTEMBER 9, 16, 23, 30**

7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering Place

Sabbath keeping is a distinctively Jewish art form. It is, however, a practice and a discipline that has long preoccupied Christians who have responded to a core requirement of the God of covenant. It is unfortunate that in U.S. society, largely out of a misunderstood Puritan heritage, Sabbath has gotten enmeshed in legalism and moralism and blue laws and life-denying practices that contradict the freedom-bestowing intention of Sabbath.

[www.ResurrectionMCC.org/sabbath](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org/sabbath)  
RevVickey@ResurrectionMCC.org



# CAMPUS CARE DAY

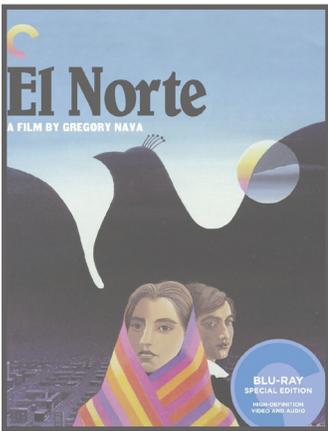
SATURDAY

**SEPTEMBER 19**

9 am - 1 pm • Gathering Place

During Campus Care Days, we get together to love on, clean up, organize, and maintain our church. This day we would like to change A/C filters, clean storage area, power wash outside ceiling, and paint parking lines. Join us at 9 am in the Welcome Area to choose an indoor or outdoor project. Lunch and laughs will be held in the Gathering Place from Noon - 1 pm.

[www.ResurrectionMCC.org/campus-care-day](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org/campus-care-day)  
Facilities@ResurrectionMCC.org



# HISPANIC HERITAGE FILM SERIES

FRIDAYS

**SEPTEMBER 11, 18**

7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering Place

El Norte: About halfway through what is arguably the best, most honest and unvarnished movie about illegal immigration ever made, the two protagonists, who have fled Guatemala because of political violence and made their way through Mexico, crawl through a seemingly interminable sewer pipe leading to the United States.

[www.ResurrectionMCC.org/el-norte](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org/el-norte)  
RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org



# CAMPUS CARE TEAM MEETING

MONDAY

**SEPTEMBER 14**

6:15 - 7:30 pm • Conference Room

**RESURRECTION NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

We are looking for persons interested in stepping up during this Operations transition time. The Campus Care Team is responsible for assessing the ever-changing conditions on our campus and grounds. We meet monthly to plan and execute much needed maintenance projects in and around our church home. Other opportunities in this ministry are hosting Friends By The Fire, Spirit Walks, and Campus Care Days. All are welcome to attend this meeting and see if this ministry is a fit for your Spirit! Dinner served at 6:15 pm

[www.ResurrectionMCC.org/campus-care-mtg](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org/campus-care-mtg)  
Shiv@ResurrectionMCC.org



## SPIRITUAL WEEKEND GET-AWAY

### EXCEL OF THE ARMADILLO

Why not spend a relaxing weekend refreshing yourself with a spiritual retreat? Take a break and treat yourself, spend time with your sisters and brothers at a Christian camp,  
September 25th - 27th  
Christian Renewal Center, Dickinson, TX

**Topics covered: Ideal, Grace, Commitment, You, Prayer, Study, Action, Security and Ministries.**

For the cost of \$100 you will be provided 6 meals, 3 days & 2 nights lodging, all printed materials & supplies.

We have been in training and praying for you all year and are looking forward to meeting you in person to share the Excel experience.

For additional information and/or to register, please contact

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Dan Lindquist 832/423-8009,

George Tresch 713/871-1960 or [jlmacjewski@yahoo.com](mailto:jlmacjewski@yahoo.com).



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**FOUR POSITIONS OPEN**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE - OCTOBER 1**

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 four open positions for election at the Annual Congregational Meeting in November, 2015.

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.

[www.ResurrectionMCC.org/bod](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org/bod)

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



SUNDAYS

**SEPTEMBER 13 - OCTOBER 4**

2 - 3:30 pm • Gathering Place

A springboard to get adults talking about what Christianity is all about for this generation? DreamThinkBeDo is an engaging catalyst for conversation among adults searching for what's next for followers of Jesus. Starting with the foundation of "Love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind" (Luke 10.27), DTBD is what is needed to build a 21st Century faith. Hosted by the Young Adult Ministry. Facilitated by Kedric Brown.

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[www.ResurrectionMCC.org/dreamthinkbedo](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org/dreamthinkbedo)



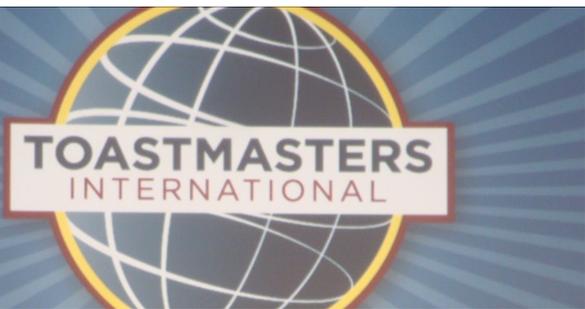
# SUNDAY

## SEPTEMBER 20

### CELEBRATION RECEPTION AND ART AUCTION

Join us for this post-summer celebration with a special silent art action, a yummy reception, and launching our fall opportunities!

The Silent Art Auction is possible due to the creativity and generosity of our Sanctuary Choir Director, Steven Shannon. These paintings were inspired by the musical selections that were featured during the Sanctuary Choir's 3 city tour and home concert. You can see the paintings each Sunday and place an early bid in The Gathering Place. Bidding closes at 1pm on September 20 with the announcement of the highest bidders. All proceeds benefit the general operating fund of RMCC. For more information please contact Mark C. Brown, Director of Worship - [MarkB@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:MarkB@ResurrectionMCC.org).



# TOASTMASTERS

## MONDAYS

6:30 - 8 PM • Gathering Place

Impress your clients, your boss, or even a potential employer during your next job interview. Speak with confidence in one-on-one situations and in presentations for groups of 20 to over 200. Surprise yourself by becoming a member of Toastmasters and see how your personal goals will come true. With Toastmasters you will learn by doing as you improve your public speaking skills in a super supportive environment. Contact Horacio Rodriguez at 954-662-4926 for details.

toastmasters@resurrectionmcc.org  
www.meetup.com/findyourvoicet Toastmasters

**¡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:  
[Yoga@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Yoga@ResurrectionMCC.org)

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## 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

### 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

## 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).

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### General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended August 23, 2015

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$14,765.92	\$542,145.27
Total Amount Anticipated	\$17,156.25	\$583,312.50
Total Giving Variance		(\$41,167.23)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$15,945.45	
Ministry Plan Need	\$17,156.25	
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	417	445
Programming	131	156
Total Weekly Attendance	548	601

#### Ministry Plan Need

is the weekly amount needed per the budget approved by the congregation to achieve our 2015 ministry plan goals and strategic growth initiatives (i.e., the amount needed to make ministry happen)

# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

*This schedule lists open offerings for which all are invited to participate.  
This is not a comprehensive list of all events on campus.*

## SUNDAY AUGUST 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
12:15 pm	Brunch Buddies	
12:30 pm	Getting Organized for Back to School	Activities Building
12:30 pm	Kid's Movie Break	Activities Building

## MONDAY AUGUST 31

6:30 pm	Toastmasters	Gathering Place
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## TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1

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 SEPTEMBER 2

6:30 pm	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
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## THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3

6:30 pm	AA Big Book 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
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## FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED SEPTEMBER 4

No Events Scheduled

## SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED SEPTEMBER 5

9:30 am	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
11:00 am	JODD Drumming Rehearsal	Activities Building
2:00 pm	Imani Vida Drum Circle	Activities Building

## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6

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
12:15 pm	Brunch Buddies	
12:15 pm	HIV & STD Testing	Gathering Place

# MAMBO ITALIANO

**Thursday, September 17**  
**Friday, September 18**  
**Saturday, September 19**  
8 pm • Activities Building  
**Sunday, September 20**  
3 pm • Activities Building

Resurrection MCC presents Steve Gallucio's play Mambo Italiano under the direction of Raymond Lawson. Ticket prices are \$15.00 each for lots of laughs and a great show. Child care provided for ages one month to pre-K. Tickets available at [www.ResurrectionMCC.org/mamboitaliano](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org/mamboitaliano). Tickets available in Inspirations Bookstore.

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# BRUNCH BUDDIES

# TODAY

12:30 pm

**JAX GRILL**

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Join us at a various nearby restaurant every Sunday. The restaurant name and address will be printed in this location 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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