



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

October 25, 2015

+ **Opening Song / Canción de Apertura**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God Creator,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*(Chorus)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

*(Chorus)*

by Thomas Obediah Chisholm and William Marion Runyan

## Engage!

This series explores the practical questions of belonging to a family of faith and ultimately finding our own path to being engaged. See if any of these questions ring true for you.

When and how do you experience being a part of a community of faith? What does it mean to belong somewhere, anywhere, and of all places at a church? Do I experience God's love personally, communally, in my family? Does family even apply to me? What is expected of me? What can I hope to receive? Do I get to share my talents, my gifts, my story, my wisdom?

October 25  
*Engage: Growing*

**Our Community Gathers / Nuestro Comunidad Se Reúne**

Rev. Troy Treash

**Announcements / Anuncios**

Mark Eggleston

**Rite of New Membership / Rito de Nueva Membresía**

Denise Junious  
Rev. Troy Treash

+ **Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz**

Rev. Troy Treash

+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit. / De pie por favor.

**Gathering Song / Recopilación de Canciones**

***Step By Step***

God, You are my God  
And I will ever praise You.  
Oh God, You are my God  
And I will ever praise You.  
I will seek You in the morning  
And I will learn to walk in Your ways  
And step by step You'll lead me  
And I will follow You all of my days

***All: Hallelujah!***

One: We honor You Lord Jesus And forever we will sing

***All: Hallelujah!***

One: For You alone are worthy And forever we will sing.

***All: Hallelujah, hallelujah, Hallelujah, hallelujah!***

***And step by step You'll lead me  
And I will follow You all of my days!***

by Brent Chambers  
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**Contemporary Witness / Testigo de la Época**

Video

***Seeing What's Real***, Dr. Rachel Naomi Remen

**Special Music / Especial Musical**

Celebration Children's Choir

***Our God***  
by Brian Hitt

**+ Scripture Lesson / Lectura Bíblica**

Marcial Renteria

***Mark 10:46-52***

They came to Jericho. As Jesus and the disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When Bartimaeus heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Heir of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered the blind one to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Descendant of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called Bartimaeus, saying, "Take heart; get up, Jesus is calling you." So he threw off his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind one said, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus responded, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately the blind one could see, and followed Jesus on the way.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem / Seleccion Musical**

Sanctuary Choir

***We Walk by Faith***  
by Lloyd Larson

**Sermon / Sermón**

Rev. Troy Treash

***Engage! Growing***

**Moment of Reflection / Momento de Reflexión**

Mark C. Brown

**We Offer Ourselves / Nos Ofrecemos**

Cardboard Testimonies

**Blessing of Commitments / Bendición de los Compromisos**

Denise Junious  
Rev. Troy Treash

**Invitation to Give / Invitación a Dar**

Denise Junious

**Offertory/ Ofertorio**

Sanctuary Choir

***Come Build a Church***  
by Ken Medema

**Prayer of Receiving / Oración de Recepción**

Denise Junious

## Cardboard Testimonies

At the end of the sermon, a number of our members and friends will share their personal stories using "Cardboard Testimonies." They will share how their lives have been transformed through their faith and their journey at Resurrection MCC with just a few written words.

## 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

Denise Junious  
Rev. Troy Treash

### Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunión

#### *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

by Matt Crocker, Joel Houston, and Salomon Lighthelm

#### *I Give Myself Away*

by Sam Hinn and William McDowell

#### *On Eagle's Wings*

by Michael Joncas

### Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias

Denise Junious

### + Closing Song / Canto de Salida

#### *I Know Who I Am*

I know who I am, I know who I am, I know who I am.  
I am Yours, I am Yours!  
I know who I am, I know who I am, I know who I am,  
I am Yours, I am Yours,  
And You are mine, Jesus, You are mine You are mine, Jesus, You are mine

I was running, and You found me.  
I was blinded, and You gave me sight You put a song of praise in me  
I was broken, and You healed me  
I was dying, and You gave me life Lord, You are my identity.  
I know, I know,

by John Bacchus Dykes and Reginald Heber  
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### + Benediction / Bendición

Rev. Troy Treash

### + Postlude / Postludio

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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.



*...step by step You'll lead me  
And I will follow You all of my days!*

In worship on Sunday, October 4, I asked each of us to consider our next best step in generosity to support life-changing ministries through Resurrection MCC. Growing in generosity is a step-by-step faith journey: Choosing to trust. Choosing to care. Choosing to share. Choosing to share more. Each is another step towards leaving scarcity behind and to live in abundance.

We heard the kind words of a rabbi as grandfather to his five-year-old granddaughter. After he had described a step-by-step journey of generosity, she enthusiastically said she would only give in the “right way” like those who had been on the journey a long time. Her grandfather asked her, “What if we all gave like at the beginning of the journey, perhaps even begrudgingly? Would there be more or less suffering in the world?” After a confusing internal struggle with her five-year-old self’s desire to be right, little girl replied, “Less suffering.” And grandfather in love confirmed, “Ah yes, this is true. Some things have so much goodness in them that they are worth doing any way that you can.” (From *My Grandfather’s Blessings* by Rachel Naomi Remen)

Giving is worth doing wherever we are on our spiritual journey of generosity. In the act of giving, we grow. At Resurrection, we encourage you to pray and discern your next best step. We lift the biblical teaching on tithing from our first fruits or, in non-bible language, sharing 10% of our gross income. For some beginners, this might be out of reach. If serious debt drags you down, we want you to get out from under that burden!

Here are some possible next steps to consider:

- If you have never intentionally made a generosity commitment, pray, budget, and calculate what 5% of your gross income would be. Look at what might shift in your priorities to be generous this way. It can be an eye-opening exercise. Make a plan to get to 5% annually. It can take some time. But start from wherever you are. If you discern 2%, then make it a commitment. Write it down, bring it with you, and bring it forward during worship on October 25.
- If you give on occasion but not routinely or intentionally, add up your gifts to see what percentage they would be of your gross income. If they’re under 5%, pray about how big a step you could take to move you to 5%. You might be able to make it in one step or you may need to plan several. We recommend that you try to increase your current giving by 1 or 2% to help you reach 5% and beyond.
- You might find that you are at 10% and are blessed in ways that allow you to continue into even greater generosity. As I shared on Sunday, I reached the 10% goal in my mid forties, haven’t looked back, and have grown even more. It shifts my heart to more deeply trust in God’s care—and that is a blessing! I know generosity has transformed me and I have seen it transform others. No wonder Jesus talked about it so much.

So, to be clear, for this year's commitment, we invite you to go step-by step in prayer and generosity that transforms yourself and the world. We ask you to stretch with intention:

- ***Do the math.***
  - Calculate what 5% and 10% of your gross income would be.
  - Calculate what 1% and 2% of your gross income would be.
  - Total your current giving to see what you currently give.
  
- ***Pray the prayer.***
  - Now that you know the math, intentionally pray.
    - What is the next best goal for me and my family?
    - Can I make a 2% increase to try and reach that goal?
    - Do I trust that it will be a blessing for me to be generous?
  - Put it away for at least a day, pray again and ask for clarity. Let God lead you.
  
- ***Take the step.***
  - Write down your intentional, prayer-informed commitment on a commitment card. Show both the monthly amount and the annual amount. Keep the stub to remind you of your commitment to be a blessing in this way.
  - Consider making your gift in the most efficient and confidential way to the church by using a bank draft or credit card for routine electronic safety.
  - Bring the card with you to worship on Sunday, October 25, to share as we experience *Engage: Healing* with Cardboard Testimonies.

Together, we move mountains! Just look at the included photos showing our *Love Through Action!* Our goal is to underwrite 72% of our forecasted ministry with general contributions for a total of \$843,254 in 2016. Be sure and attend our **Annual Congregational Forum on November 1** to have the opportunity to both hear plans and ask questions about our shared ministry and life together. Our voting session, called the **Annual Congregational Meeting, is November 8**, when we elect board members for four open positions and affirm our 2016 budget.

God calls. We answer.

Step by step,



Rev. Troy Treash  
Senior Pastor

# Love Through Action!

Our mission is to demonstrate God's unconditional *love* to all people *through* Christ-like *action*. Through Christ-like action we seek to love God and love our neighbor by doing justice, practicing kindness, and walking humbly with God. As we boldly **experience, engage, and embody** our faith, we are transformed and so is the world!



Marching to end AIDS even in the rain.



Asking justice questions around racism and privilege.



Transformational Pride: Communion in the streets.



Celebrating community with Drag Bingo.



Keeping ourselves whole: being out as both LGBTQIA people and people of faith. Thank you, Chely Wright!



Positive news coverage in local and national media.



**Experience: Growing in Inclusivity and Love in Action.** Connections and a sense of belonging are increasing as relationships deepen. Greater understanding of who we are helps us to live our values and vision. Congregants invite others to church with greater frequency. Newcomers and congregants experience authentic hospitality and inclusion. Our congregation increasingly reflects the diversity of greater Houston. People experience spiritual growth as they encounter God and others in transformational worship. *(Photo: Broadway Review finale)*



**Engage: Transforming Lives and Mobilizing Leaders.** Effective communication facilitates understanding of our values, mission, and vision. Spiritual growth is fostered through connections and life development opportunities. We have consistent, compelling programming desired by and offered by young adults. More congregants are serving in new and expanding ministries. Active leadership mentoring is cultivating new leaders. Spanish-speaking leadership nurtures the growth of an inclusive community through vibrant worship and programming. *(Photo: Hispanic Heritage Celebration)*



**Embody: Demonstrating God's Unconditional Love as a Force for Compassion, Justice, and Equality.** We offer a persuasive, progressive Christ-like voice that leads to personal transformation and social justice. Congregants are increasingly involved in acts of compassion, justice, and equality. We reach others outside of our congregation through our website and social media. We are building effective partnerships with other communities and organizations. We are a source of support and resources to other churches and organizations. *(Photo: Texas Big Legal Wedding)*

**¡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.



# BRUNCH BUDDIES

## TODAY

12:30 pm

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Join us at a 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!

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



**HOUSTON UNITES**

**Yes 1**  
 on Prop 1  
 Protect Houston's Equal Rights Ordinance

# HERO PHONE BANK

**TODAY & NOVEMBER 1**

12:45 - 2:15 pm • Gathering Place

Because we serve a God of love and justice, Resurrection MCC is joining with Houston Unites to recruit volunteers for the campaign to protect the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance. We only have until November 3 to identify our supporters and get them motivated to turn out to vote YES on Proposition 1 to protect HERO. Join us for a phone bank as we reach out to our supporters to get them to vote and volunteer with us.

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[Mike@HoustonUnites.org](mailto:Mike@HoustonUnites.org)

# LOVE THY NEIGHBOR T-SHIRTS \$15

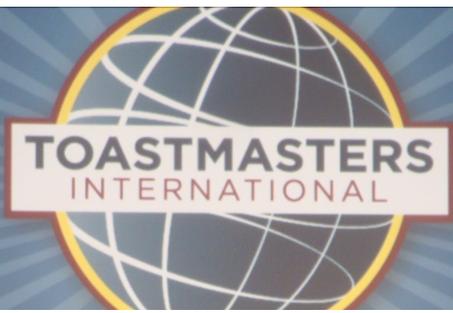


**LOVE THY NEIGHBOR**

- THY HOMELESS NEIGHBOR
- THY JEWISH NEIGHBOR
- THY BLACK NEIGHBOR
- THY GAY NEIGHBOR
- THY UNDOCUMENTED NEIGHBOR
- THY WHITE NEIGHBOR
- THY TRANSGENDER NEIGHBOR
- THY CHRISTIAN NEIGHBOR
- THY HIV+ NEIGHBOR
- THY RACIST NEIGHBOR
- THY ADDICTED NEIGHBOR
- THY ATHEIST NEIGHBOR
- THY IMPRISONED NEIGHBOR
- THY DISABLED NEIGHBOR
- THY MUSLIM NEIGHBOR

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# 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/findyourvoicetoastmasters



# HIV / STD Testing

by Planned Parenthood

FIRST SUNDAYS

## NOVEMBER 1

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)



## WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28

7 - 8:30 pm • Workroom

In Spiritual Journaling you will learn to recognize the progression from who you have been to who you are meant to become. By taking time to go back and understand the critical elements of your life-the events, relationships, patterns, and experiences that shape you-you will gradually find yourself viewing the future through the lens of conformity to the way of Jesus. You may choose to explore this new skill with a group of friends (recommended!) or on your own.

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## CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

SUNDAY

## NOVEMBER 1

12:30 pm • Sanctuary

Join us to celebrate the good ministry for this year and look into next year. Hear from the candidates recommended for board service. We will be electing four! Receive general updates including bylaws, property, and a financial update and take the opportunity to review the budget for 2016. This forum with Q&A prepares you to be ready to vote next Sunday, November 8, at the Annual Congregational Meeting.

# DRUMMING AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE



WEDNESDAY  
**NOVEMBER 4, 11, 18**  
7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering Place

A drumming circle is a place for practitioners to get together for learning, healing, and the direct revelation of spiritual guidance. A drumming circle provides an opportunity to connect with your own spirit at a deeper level, and also to connect with a group of other like-minded people.

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SATURDAY  
**NOVEMBER 7**  
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 Activities Building, as well as other locations for other special drumming occasions.

[www.meetup.com/drummingcircle](http://www.meetup.com/drummingcircle)  
[Greg@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Greg@ResurrectionMCC.org)

## NATIVE AMERICAN FILM SERIES



FRIDAY  
**NOVEMBER 6**  
7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering Place

### TWO SPIRITS

Two Spirits interweaves the tragic story of a mother's loss of her son with a revealing look at the largely unknown history of a time when the world wasn't simply divided into male and female and many Native American cultures held places of honor for people of integrated genders.

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## JOURNEYING YOUR SPIRITUAL PATH: THE LABYRINTH

SUNDAY  
**NOVEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22**  
1 - 2:30 pm • Activities Building

We are all on the path... exactly where we need to be. The labyrinth is a model of that path. At its most basic level the labyrinth is a metaphor for the journey to the center of your deepest self and back out into the world with a broadened understanding of who you are. A labyrinth is an ancient symbol that relates to wholeness. It combines the imagery of the circle and the spiral into a meandering but purposeful path.

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# SOULS TO THE POLLS

HOUSTON UNITES FAITH COMMUNITY WEEKEND VOTING INITIATIVE

OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>-25<sup>TH</sup>

Congregations will lead bus, van, and car caravans to the nearest Early Voting polling location after worship service to vote Yes on Proposition 1 to protect Houston's Equal Rights Ordinance.

REGISTER AT ▶ [HoustonUnites.org/SoulsToThePolls](http://HoustonUnites.org/SoulsToThePolls)

## TODAY

Meet after our 11 am Worship service in the Gathering Place for the "Souls to the Polls" caravan to the Metropolitan Multi-Services Center at 1475 W. Gray St, Houston 77019.

**Vote Early and Vote YES on Prop 1!**

# DRAG BINGO



## SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14

\$13 for 3 Cards / Game • \$24 for 9 Cards / Game

Doors Open at 6 pm. Games Start at 6 pm.

### FOOD, BAR, PRIZES

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Wednesday (11/4), Presale Pass needed  
 Thursday-Friday (11/5-11/6), 9am-7pm  
 Saturday (11/7), 8:30am-1pm  
 Saturday is the HALF-PRICE SALE!

Sign up at [jbsale.com](http://jbsale.com) & find the Central Houston event

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This event benefits, in part, a local Houston charity. For more information contact [katrinaansell@jbsale.com](mailto:katrinaansell@jbsale.com)

**FREE ADMISSION WITH THIS AD!**

Admission is \$2 on Thursday only. All other days are free. Cash, Visa, MasterCard & Discover accepted.

# 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:**

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# Get Connected to a **First Impressions** Ministry



## **Concierge Desk**

*Concierge@ResurrectionMCC.org*

GREAT OPPORTUNITY for people who are loving, warm and friendly to serve at our Concierge Desk, located in The Gathering Place, before and after both Sunday Worship Services! Those at the desk will have the opportunity to welcome new friends, offer them a free gift, and offer information to get them connected.

## **Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Bookstore**

*Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org*

Looking for new friendly faces and volunteers for this ministry! Provide outstanding customer service in an atmosphere of fellowship so people make connections.

## **Ushers**

*Ushers@ResurrectionMCC.org*

Be the first face of Resurrection MCC, We have immediate opportunities for knowledgeable, organized people to serve as ushers for our 9 & 11 am Sunday Worship Services. Teams serve one service (either 9 or 11 am) each month or serve as much as you like if space is available.

## **Welcome Team**

*Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org*

We welcome people to the church and help them get where they need to go. Team members are positioned at every door and sidewalk, greeting people with a smile and kind word, offering directions or answering questions.

## **WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY**

Resurrection MCC is blessed to have a number of groups to minister at our worship services. All are welcome to visit any rehearsals to see which group might be the right place for you to serve.

### **CELEBRATION CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

This choir is for children ages 5 - 12 years of age at any level of musical training. It meets seasonally on Sunday mornings from 10:15 am - 10:45 am in the Activities Building, in the sprouts classroom. The choir is co-led by Jules Czarnik and Eve Messina. For more information about the choir please contact [CelebrationChildrensChoir@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:CelebrationChildrensChoir@ResurrectionMCC.org).

### **DEVOTION IN MOTION - DANCE MINISTRY**

Led by Jennifer Sanchez, all age groups and abilities are welcome to take part in this ministry. Come and get your groove on for God! [Dance@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Dance@ResurrectionMCC.org)

### **GOSPEL ENSEMBLE**

**Tuesdays • 7 pm**

Directed by Cassandra White, this group sings music in the African-American Gospel tradition, traditional Spirituals and contemporary music of all types. Reading music is not required for this group. You will need the ability to match pitch and sing a part separate from the melody. [GospelEnsemble@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:GospelEnsemble@ResurrectionMCC.org)

### **JUBILEE THEATRE**

This liturgical arts ministry is comprised of actors, directors, lighting technicians and all positions of stage crew. This group is open to all who would like to be involved with a theatrical ministry. This group meets on Sunday afternoons seasonally. The participants in Sunday morning worship services and occasionally outside worship services. For more information please contact [JubileeTheatre@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:JubileeTheatre@ResurrectionMCC.org).

### **PRAISE TEAM**

**Tuesdays • 6 pm**

Directed by Mark C. Brown, these bands include instrumentalists and vocalists and are by audition and invitation only. These groups primarily present a wide variety of musical styles with a concentration in contemporary. The groups lead congregational singing and present special music. [PraiseBands@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:PraiseBands@ResurrectionMCC.org)

### **SANCTUARY CHOIR**

**Tuesdays • 7 pm**

Directed by Steven Shannon, this group sings mostly traditional church choral music with some contemporary music from time to time. Reading music is not required for this group. You will need the ability to match pitch and sing a part separate from the melody. [SanctuaryChoir@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:SanctuaryChoir@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](mailto:Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org).

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## General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended October 18, 2015

	Anticipated	Actual
General Offerings	\$720,562.50	\$656,519.13
Fundraising	\$62,525.82	\$33,973.73
Events/Leases	\$39,713.94	\$119,073.74
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$822,802.26</b>	<b>\$809,566.60</b>
Variance		(\$13,235.66)
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	319	451
Programming	139	152
Total Weekly Attendance	458	603

As we finish the summer and the 3rd quarter, cash flow is seasonally tight as it is each year. If you are behind, please catch up on your commitment! Thank you for your generosity!

# 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 OCTOBER 25

9:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Coffee Talk!	Gathering Place
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Coffee Talk!	Gathering Place
12:45 pm	HERO Phone Bank	Gathering Place
1:00 pm	Brunch Buddies	

## MONDAY OCTOBER 26

6:30 pm	Toastmasters	Gathering Place
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## TUESDAY OCTOBER 27

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 OCTOBER 28

6:30 pm	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
7:00 pm	Spiritual Journaling	Work Room

## THURSDAY OCTOBER 29

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

No Events Scheduled

## SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED OCTOBER 31

8:00 am	HERO Canvass	Activities Building
9:30 am	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel

## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

9:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Coffee Talk!	Gathering Place
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Coffee Talk!	Gathering Place
12:30 pm	HERO Canvass	Activities Building
1:00 pm	Brunch Buddies	
1:00 pm	Journeying Your Spiritual Path	Activities Building



# COFFEE TALK

**Every Sunday  
After Both Worship Services  
Gathering Place**

A new opportunity to make friends over conversation and breakfast snacks, begins this Sunday! Following both worship services, you may enjoy coffee, tea, as well as sweet and savory breakfast snacks served in the Gathering Place. We hope you will find this as a great opportunity to meet new friends and reconnect with those you already know.

# 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.

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