



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

November 25, 2018

## Opening Song / Canción de Apertura

### *For Everyone Born*

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
For everyone born, clean water and bread,  
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
For everyone born, a star overhead,

*And God will delight  
When we are creators of justice and joy,  
Compassion and peace  
Yes, God will delight  
When we are creators of justice,  
Justice and joy!*

For woman and man, a place at the table,  
Revising the roles, deciding the share,  
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
For woman and man, a system that's fair,  
(Chorus)

For gay and for straight, a place at the table,  
Transgender and queer in one single tree,  
Engaging each gift and blessing each covenant,  
For gay and for straight, a new way to be.

(Chorus)

By Shirley Erena Murray  
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## Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne

Rev. Troy Treash

## Announcements / Anuncios

Shellye Bradford

## Rite of Baptism (11 am)

Nannette "Blonde" Wokeme

## + Exchange of Peace / Saludo de la Paz

Rev. Troy Treash

## + Gathering Song / Canción de Reunión

### *Great Is the Lord*

Great are You, Lord, You are holy and just, By Your power we trust  
In Your love. Great are You, Lord, You are faithful and true  
By Your mercy You prove, You are love.

Great are You, Lord, And worthy of glory; Great is the Lord  
And worthy of praise; Great is the Lord, Now lift up your voice,  
Now lift up your voice! Great are You, Lord, Great are You, Lord!

+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit. / Usted está invitado a levantarse en cuerpo o espíritu.

## Forgiveness

There is nothing more crippling than holding onto anger. Anger, more than any other emotion, has the power to consume all aspects of our lives, distort our sense of purpose, and destroy our relationships with God, with others, with ourselves. To move beyond anger, we must learn to forgive.

In this sermon and book study series, *Forgiveness: Finding Peace Though Letting Go*, we will engage author Adam Hamilton's work on the challenge of forgiveness. Hamilton argues that revelation comes when we realize that forgiveness is a gift we give ourselves rather than to someone else. He contends that only when we learn to forgive others and ourselves can we truly receive forgiveness from God. Join us as we explore forgiveness in our relationship with God, with our spouses or romantic interests, with our parents and siblings, and with others in our lives.

*The Divine Answer*  
November 11

*For Better, For Worse*  
November 18

*Seventy Times Seven*  
November 25

Great are You, Lord, You are holy and just, By Your power we trust  
In Your love. Great are You, Lord, You are faithful and true  
By Your mercy You prove, You are love.

Great are You, Lord, And worthy of glory; Great is the Lord  
And worthy of praise; Great is the Lord, Now lift up your voice,  
Now lift up your voice! Great are You, Lord, Great are You, Lord!

By Deborah D. Smith and Michael W. Smith  
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## Contemporary Word / Lectura Contemporanea

### *Forgiveness*, by Adam Hamilton

Every day, we gather pebbles—lots of pebbles. They raise our blood pressure, create frustration, and head our day off in the wrong direction. What are we to do?

In dealing with pebbles, we can decide not to, in the words of Richard Carlson's excellent little book, "sweat the small stuff". We can regularly practice the art of letting the little things go. But how do we do that? How do we avoid holding on to the anger or irritation or resentment that comes from the pebbles thrown at us each day? And how often do we need to forgive these acts?

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

**All: Amen**

## Special Music / Música Especial

Bradley Gowers

### *Mercy's Arms*

## + Scripture Lesson / Lectura Bíblica

Deidre Scott

### *Matthew 18:21-35*

Peter came up to Jesus and asked, "How many times should I forgive someone who does something wrong to me? Is seven times enough?"

Jesus answered:

Not just seven times, but seventy-seven times! This story will show you what the realm of heaven is like:

One day a ruler decided to call in their officials and ask them to give an account of what they owed. As they were doing this, one official was brought in who owed fifty million silver coins. But they didn't have any money to pay what was owed. The ruler ordered them to be sold, along with family and all they owned, in order to pay the debt.

The official got down on their knees and began begging, "Have pity on me, and I will pay you every cent I owe!" The ruler felt sorry for them and let them go free. Then even told the official that they did not have to pay back the money.

As the official was leaving, they happened to meet another official, who owed them a hundred silver coins. So they grabbed the other by the throat. And started choking them and said, "Pay me what you owe!"

The debtor got down on their knees and began begging, "Have pity on me, and I will pay you back." But the first official refused to have pity. Instead, they went and had the other official put in jail until they could pay what was owed.

When some other officials found out what had happened, they felt sorry for the one who had been put in jail. Then they told the ruler what had happened. The ruler called the first official back in and said, "You have acted evilly! When you begged for mercy, I said you did not have to pay back a cent. Don't you think you should show pity to someone else, as I did to you?" The ruler was so angry that they ordered the official to be tortured until they could pay back everything owed. That is how God will treat you, if you don't forgive each of my followers with all your heart.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem / Selección Musical**

Sanctuary Choir

***A Time for Everything***

by Mark Hayes

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**Sermon / Sermón**

Rev. Vickey Gibbs

***Forgiveness: Seventy Times Seven***

**Sermon Response / Respuesta de Sermón**

Vladimir Vivas

***The Lord's Prayer***

Creator, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy realm to come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.

For the heavens, the power, And the glory are Yours,  
Now and forevermore. Amen.

by Albert Hay Malotte and Steve Wilkinson  
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**We Offer Ourselves / Nos Ofrecemos**

Kent Biggs

**Invitation to Give / Invitación a Dar**

Sharri McGlaughting

*You may also give by credit or debit card at the Sanctuary Kiosk  
or by texting GOTLOVE to 73256.*

**Offertory / Ofrenda**

Sanctuary Choir

***Hymn of Promise***

by Natalie Sleeth

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**Prayer of Receiving / Oración de Recepción**

Sharri McGlaughting

## 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. Troy Treash

## Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunión

### *Give Thanks*

by Henry Smith

© 1978 Integrity's Hosanna! Music, CCLI# 20285

### *As the Deer*

by Martin Nystrom

© 1984 Maranatha Praise, Inc., CCLI#1431

### *The Summons*

by John L. Bell, Graham Maule, and David Peacock

© 1987 The Jubilate Group and WGRG, Iona Community, Glasgow, Scotland, G2 3DH, CCLI#4983527

## Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias

Rev. Troy Treash

## + Closing Song / Canto de Salida

### *I Am Free*

Through you the blind will see  
Through you the mute will sing  
Through you the dead will rise  
Through you all hearts will praise  
Through you all hatred flees  
Through you my heart screams  
I am free  
Yes, I am free

I am free to run.  
(I am free to run.)  
I am free to dance.  
(I am free to dance.)  
I am free to live for You.  
(I am free to live for You.)  
I am free!  
(I am free!)  
I am free!  
(I am free!)

I am free to run.  
(I am free to run.)  
I am free to dance.  
(I am free to dance.)  
I am free to live for You.  
(I am free to live for You.)  
I am free!  
(I am free!)  
I am free!  
(I am free!)

by Jon Egan

© 2004 Vertical Worship Songs, CCLI# 4220974

## + Benediction / Bendición

Rev. Vickey Gibbs

## + Postlude / Postludio

Mark C. Brown

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**Worship** | Sunday, 9 & 11 am  
**Servicio en Español** | Domingo, 1:30 pm  
**Nursery** | Sunday, 9 & 11 am  
**Youth & Teens** | Sunday, 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 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, your infants, and your children (1 month - 5 years). The nursery is located in the Activities Building and is open during both of our Worship services. Children, youth, and teens (5 - 18 years) are invited to participate in programming held in our Activities Building during our 11 am service. Sign-in begins at 10:45 am in the Activities Building.

Directions from the Sanctuary to the Activities Building: Go through the Welcome Area, out the two glass doors, turn left and walk down the sidewalk, across the breezeway, and enter the Activities Building. Go around the corner to your right and you'll find us. Feel free to ask an usher for directions.

## 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.

## 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

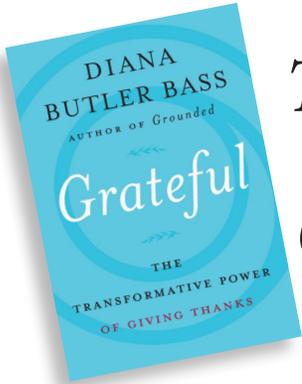
Our deep desire is to offer a safe and open community for people to worship, learn, share, and grow in their faith. We are committed to equipping ourselves and each other to do the work that God has called us to do in the world.

### 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.



# Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks

WEDNESDAYS  
**NOVEMBER 7, 14, 28**  
7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering Place

Join in as we engage Diana Butler Bass's work, *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks*. We will explore why gratitude is missing as a modern spiritual practice. Bass will offer us some practical suggestions for reclaiming gratitude and illuminate how the shared practice of gratitude can lead to greater connection with God, our world, and our own souls.  
RevVickey@ResurrectionMCC.org



SATURDAY  
**DECEMBER 1**  
8 - 11 am

Join us to get our space ready for Christmas! We will decorate the Sanctuary together with garland, wreaths, and a tree – the "Greens". Please wear comfortable clothing.

RevTroy@ResurrectionMCC.org

  
WORLD  
**AIDS**  
DAY  
VIGIL

SATURDAY  
**DECEMBER 1**  
Noon - 1 pm

Join us as we remember the lives of our members and friends who have been lost to HIV/AIDS.

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SUNDAY  
**DECEMBER 2**

10 am - 1 pm  
Gathering Place

Free testing for HIV, Syphilis, Hepatitis C, Chlamydia, and Gonorrhea. Knowing your status is the best way for you to stay healthy and avoid spreading sexually transmitted illnesses. Testing is provided by Fort Bend County Clinical Health Services.

[www.facebook.com/FortBendClinic](http://www.facebook.com/FortBendClinic)

# EMPTY CHAIR



SATURDAY  
**DECEMBER 1**

9 am - Noon • Gathering Place

If you've recently lost a partner, parent, child, sibling or a dear friend, the empty chair at the Christmas table can intensify the sorrow and bring about a complex mix of emotions. You may be reminded of the delicious feasts they cooked, the thoughtful (or quirky) presents they gave, or the silly stories they told. Whatever their trademark, and whether you found it annoying or not, you may find yourself sorely missing it - and them. There is no right or wrong way to deal with such a significant loss during the holidays. But if you find you're struggling, join us as we discuss suggestions which may help you through the holiday season.

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# CHRISTMAS BAGS



**PRIDE**  
CHARITIES, INC.  
www.pride-charities.org

With your support, we can provide a reusable insulated bag with all the ingredients necessary for our neighbors to prepare a delicious Christmas meal for their families. Pride Charities, Inc. is coordinating this effort again this year. Our goal is to collect enough donations of food, cash and gift cards to assemble 150 bags and there are several ways you can share the Christmas spirit with those in need. If you are in need of a Christmas Bag, please contact Pride Charities at 281-254-8003 or or you may email [Info@Pride-Charities.org](mailto:Info@Pride-Charities.org).

**DONATE FOOD**  
SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 2 & 9  
Welcome Area

Drop off non-perishable donations before or after the 9 am or the 11 am worship service. Items needed for the bags include: canned corn, canned cranberry sauce, 28 oz. canned sweet potatoes, 1 lb. bag of rice, 1 lb. bag of pinto beans, box of mashed potatoes, gravy packet, box of stuffing mix, box of macaroni & cheese, box of cake mix, can of frosting, and a \$20 gift card to Walmart.

**DONATE CASH**  
SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 2 & 9

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

**ASSEMBLE BAGS**  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15  
9 - 11 am • Activities Building

Come create and participate in our assembly line to pack each of the food items into the recyclable bags in preparation for distribution.

**DISTRIBUTE BAGS**  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16  
1 - 3 pm • Activities Building

*God Bless Us, Every One!*

SUNDAY WORSHIP

December 2, 9, 16, 23 • 9:00 & 11:00 am

*Las Posadas*

Sunday • December 16 • 5:00 pm

*Christmas Eve*

CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP

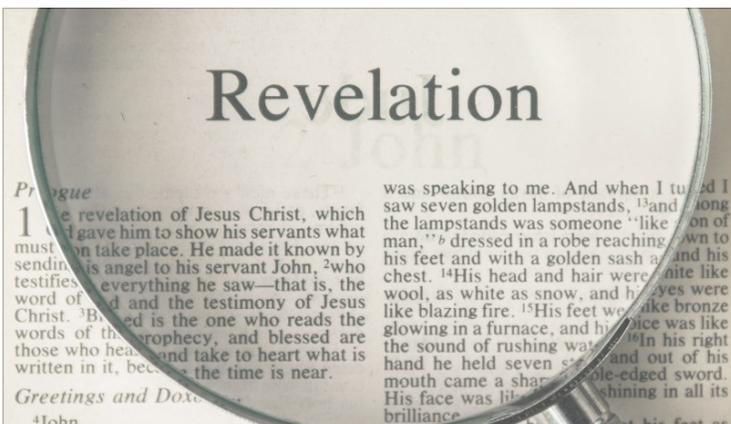
Monday • December 24 • 7:00 pm

*Kwanzaa*

Thursday • December 27 • 6:00 pm

**Resurrection**  
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Sunday Worship 9 & 11 am • Nursery • Handicap Accessible • 11 am - Spanish & Deaf Interpretation, Youth & Teen Program  
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WEDNESDAYS  
**DECEMBER 5, 12, 19**  
 7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering Place

The strangest book of the New Testament, filled with visions of the Rapture, the whore of Babylon, and apocalyptic writing of the end of times, the Book of Revelation has fascinated readers for more than two thousand years. But where did it come from? And what are the meanings of its surreal images of dragons, monsters, angels, and cosmic war? Join us to find out.

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SUNDAYS  
**DECEMBER 9 & 16**

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

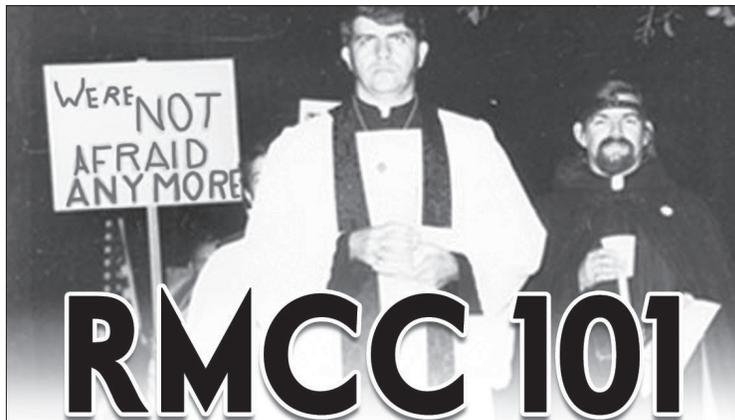
Since 2002, Dee Dee Watters & The First Amendment volunteer group have been providing Christmas toys to children in Houston's Third Ward, Fifth Ward, and neighboring low-income apartments. Please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy suitable for children ages 4-12 and place it inside the large gift box in the Welcome Area. Your generosity will be a blessing for many children this Christmas!



SATURDAY  
**DECEMBER 8**  
 11:30 am - 1:30 pm • Gathering Place

Join us for a fun-filled Christmas hymn sing-a-long. Mark C. Brown will be tickling the ivories and lending his rich baritone voice as he guides us through the carols we all love. Bring your favorite Christmas side dish to compliment chicken and sausage gumbo!

Please RSVP before December 1 to  
 OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9  
 1 - 2:30 pm • Conference Room

Learn more about who we are at Resurrection MCC in this introductory class. We'll discuss the mission, vision, and values of Resurrection MCC. Learn more about our history, and discover the many ways people are making an impact in our faith community. At the end of the class, you will be given the opportunity to become a member if you feel God's call on your heart to do so. The class is open to those wishing to become members and those who simply want to learn more about Resurrection MCC. Light breakfast provided.

Connections@ResurrectionMCC.org

# FRIDAY NIGHT OUT



FRIDAY  
**DECEMBER 14**

7 - 9 pm

## Cane Rosso

1835 N. Shepherd Dr, Houston, TX 77006  
www.canerosso.com • 713-868-0071

Join us for another Friday evening filled with food, fun and friends. To help ensure that we have adequate seating, we ask that you please RSVP and let us know if you will be attending. As always, friends and family (including children) are welcome!

FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org



## LA CASA DE TODOS SERVICIO Y ESTUDIO BÍBLICO EN ESPAÑOL

(SPANISH WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY)

## DOMINGOS

1:30 - 3 pm • Chapel

¿Te gustaría conocer más sobre la Biblia? ¿Quieres conocer el mensaje de Dios para tu vida? ¿Sabes que Dios te ama, sin importar a quién ames? El propósito será que por medio de clases dinámicas y prácticas podamos llegar al conocimiento de las verdades espirituales de una manera sencilla, para poder entender, practicar y vivir en la conciencia de que Dios nos ama y no rechaza a nadie por su orientación o por ser diferentes. Buscamos llegar a la comunidad TLGBQ+ Latina, para ir formando una comunidad de fe que responda a sus necesidades y en su propio idioma.

RevUlises@ResurrectionMCC.org



**Sunday, December 16**

5:00 - 7:00 pm • Activities Building

Ven a Celebrar con nosotros la fiesta tradicional Mexicana llamada Posada donde se reúnen la familia, amistades y vecinos. La posada es una recreación de la peregrinación de censo a Belén de María y José en busca de alojamiento. En la posada se incluirá una pastorela. La pastorela es la historia del nacimiento de Jesús montada como comedia. Habrá comida, piñata y bolsitas de dulces. El evento es gratuito.

Please come and celebrate with us our traditional Mexican party called a Posada where family, friends, and neighbors get together. A posada is a reenactment of the census pilgrimage to Bethlehem by Mary and Joseph in search of a room. The posada celebration will include a Pastorela -- the story of the birth of Jesus Christ performed as a comedy. We will have food, drinks, a piñata, and candy bags. This is a free event.

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## We See You. Solidarity.



**SUNDAY • BI-WEEKLY**

**November 25 • December 9, 23 • January 6, 20**

Gathering Place Meeting Room

These past weeks, in particular, have been challenging for survivors of sexual assault and those who love and care for them. The high profile and very high ultimate impact of the Supreme Court nominee hearings have both triggered and retraumatized many we love and care about. This moment offers safe space to gather, to share, to breathe, to connect, and to share strength for the future we will create.

The discussion will be facilitated by Rev. Ellen Denise Junious and Rev. Marilyn Meeker-Williams. It is for women and men with priority given to the voices of survivors.



# IN.formation

November 26 • December 10 & 24  
SECOND AND FOURTH MONDAYS

Chapel • 7 - 8:30 pm

7 - 7:45 pm • Transgender, Gender Fluid, Gender Expansive

7 - 7:45 pm • Spouses and Significant Others

7:45 - 8:30 pm • Combined Group Meeting

IN.formation is a peer support group focused on creating a gender inclusive community for transgender, gender fluid, and gender expansive individuals, spouses and significant others.

For more information, please contact  
IN.formation@ResurrectionMCC.org



# FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry, operated by Pride Charities, is in need of unexpired food donations every Sunday. Please consider bringing a few items on Sunday and placing them in the wagon located near the Welcome Center. You may make a cash donation by writing your check to "Pride Charities" and placing it in the Sunday offering plate. Financial donations are also accepted online at [www.Pride-Charities.org](http://www.Pride-Charities.org). Your continued generosity provides life-sustaining nourishment to the families we serve. Volunteers are needed to help with food distribution. If you would like to sign up to volunteer once a month, please email [Info@Pride-Charities.org](mailto:Info@Pride-Charities.org).

# 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.

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

Nueva Visión

## Narcoticos Anónimos (en español)



Miércoles • 8 - 9:30 pm • En la Capilla

Es un grupo de recuperación de 12 pasos que ofrece esperanza y libertad de la adicción activa en un lugar seguro para personas LGBT. Estos grupos se reúnen para ayudarse unos a otros a aprender una nueva forma de vida, compartiendo su experiencia fortaleza y esperanza.

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

## Overeaters Anonymous

Wednesdays • 7 - 8 pm • Chapel



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)

## re:MIND Depression and Bipolar Support



Thursdays • 7 - 8:30 pm • Worship Arts Room

Free and confidential support group for individuals living with, or family and friends affected by, depression and bipolar disorders. We help individuals, family members, and friends understand these two difficult, yet treatable, mental disorders. In addition, re:MIND works to educate the public about depression and bipolar disorders, confront social stigma, and advocate for the rights of people living with mental disorders.

[info@remindsupport.org](mailto:info@remindsupport.org)



**Feeling stagnant or lost?  
Seeking a stronger relationship  
with God to find peace,  
love and direction?**

Then come join us for an exciting introspective weekend retreat where you can obtain the tools to be FAITHFUL to God, to yourself, and to others

To obtain more information visit our website at [excelretreatministries.com](http://excelretreatministries.com) or our facebook page at EIFHouston or if you have any questions contact Jerry Reitz at [exceljerry@mac.com](mailto:exceljerry@mac.com) or Nelda Billescas at [neldab23@yahoo.com](mailto:neldab23@yahoo.com)

**FAITHFULNESS Retreat  
March 29-31, 2019  
Christian Renewal Center, Dickinson, Texas**



We are excited to announce that during our flood recovery efforts, we have been updating the two multi-stall restrooms adjacent to the Foyer into all-gender restrooms. Those restrooms are available now.

Our core values of inclusion, community, spiritual transformation, and justice inform us as we seek to create safe and welcoming spaces that are fully accessible to all members of our church family. With these core values guiding

our decision, all-gender restrooms support individuals whose gender is different than assumed at birth, including transgender, non-binary, genderqueer, gender non-conforming, and genders that exist outside of the gender binary of strictly female and male. They are also especially helpful for people with disabilities, the elderly, and anyone else who might require assistance from someone of another gender, including parents who wish to accompany their children to the restroom.

In addition to these two multi-stall restrooms off the Foyer, single-stall restrooms are located adjacent to the Chapel, Foyer, Welcome Area, and Worship Arts Room.

If you have any questions, please contact [RevTroy@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevTroy@ResurrectionMCC.org).

**General Fund Giving Report**

**For YTD Ended November 18, 2018**

**Ministry Plan Need** is the weekly amount needed per the budget approved by the congregation to achieve our 2018 ministry plan goals and strategic growth initiatives.

	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Actual</b>
General Offerings	\$697,250.06	\$643,239.90
Fundraising	\$48,653.74	\$47,755.70
Events/Leases	\$144,693.00	\$98,068.01
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$890,596.80</b>	<b>\$789,063.61</b>
Deficit		(\$101,533.19)
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Week Ended</b>	<b>YTD Average</b>
Worship	292	337
Programming	630	545
Total Weekly Attendance	922	882

## 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 NOVEMBER 25

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Coffee Talk	Gathering Place
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Coffee Talk	Gathering Place
12:30 pm	Brunch Buddies	Welcome Area
1:30 pm	La Casa De Todos Servicio (en Español)	Capilla

### MONDAY NOVEMBER 26

6:30 pm	Toastmasters	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	In.Formation	Chapel

### TUESDAY NOVEMBER 27

6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Worship Arts Room
7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous	Chapel

### WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 28

7:00 pm	Overeaters Anonymous	Chapel
8:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous (en Español)	Chapel

### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 29

7:00 pm	re:MIND	Conference Room
7:30 pm	Estudio Bíblico (en Español)	Sala de Reuniones

### FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED NOVEMBER 30

No Events Scheduled

### SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 1

9:30 am	Overeaters Anonymous	Chapel
11:00 am	Joy of Djembe Drumming	Activities Building
2:00 pm	Imani Vida Drum Circle	Activities Building

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 2

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 am	HIV/STD Testing	Welcome Area
10:15 am	Coffee Talk	Gathering Place
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Coffee Talk	Gathering Place
12:30 pm	Brunch Buddies	Welcome Area
1:30 pm	La Casa De Todos Servicio (en Español)	Capilla



# BRUNCH BUDDIES

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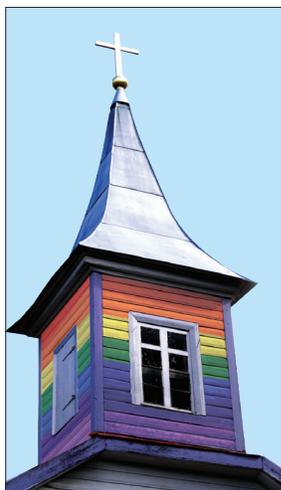
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## TODAY • 12:30 PM

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!

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



## Estudio Bíblico en Español

### Jueves

7 - 8:30 pm

Sala de Reuniones

Dios nos ama por igual no es sólo un libro, es una invitación para aprender y conversar juntos sobre la orientación sexual en el contexto de nuestras familias e iglesias. Es tiempo de verter luz sobre lo que antes se ha mantenido en oscuridad y secreto. Hay que encender una chispa de entendimiento para ayudar a familias y comunidades a crecer y a vivir juntos reclamando nuestra fe profunda que Dios nos ama, a cada uno por igual. Leerlo y comience un diálogo. Compártalo en su iglesia. Use el recurso, Dios nos ama por igual para reforzar su familia y comunidad cristiana y para tener un mejor entendimiento sobre la orientación sexual.

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