



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

December 16, 2018

## Advent Wreath Moment

Let us pray together  
as we light the second  
Advent Candle:  
God of the past, the  
present, and time yet to  
come: We thank you for  
whatever signs of your  
presence and help we've  
seen, whether dim and  
faint or blazing bright.  
Teach us to count and  
live out our days as  
signs of your presence  
for others. Make us  
people who speak  
peaceful words and  
live peaceful lives that  
all may know Jesus is  
Emmanuel, God with  
Us. And by your Spirit,  
bless us, everyone, this  
day and always.

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

Rev. Vickey Gibbs

**Rite of Membership / Rito de membresía**

Rev. Vickey Gibbs Shellye Bradford  
Georgette L. Monaghan

**Announcements / Anuncios**

Mark Eggleston

**+ Worship Set / Conjunto de Adoración**

### *Joy to the World*

Joy to the world the Lord is come, Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Shout for joy, For the Child of God is the Saving One, Yes the saving One  
Shout for joy, See what love has done  
You have come for us, Yes, the saving One

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns, Let all our songs employ  
While fields and floods, Rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

Shout for joy, For the Child of God is the Saving One, Yes the saving One  
Shout for joy, See what love has done  
You have come for us, Yes, the saving One

Jesus, Immanuel, O come let us adore Him  
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+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit. / Usted está invitado a levantarse en cuerpo o espíritu.

## God Bless Us, Every One! Advent Series

The classic *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens follows the wake-up call for Ebenezer Scrooge and turns him from his resentment, fear, and isolation. Just as God's presence was born anew into this world, we too can be born anew, woken up and redeemed into renewed life, joy, passion, generosity, humility, and love. These four weeks of Advent will take a look at how living God's economy of grace and justice offers redemption from life-threatening addiction to money, success, exclusion, and looking out for ourselves.

Gods act of love in Jesus offers redemption each year as we honor the vulnerability God chooses for us! When we finally meet at the manger, may we fully be prepared for God's overwhelming reckless love and with Tiny Tim say wholeheartedly, "God bless us every one!"

### ***Bah Humbug!***

December 2

### ***Hope from Heartbreak***

December 9

### ***Look Upon Me***

December 16

### ***Death Defying Acts***

December 23

### ***Keeping Christmas Well***

December 24

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By Paul Baloche and George Frideric Handel  
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### ***Star Child***

Star-Child, earth Child, go-between of God,  
Love Child, Christ Child, heavens lightning rod,  
This year, this year, Let the day arrive  
When Christmas comes for everyone, Everyone alive!

Grown child, old child, memory full of years,  
Sad child, lost child, story told with tears,  
This year, this year, Let the day arrive  
When Christmas comes for everyone, Everyone alive!

By Colin Gibson and Shirley Erena Murray  
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### ***What Child Is This?***

What child is this who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

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On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the king,  
Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing;  
Haste, haste to give Him laud  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,  
Come peasant, king to own Him,  
The King of kings, salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

This, this is Christ the king,  
Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing;  
Haste, haste to give Him laud  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

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Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing;  
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**Contemporary Word / Lectura Contemporanea**

Van English

***God Bless Us Every One***

by Marcia McFee

Ebenezer Scrooge has a prescription for humanity at the beginning of the story-the poor have only themselves to blame and would be better off dead. So when he is visited by the spirit of the present, he is admonished to "look!" He must really see the truth of the suffering world and his own hand in it. Love is the center of the message this week. What if we modeled our Advent and Christmas comings and goings as if we actually believe that God has already blessed everyone and we are called to make visible and tangible those blessings?

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

**All: Amen**

**+ Scripture Lesson / Lectura Bíblica**

Gloria Marrero

***Deuteronomy 15:7-11***

Now if there are some poor persons among you, say one of your fellow Israelites in one of your cities in the land that the Lord your God is giving you, don't be hard-hearted or tightfisted toward your poor fellow Israelites. To the contrary! Open your hand wide to them.

***Matthew 2: 1-18***

When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and much grieving. Rachel weeping for her children, and she did not want to be comforted, because they were no more.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem / Selección Musical**

Gospel Ensemble

***Silver and Gold***

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**Sermon / Sermón**

Rev. Troy Treash

***God Bless Us, Every One: Look Upon Me***

## 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.

### Blessing of the Toys / Bendición de los juguetes

Rev. Troy Treash, Rev. Vieky Gibbs,  
Dee Dee Watters

### Sermon Response / Respuesta de Sermón

Joel Hammett

### We Offer Ourselves / Nos Ofrecemos

Tarek Abuata

### Invitation to Give / Invitación a Dar

Robert Amidon

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

### Offertory / Ofrenda

Gospel Ensemble

#### *Praise the Lord*

by Kenneth Paden  
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### Prayer of Receiving / Oración de Recepción

Robert Amidon

### Communion / Comunión

Rev. Vickey Gibbs  
Rev. Troy Treash

### Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunión

Joel Hammett

### Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias

Rev. Vickey Gibbs

### + Closing Song / Canto de Salida

#### *O Come All Ye Faithful*

O Come All Ye Faithful, Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him,  
Born the King of angels; O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,  
O Jesus! to Thee be all glory giv'n.  
Word of the Maker, now in flesh appearing;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

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### + Benediction / Bendición

Rev. Troy Treash

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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

### ResurrectionMCC

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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.

# Creating a Welcoming Space for Everyone

Resurrection MCC is committed to creating a positive environment for our congregation.

Inclusion and Community are two of the fundamental values of Resurrection MCC. Sexual harassment and other forms of violence strike at the heart of both. Harassment, violence, and bigotry create feelings of fear, uneasiness, humiliation, and discomfort. They are expressions of perceived power and superiority by the harasser over another person. Sometimes, even when our actions are not intentionally hurtful, what we say and do can hurt others or make them feel uncomfortable.

Sexual harassment is a form of sexual violence. Sexual harassment and sexual violence is any unwanted attention of a sexual nature, including:

- Remarks about appearance or personal life
- Unwanted flirtations or advances
- Offensive written or visual depictions like graffiti or degrading pictures
- Touching someone without their permission (groping, grabbing, hugging, petting, biting)
- Unwanted sexual demands, pressure, propositions, or requests for sexual activities
- Graphic comments about an individual's body or dress
- Verbal abuse, including sexual insults and name calling
- Rewards for granting sexual favors or the withholding of rewards for refusing to grant sexual favors
- Sexual assault, rape, and sexual violence

Many Resurrection MCC attendees create and build social and sexual relationships with one another. We want to remind you that if you are considering engaging in sexual relationships, consent is essential. Please be sure that all involved have similar expectations and engage in safe sexual practices. Free HIV & STD testing is provided by Fort Bend County Health Services on the first Sunday of each month from 10 am - 2 pm in the Gathering Place. Female and male condoms are available in our restrooms.

Resurrection MCC is proud to host a beautiful and diverse LGBTQ and allied community where vibrant diversity in sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression is welcome. It is all our responsibility to ensure that each member of our LGBTQ and ally family feels welcome and affirmed.

Thank you for your help in ensuring that Resurrection MCC is an environment where all participants feel safe, comfortable, and celebrated as members of our extended family.

If you experience sexual harassment or violence or feel threatened, please contact Sharri McGlaathing, member of our Board of Directors, at [Sharri@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Sharri@ResurrectionMCC.org), or you may leave a voicemail at 281-254-8025. Communications will be kept confidential.

-- Adapted from 2018 Creating Change Conference Program



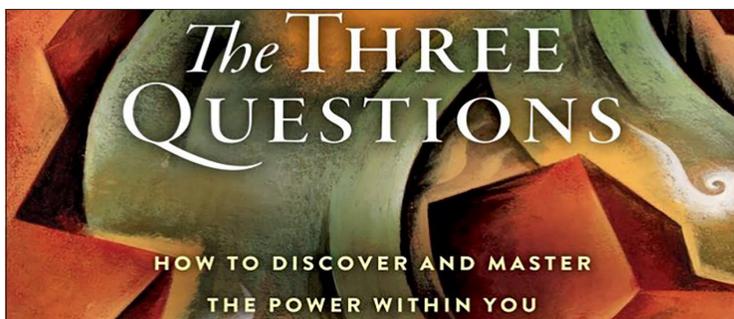
## TODAY

5:00 - 7:00 pm • Activities Building

Ven a Celebrar con nosotros la fiesta tradicional Mexicana llamada Posada donde se reunen la familia, amistades y vecinos. La posada es una recreacion de la peregrinacion de censo a Belen de Maria y Jose en busca de alojamiento. En la posada se incluire una pastorela. La pastorela es la historia del nacimiento de Jesus montada como comedia. Habra 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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WEDNESDAYS  
January 9, 16, 23, 30  
7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering Place

In Don Miguel Ruiz 's, Three Questions: How to Discover and Master the Power Within You, he takes us deeper into Native American spiritual practice, and asks us to consider essential questions that drive our lives and govern our spiritual power. Three eternal questions can help us into our power and use it judiciously:

Who am I? What is real? How do I express love?

Finding the answers will open the door to the next stage in our development, and eventually lead us to our complete, truest selves.

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# Meet Me at the MANGER



At Resurrection MCC we celebrate the gift of God's love every day, all year long.

We celebrate God's love with special joy at Christmas, blessed that long ago God put each of us "at the top of the list" and gave the most wonderful gift to us all - Jesus Christ. Each Christmas, as we gather at the manger to receive the gift of Jesus Christ anew, we come grateful. And this time, we come bringing our gifts too...

You're invited to join us...Meet Me at the Manger!

It's beautifully simple: This Christmas, as you open your hearts and make a list of your family and friends and the gifts you hope to give this Christmas, give thanks for the blessing of your loved ones and for God's provision which makes it possible for you to have gifts to bring them.

And then put Jesus on top of the list.

In the candlelit beauty of Christmas Eve, many of us will make a special gift to the ministry of Resurrection MCC in celebration of our relationship with Jesus and his life among us. We will make an offering (beyond our regular giving) in the amount of one dollar more than the cost of the most expensive gift we have on our list. We will place it in a small gift box, and place it in the basket near the altar on Christmas Eve. For some of us, this is a way of honoring what we value most this season; for others, it's a way to say "Thank You" or "I Love you!" to God. For many of us, it is a spiritual practice, like prayer or fasting. For all of us, it is a joy and a blessing.

We hope you will join us...Meet Me at the Manger!  
Empty gift boxes are available at all the Sanctuary entrances.



**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9**  
11:30 am - 1:30 pm • Gathering Place

Our presenter will be Leslie Bonnie with Dignity Memorial, where she has been a Pre-Planning Advisor for over 5 years. She is also a licensed Funeral Director, and was such at Dignity before switching to the Pre-Need side, because she saw the stress and burden on surviving family members having to take care of their loved one's services when nothing was prepared in advance, so she channeled her passion and empathy to educate as many families as she can about Pre-Planning. Her background as a Funeral Director and her knowledge of Pre-Need has made her a top Pre-Planning Advisor with the company for many years. She is also the Dignity Memorial representative to the LGBTQ community, representing more than 44 locations all over the Greater Houston area.

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## FRIDAY NIGHT OUT



**FRIDAY**  
**JANUARY 11**  
7 - 9 pm

**KIM SON**

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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](mailto:FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org)



# FINANCIAL HEALTH

SATURDAY  
JANUARY 12

10 am - 12 pm • Gathering Place

Join as we explore personal money management tools for individuals and families to begin building a more stable financial future.

RevVickey@ResurrectionMCC.org

# YAAS



SATURDAY  
JANUARY 12

6 - 9 pm • Gathering Place

A time for Resurrection's Young Adults (21 - 39 years old) to get to know each other in an informal setting. "Loteria" and Latinx-inspired light bites will be shared.

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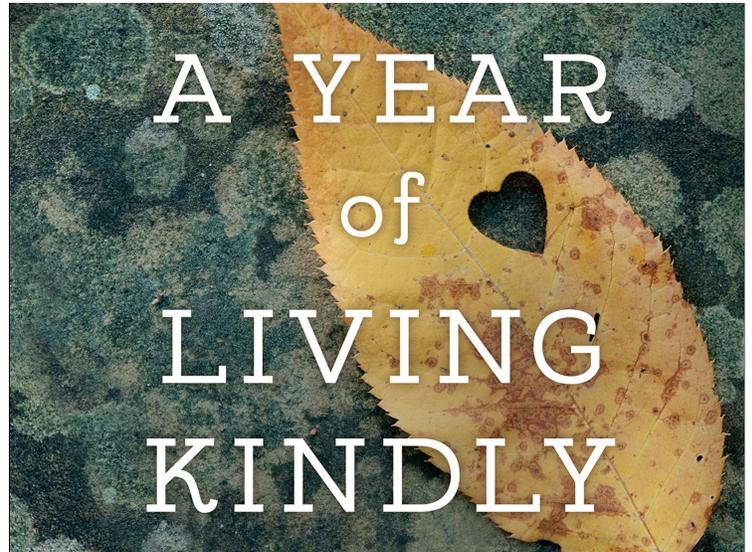


# The Bible Read Chronologically

2019 DAILY DEVOTIONAL

A Common Read invites participants to read and discuss the same book in a given period of time. A Common Read can build community in our congregation and our movement by giving diverse people a shared experience, shared language, and a basis for deep, meaningful conversations.

Subscribe at [www.ResurrectionMCC.org/bible2019](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org/bible2019)  
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2019 DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Being kind is something most of us do when it's easy and when it suits us. Being kind when we don't feel like it, or when all of our buttons are being pushed, is hard. But that's also when it's most needed; that's when it can defuse anger and even violence, when it can restore civility in our personal and virtual interactions. Kindness has the power to profoundly change our relationships with other people and with ourselves. It can, in fact, change the world.

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# IN.formation

December 26 • January 14 & 28  
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

## We See You. Solidarity.



## SUNDAY • BI-WEEKLY

December 23 • January 6, 20

Gathering Place Meeting Room • 12:30 - 2 pm

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.

# 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

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.

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## 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

## 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



**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 December 9, 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	\$742,722.89	\$696,006.92
Fundraising	\$51,826.81	\$49,702.04
Events/Leases	\$154,129.50	\$99,168.09
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$948,679.20</b>	<b>\$844,877.05</b>
Deficit		(\$103,802.15)
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Week Ended</b>	<b>YTD Average</b>
Worship	314	336
Programming	632	552
Total Weekly Attendance	946	888

## 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 DECEMBER 16

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
1:00 pm	Christmas Bag Distribution	Activities Building
1:30 pm	La Casa De Todos Servicio (en Español)	Capilla

### MONDAY DECEMBER 17

6:30 pm	Toastmasters	Gathering Place
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### TUESDAY DECEMBER 18

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

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 19

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

### THURSDAY DECEMBER 20

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

### FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 21

No Events Scheduled

### SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 22

9:30 am	Overeaters Anonymous	Chapel
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### SUNDAY DECEMBER 23

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
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**NEXT SUNDAY: DEMERIS BAR-B-Q**

# BRUNCH BUDDIES

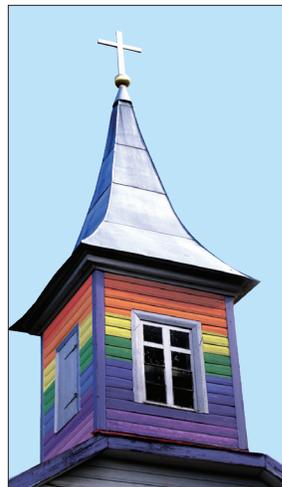
## YANK SING CHINESE

2005 Mangum Rd, Houston, TX 77092  
713-688-8802 • [www.yanksinghouston.com](http://www.yanksinghouston.com)

### 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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*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



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Metropolitan Community Church

Sunday Worship 9 & 11 am • Nursery • Handicap Accessible • 11 am - Spanish & Deaf Interpretation, Youth & Teen Program  
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