



# New Light

A Metropolitan Community Church

Sundays – MORNING SERVICES – 10:30 AM / Wednesdays – BIBLE STUDY – 6:30 PM

March 2017

Newsletter  
[www.newlightmcc.com](http://www.newlightmcc.com)

## Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>  
6:00pm Dinner of Soup and Bread  
7:00pm Service



## Wednesday, March 1 – Ash Wednesday

Message: Becoming Authentic



We began our **Spring Fundraiser, Gardner's Chocolate Sale**, starting **February 12<sup>th</sup>**. Talk to Pastor Deb or David Brechbiel if you would like to help sell this year. **Sale ends March 19<sup>th</sup>**.

## Sunday, March 5

Message: Authentic Behavior

## Pastor Deb and New Light MCC's Installation Celebration.

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** - Mardi Gras Party with Dinner. We will begin at 5pm. It is a potluck so bring your best dish. You can dress or not. We will celebrate with great food, music, good conversations, games, and laughter.

**Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** -The Official Installation will take place during our morning 10:30am worship service, followed by a meal. It is a potluck so bring your best dish. *Reverend David Smith will be our special guest.*



## Sunday, March 12

Message: Expecting the Unexpected



We are on a journey with God. And we need to have a vision and goals for New Light. On **Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** after service, we will have a workshop for to vision and work on a strategic plan. It will be a pot luck lunch so bring a dish to share. I hope everyone will make plans to come. Everyone's input is important as we move forward with the journey God has planned for us.

**Sunday, March 19**

Message: Thanks-Living

**Sunday, March 26**

Message: God Believes In You

Our **Congregational Care Team** meeting has been re-scheduled for **Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** after church to discuss and plan the work of this team. Bring a bag lunch. Any questions, talk with Pastor Deb.



## 2 Lenten Challenges

*Often during the season of Lent, we are encouraged to give up something like chocolate or soda, TV or screen time. I want to challenge us to give to something instead. Both of these challenges help people in need.*

From now until Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting the items listed below to make 15 baskets for the men and women who call Holly Place home. Please Give

15 baskets	combs	snacks (healthy or sugar free)
Socks	brushes	adult coloring books
Lotion	lip balm	colored pencils
Shampoo	toothbrush	
Tissues	toothpaste	



### 1<sup>st</sup> Challenge

**Holly Place** is an Assisted Living facility for those who need services but cannot afford a Commercial Living Facility and have no place to go. Located at 268 South Potomac Street here in Hagerstown. They count on local help to survive.

## Money for Life Changing Service

This solo cup is your bucket for our **2<sup>nd</sup> Lenten Challenge**. We ask you to challenge yourself and/or your family to make a financial sacrifice during this season of Lent. The goal is to **Fill up this cup each week of Lent and bring it in and deposit in the big bucket near the altar.**



**Here are some suggestions:** Perhaps give up going out to dinner one week and put the money in the cup or put in the cup what you use to buy a cup of coffee or fill it with all your change or come up with some other creative way to fill your cup. The key is for each of us to make a personal sacrifice and together we can produce a miracle amount for Life Changing Service. The money will be used to support outreach projects, Pride events, and social justice and other service projects in the community.



Join us on **Wednesday Nights at 6:30 PM** for **Purposeful Faith Development**. Bring a dish to share. We are learning about community and change which you can apply to everyday life.

# Greetings From Pastor Deb

# Social Justice

As an American citizen, I am horrified and outraged at how the current Administration is conducting the affairs of this country. As a pastor, I am extremely concerned about how we as a congregation and individuals are impacted emotionally, physically and spiritually.

I want to encourage you to use your voice to take action against the issues that greatly concern you. And as a community of faith, we do have a strong voice. And we will be looking for way to resist and support those under fire. Here are some suggestions for now:

1. Find out how to get in touch with your Senator and Congressmen. Keep this information in your contacts. Contact them about issues which concern you.
2. Find friends of like mind and connect with them. Share Information. Together, we can make a difference.
3. Take care of yourself. Turn social media off for a while each day. Get plenty of sleep and eat well.
4. Follow activist on Facebook such as Linda Sarsour, Tamika D. Mallory, Yvette Flunder, Carmen Perez, and Shishi Rose.
5. Resist!

I have created a **closed Facebook page** – [New Light Social Justice](#). If you would like to be invited to join, let me know or accept the invitation to join if I already am your Facebook friend. I also will be starting an e-mail group as another way to connect. If you would like to be a part of this group, please sign up on sheet in kitchen. You can do both. Finally, if you would like to talk, please know that I am there for you. Peace!



# Ministry Opportunities

## ***Giving together – Ways to Help New Light do Ministry***

We are still taking used ink cartridges so we may recycle them at Staples for their Rewards program and continue to pay for our new printer cartridges thru that program.

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Our **Recycling Ministry** is headed by Rosalie Jones. Rosalie takes our used paper, cardboard, plastic and cans to be recycled. The cans she takes to get cash for and it benefits the General Fund. She would like to ask if anyone in the congregation would like to bring in their cans for our recycling fundraising, please contact her when you may be bringing in your cans. Also, if anyone would like to help Rosalie, please see her.

**Food & Friends** are still in need of 2 drivers to distribute food.  
*Please talk with Bruce Brooks.*



### **Food & Friends Dates:**

Sat. 3/11 @ 9:30 am

Sat. 3/25 @ 9:30 am



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## ***Automated Tithing***

If you would like to enroll in automatic online giving through your bank, follow these easy steps:

1. Go to your online bank account.
2. Click on "Pay Bills".
3. Click on "Add a Payee" and follow steps to add New Light MCC as a payee:

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4. Click on "Pay Bills", scroll down your list and click on "New Light MCC".
5. Look for "Set up Automatic Payment" or "Set up Recurring Payment" and click on it. Follow steps to set up your weekly or monthly gift and the amount of each gift.

***Stay informed. Please update your church information.  
Fill out your information and place it in the offering plate.***





*Happy Birthday to you,  
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Happy Birthday:*

Harley Sanders – March 21  
David Washington – March 25  
David Brechbiel – March 26  
Charles Kline – March 28

*Happy Birthday to you!*

***Share your Prayer Requests!***

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Subject: Prayer Request  
If you feel a need to talk to  
the pastor, please call  
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