Twentieth Anniversary Year - April 2016



New Light

Newsletter

Sundays – MORNING SERVICES – 10:30 AM Wednesdays – BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 PM Sunday, April 17 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – Noon *Our Pastoral Search has begun. We have placed on our website, Facebook page, Eastern Network Group page our*

search requirements. We will be taking a look at all resumes after the April 30th deadline for applications. This will be done on Sunday, May 1, 2016 at our Congregational Workshop "God Bless Us Everyone"



Lectionary Readings

<u>April 3</u> – <u>April 10</u> – <u>April 17</u> – <u>April 24</u>

Co-Transitional Pastors:

Rev. Kelly Crenshaw / Rev. Sherry Miller newlightmcc@hotmail.com



2016 marks our 20th Anniversary as New Light Metropolitan Community Church.

Join us as we celebrate our milestone.



Help **New Light Metropolitan Community Church** every time you shop:

http://www.iGive.com/NewLightMetropolitanCommunityChurch.

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. We saved \$5.00 on office supplies last month.

Our Food Pantry could always use donations. We are serving those that have no other option. Please bring in your food or monetary donations during church hours or see Bruce Brooks to arrange a specific time to donate. If you'd like to volunteer or know of someone in need, talk to Bruce.

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 Food Pantry / Pastors Discretionary 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.

Our Charity Challenge Tub started with the Ice Bucket Challenge for ALS. It has evolved to different challenges and has just raised monies for amfAR and The Washington County SPCA and Children In Need. Give your loose change and help out our current chosen charity. This quarter our Charity Tub is helping with our church bills.

Is volunteering "your thing"? Look around ... there are always opportunities right in front of you. Here at the church if you see left over bulletins in the seat after church services, pick them up and take back to the greeters' table ... if the door glass is smudged, we have cleaners in the kitchen ... if social hour is busy and we have leftover food or the coffee pot needs turned off and clean, help clean up. It's not just the big projects that help out ... it's usually the small ones.



Share your Prayer Requests!

newlightmcc@hotmail.com ...

Subject: Prayer Request If you feel a need to talk to a pastor please call **301-797-5698**

Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday:

Chris Larkin – April 19

Happy Birthday to you!



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.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, April 3 at 10:30 am: Church Service. Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 pm: Bible Study. Saturday, April 9 at 9:30 to 10:00 am: Food & Friends delivery and Food Pantry. Sunday, April 10 at 10:30 am: Church Service. Sunday, April 10 at 12:00 pm: Outreach Team Meeting. Wednesday, April 13 at 7:00 pm: Bible Study. Saturday, April 16 at 8:00 am to 2:00 pm: Western Maryland Hospital Yard Sale Event. Sunday, April 17 at 10:30 am: Church Service. Sunday, April 17 at 12:00 pm: Board Meeting. Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00 pm: Bible Study. Saturday, April 23 at 9:30 to 10:00 am: Food & Friends delivery and Food Pantry. Sunday, April 24 at 10:30 am: Church Service. Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00 pm: Bible Study.

Bulletin announcements are due Wednesdays, noon, for inclusion in weekly bulletin. Items, for inclusion in the monthly newsletter, should be in the office no later than 3 days before publication, which is the last "day" of the month. So, you and the church are kept up-to-date, please make sure any new information is passed onto the office staff (David).



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MCC will be electing a new moderator at the next General Conference in July. There are four candidates for this position. Each candidate has a link from the MCC Moderator Nominating Committee's website to each candidates own webpage. These include their resumes, background and experience, videos introducing themselves as well as postings concerning each one's vision of MCC for the future. The Nominating Committee is asking each candidate a question on a weekly basis. Their

answers are also posted. The web address is mccchurch.org/mnc-candidates. Please take time to become familiar with each candidate. This election of a new moderator will have a profound and long lasting effect on MCC's journey in future. We will be sharing more as General Conference approaches.



Rev. Elder Diane Fisher, Rev. Elder Darlene Garner, Rev. Elder Hector Gutierrez, Rev. Dr. Irene Laudeman



A Pledge of Financial Support for

New Light Metropolitan Community Church

(I/We) pledge our support to the work of the church for the 2015-2016 church year in the amount of (monthly / yearly) (circle one)

(I/We) would like to assist with _____ expense.

Name ______

Signed

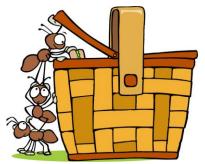
Outreach Events



April 16, 2016 we will participate in Western Maryland Hospital's Yard Sale Event. It is from 8 am till 2 pm.

(1500 Pennsylvania Ave, Hagerstown, MD) We are in need of saleable items to be donated to sell at our tables. *Please bring your items in now thru April 10.*

Also, if anyone wishes to volunteer to help with the event please see Charlotte Ashton.



We're planning a Picnic in the Park (Pangborn Park) on May 15, 2016, after church, from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Burgers and Dogs (with rolls) provided. Please sign up in the kitchen to bring side items.