

*Twentieth Anniversary Year* - May 2016



# New Light

A Metropolitan Community Church

## Newsletter

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

Sundays – MORNING SERVICES – 10:30 AM

Wednesdays – BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 PM

Sunday, May 1 – “GOD BLESS US EVERYONE”

Our congregational workshop will be discussing  
pastoral applications at 12:00 PM

Sunday, May 15 – PICNIC IN THE PARK – 12:00 – 3:00 PM

Sunday, May 22 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 12:00 PM



### Lectionary Readings

May 1 – May 8 – May 15 – May 22 – May 29

### Co-Transitional Pastors:

Rev. Kelly Crenshaw / Rev. Sherry Miller  
[newlightmcc@hotmail.com](mailto:newlightmcc@hotmail.com)



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

Join us as we celebrate our milestone.



**iGive.com**<sup>™</sup>  
Change online shopping for good.

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 \$18.00 on office supplies last month.**

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**We no longer have a Food Pantry. It wasn't being used. If you know of anyone in need send them to anyone of the other food pantries in the area. There is a list on the outside bulletin board.**

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.

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**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.***

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***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](mailto: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:*

**Walter Alvarez – May 4  
Ruth Iseminger – May 24  
Rev. Sherry Miller – May 30  
*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, May 1 at 10:30 am**: Church Service.

**Sunday, May 1 at 12:00 pm**: “God Bless Us Everyone”. Review and discussions on pastoral applications received.

**Wednesday, May 4 at 7:00 pm**: Bible Study.

**Saturday, May 7 at 9:30 to 10:00 am**: Food and Friends.

**Sunday, May 8 at 10:30 am**: Church Service.

**Sunday, May 8 at 12:00 pm**: Outreach Team Meeting.

**Sunday, May 11 at 7:00 pm**: Bible Study.

**Sunday, May 15 at 10:30 am**: Church Service.

**Sunday, May 15 at 12:00 to 3:00 pm**: Picnic in the Park (Pangborn Park).

**Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00 pm**: Bible Study.

**Saturday, May 21 at 9:30 to 10:00 am**: Food and Friends.

**Sunday, May 22 at 10:30 am**: Church Service.

**Sunday, May 22 at 12:00 pm**: Board Meeting.

**Wednesday, May 25 at 7:00 pm**: Bible Study.

**Sunday, May 29 at 10:30 am**: Church Service.

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](http://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

Our participation in Western Maryland Hospital Center's Yard Sale was a success and there are plans to join them again at their next one in the fall.



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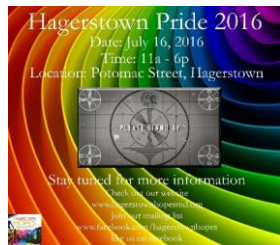
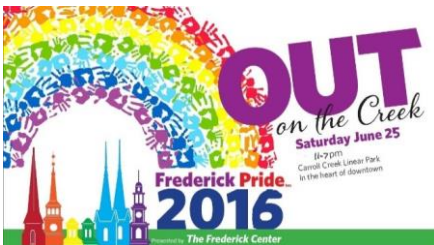
We're planning a Picnic in the Park (Pangborn Park) on May 15, 2016, after church, from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Burgers and Dogs (with rolls) provided. Please sign up in the kitchen to bring side items. There are some items already signed up for. Two weeks away.

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**Our Pride Service (10:30 AM) and our Pride Potluck (12:00 PM) will take place on Sunday, June 5. Please sign up to bring your special dish to the potluck. We're going to make it Pride themed. So, if you see Rainbow colored cookies, don't be too surprised!**

We will be participating in two Prides this year ...

**Frederick Pride, Saturday, June 25, 11 am till 7 pm, and Hagerstown's Pride, Saturday, July 16, 11 am till 6 pm.** Hagerstown's Pride has changed locations and will be held downtown this year.



Although we chose not to have a table at the **Eastern Panhandle Pride, Saturday, July 9, 11 am till 6 pm**, we will attend. They are in need of volunteers. If they do not get additional volunteers, they may not have their pride event. **Contact: 1(304)728-0247 or [PanhandleAlliance@yahoo.com](mailto:PanhandleAlliance@yahoo.com)**

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The deadline for purchasing your **"New Light MCC" Pride t-shirt(s)** online is **May 8, 2016**. Go to [CustomInk](http://CustomInk) to place your order.

