

Twentieth Anniversary Year - **December 2016**



New Light

A Metropolitan Community Church

Newsletter

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Sundays – MORNING SERVICES – 10:30 AM

Wednesdays – BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 PM

**Sunday, December 18 – ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING – 12:00 PM**

Saturday, December 24 – Open House – 5:00 PM

Saturday, December 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – 7:00 PM



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

Join us as we celebrate our milestone.



Greetings From Pastor Deb

We have entered into the season of Advent. Advent (from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming") is considered to be the beginning of the Church Year. The season is for most Christians one of anticipation and hope. For us, it is not just a celebration of a moment in time when a baby was born, but also looks beyond to a time when the Bible tells us that Jesus will come again, not as a vulnerable baby but in power and with authority.

Advent is also a spiritual journey that Christians take, through the truths of Scripture that point to the birth of Messiah, to a reaffirmation that he has come, is present in the world today and will come again in glory. As we enter into this new season of Advent, may we with great anticipation and newness await the birth of Jesus again in our hearts. May Jesus speak to us anew with the wisdom of the ages so we may be prepared for the things to come. Jesus is surely present in the world today and forever in our hearts. May we live each day throughout the year so others may be touched.

For 2016, Advent is a season of new beginnings for New Light MCC and the Fenninger-Coggin family. God has called us together for "such a time as this." (Esther 4:14) My family and I are excited about this new adventure. It will be exciting to discover what God has in store for all of us.

As we begin our journey, I thought it would a good idea to share a little about the Fenninger-Coggin family. I hope in the coming months to learn more about all of you. Denise (Dee) and I have been together for 11 years and were married in July of 2014. In 2011, our lives changed forever when God brought 5 beautiful and amazing girls into our lives. Taty is 18, Espy is 16, Addy is 13, Lola is 8 and Ella is 7. We and the girls legally became a family in March of 2013. Each year on this date, we celebrate "Gotcha Day." They keep us very busy and have blessed our lives in ways that we never could have imagined. We also share our home in Lancaster, PA with 4 dogs – Zeke (16) a small poodle mix and the only male in our household; Jezebel (10) a rottweiler/chow mix; Shekinah (7) a yorkie/ bichon mix and Star (2) a black lab who drives us all crazy.

I have been in ministry for over 30 years. I am honored to be called to pastor New Light MCC. Please know that I have an open door policy. You may call or text me at (717)682-1873. If I do not answer, I will call back as soon as possible so leave a message. You may e-mail me at NewLightPastorDeb@gmail.com. I invite you to like my new Facebook page – Pastor Deb New Light MCC – to keep in touch as well as learn more about what is happening at New Light MCC from the Pastor's desk.

As we begin a new year, our family wishes you a very Merry Christmas and an amazing New Year.



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 **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.

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



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

Harold Gress – December 15
Terry Schildt - December 18

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:

Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00 PM – Bible Study.

Saturday, December 3 at 9:30 to 10:00 AM – Food and Friends.

Sunday, December 4 at 10:30 AM – Church Service. 2nd Sunday of Advent. Last Sunday for Head Start Hat and Gloves Collection.

Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 PM – Bible Study.

Sunday, December 11 at 10:30 AM – Church Service. 3rd Sunday of Advent.

Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 PM – Bible Study.

Saturday, December 17 at 9:30 to 10:00 AM – Food and Friends.

Sunday, December 18 at 10:30 AM – Church Service. 4th Sunday of Advent.

Sunday, December 18 at 12:00 PM – Congregational Meeting.

Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 PM – Bible Study.

Saturday, December 24 at 5:00 PM – Open House begins till Service starts. Please sign up for Finger Food.

Saturday, December 24 at 7:00 PM -- Christmas Eve Service. (No services on Christmas Day)

Wednesday, December 28 at 7:00 PM – Bible Study.

Saturday, December 31 at 9:30 to 10:00 AM – Food and Friends.

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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Outreach Events

We are working on the second-floor apartment. You are welcome to come up and explore and help.

We will be collecting gifts for 2 families from lists sent to us by social services. Lists of needs are in our kitchen to sign up to provide gifts.

Lou Clingenpeel is head of our New Light Children Hats and Glove for Head Start children thru December 4th. Please bring in your new children hat and gloves to help with this ministry.

We will be having an “open house” on Saturday, December 24, 2016 beginning at 5:00 PM before Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 PM. Members are encouraged to bring “finger food” for snacks. A sign-up sheet will be in the kitchen area.

Our church family will be honoring our faithful co-transitional pastors that have ended their work here with a Dinner at “28 South” on Saturday, December 10 at 6pm on the upper balcony (seats 22). If you like to join in, be there.

If you have ideas for social events contact our Outreach Team leader, Charlotte Ashton, with your ideas.