

December 2015



New Light

A Metropolitan Community Church

Newsletter

www.newlightmcc.com

Sundays – MORNING SERVICES – 10:30 AM

Wednesdays – BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 PM

Sunday, Dec. 6 – GOD BLESS US, EVERYONE! – Noon

Our monthly congregational workshop to help us understand our past, our present, and our future here at New Light MCC.

Sunday, Dec. 20 – ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Noon

Thursday, Dec. 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – 7:00 PM



Lectionary Readings

Dec. 6 – Dec. 13 – Dec. 20 – Dec. 27

Co-Transitional Pastors:

Rev. Kelly Crenshaw / Rev. Sherry Miller
240-500-0481



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

**We're planning on a yearlong
Jubilee Celebration.**

If you have ideas of things we can do or would like to help plan, contact the Outreach Team (Charlotte Ashton, chair), a Board member, or one of the Co-Pastors.

GOD BLESS US EVERY ONE

-Tiny Tim

Our Fifteenth Congregational Workshop
Sunday, December 6, 2015 – Noon

Join us as we look at our “Past, Present, & Future”
here at New Light. Plans are underway for the future.



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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 \$14.00 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 do-
nate. 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 aluminum to be recycled. The aluminum 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 aluminum for our recycling
fundraising, please contact her when you may be bringing in your cans. Also, if any-
one would like to help Rosalie, please see her.

**We are collecting gifts for 3 families provided to us by Social Services for
Christmas gifts. Our lists are located in our church kitchen where you can
sign up to supply a need. We'll be collecting until Sunday, December 20
and will be wrapping the gifts that day.**

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 we'll be having some creative church uses for our Charity Tub.



Share your Prayer Requests!

newlightmcc@hotmail.com ...

Subject: Prayer Request

If you feel a need to talk to
a pastor please call
240-500-0481

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

Kristen Pike-Summers – 12/1

Harold Gress, Jr. – 12/15

Terry Schildt – 12/18

Kelli Summers-Pike – 12/19

Ronnie Stephen – 12/26

Happy Birthday to you!



Lou Clingenpeel is again organizing our **Head Start Hats & Gloves Collection** for children 5 and under. A basket has been placed in front of the altar for your hats and gloves donations. If you'd like to contribute monetarily, place your cash or check donation in an envelope marked "Head Start Glove Drive" and place it in our collection plate. This project is taking place now and runs thru December 6.



Angels We Have Heard On High - Hark The Herald Angels Sing...



Come **Sunday, December 6, 2015** to our **10:30 AM Service for "The Hanging of the Greens."** We will be featuring "Angels" in our decorations this year. If you have a favorite Angel decoration that you'd like to share with the church, please bring it. You can add an Angel anytime during the month. *If you're an Angel*, you will receive an Angel to either take home or put up at church. *How can you be an Angel?* Donate to the food pantry, help pay a church bill ... there are many Angelic deeds that will earn you Angel status. Our AIDS Memorial

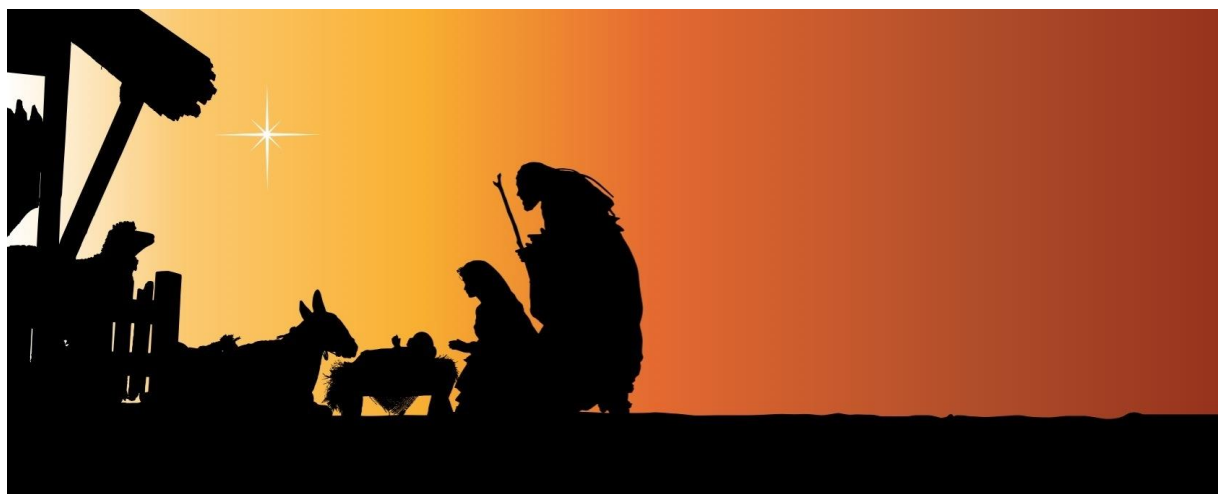
Ribbon Tree will also be featuring Angels. Our main Christmas Tree will be loaded with your Angels.

We are in our Advent Season. Our theme this year is
These Are the Days ...

In this time of strife and struggle so prevalent in our world, when the very lives and dignity of people are so often threatened by the systems of oppression in the world, what does it mean for us who claim the Advent of the Christ Child?

How are we to respond faithfully to the ways that the presence of Christ is coming, has come, and is changing the world?

How can we not simply proclaim, but participate in the coming of Christ who is already at work in the world, working most often in the least likely way in the least likely people?



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, December 1: World AIDS Day.

Wednesday, December 2 at 7:00 pm: Bible Study.

Saturday, December 5 at 9:30 – 10:00 am: Food Pantry. Food and Friends delivery.

Sunday, December 6 at 10:30 am: Church Service.

Second Sunday in Advent. Hanging of the Greens.

Sunday, December 6 at 12:00 pm: Monthly Congregational Meeting:
“God Bless Us Everyone.”

Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00 pm: Bible Study.

Sunday, December 13 at 10:30 am: Church Service.

Third Sunday in Advent.

Sunday, December 13 at 12:00 pm: Outreach Meeting.

Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00 pm: Bible Study.

Saturday, December 19 at 9:30 – 10:00 am: Food Pantry. Food and Friends delivery.

Sunday, December 20 at 10:30 am: Church Service.

Fourth Sunday in Advent.

Sunday, December 20 at 12:00 pm: Annual Congregational Meeting.

Wednesday, December 23 at 7:00 pm: Bible Study.

Thursday, December 24 at 7:00 pm: Christmas Eve Church Service.

Sunday, December 27 at 10:30 am: Church Service.

Wednesday, December 30 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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