

New Light

A Metropolitan Community Church



January 2015

Newsletter

www.newlightmcc.com

Sundays – MORNING SERVICES – 10:30 AM

Wednesdays – BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 PM

Our Weekly Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
(doors open at 6:30 PM)

Sunday, January 4 – 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.

Bring your holiday leftovers for our potluck before the workshop.

Sunday, January 11 – FOOD PANTRY DONATION SUNDAY

Bring your non-perishable food donations to help out our Food Pantry.

Sunday, January 25 – MEDITATION GROUP MEETS – 12:00 PM

- NO BOARD MEETING THIS MONTH -

Board Members:

Arlene Leon – Moderator

Harold Gress – Treasurer / Secretary

Terry Schildt – Building Management

Bruce Brooks – Lay Delegate

MORE TO COME ...



January Lectionary Readings

January 4 – January 11 – January 18 – January 25

GOD BLESS US EVERY ONE
-Tiny Tim

A constructive look at New Light's *past, present and future.*

Sunday, January 4, 2015

12:00 noon

**New Light is hosting monthly congregational meetings
which will focus on finding our vision for the future.**

We need everyone's help to make this a productive process.

This means, WE NEED YOU to come to these meetings.

Bring your holiday leftovers for our potluck before the workshop.

January Events

Sundays

10:30 AM - Services

Wednesdays

7:00 PM - BIBLE STUDY

Sat., Jan. 3, 17, 31

9:30 AM – Food Pantry

Food & Friends

Sun., Jan 11

Food Pantry Donation Sunday

Sun., Jan. 25

**12:00 PM – Meditation Group
Meeting**

Visit our Website,

www.newlightmcc.com for our calendar
of events.

Visit us on Facebook for
up-to-date notices:

www.facebook.com/NewLightMCC

Pastor Phone

Our co-transitional pastors, Rev. Kelly Crenshaw and Rev. Sherry Miller will share in congregational care duties. If you feel a need to talk to a pastor please call **240-500-0481**.

Weddings!

We now are taking bookings for weddings at New Light MCC. Please call to make arrangements with Rev. Kelly Crewshaw or Rev. Sherry Miiller and discuss our rentable space. **(240-500-0481)**.

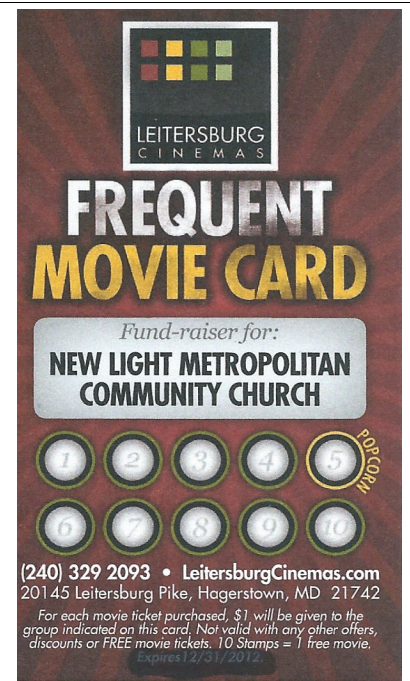
Volunteer Thanks!

Thanks again to Rosalie Jones who has volunteered to take all our recyclables, paper, aluminum and plastic. If anyone wishes to help, please see Rosalie.

Movie Fundraiser

Please be sure to pickup a Movie Fundraiser Card and use it each time you see a movie at Leitersburg Cinemas. Our Scholarship Fund earns \$1.00 for each movie seen with use of the Movie Fundraiser Card. After 5 ticket purchases **YOU RECEIVE FREE POPCORN** ... After 10 ticket purchases **YOU RECEIVE A FREE MOVIE**. (Ignore the expiration date ... they do.)

Last quarter (July, August, September) we earned \$49.00 from this fundraiser



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



<http://www.iGive.com/NewLightMetropolitanCommunityChurch>. And right now, iGive is helping even more by donating \$5 for every new member who joins before Dec. 15. No purchase necessary. In other words, for FREE! The only requirement, sign-up and try the free and optional iGive Button through 2/15/15.

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 \$65.00 on office supplies last month.

Automated Tithing

If you wish info on how to do automatic withdrawal for giving we have info that you can pick up or email us and we'll send you the information.

Last month's "Christmas Gift Raffle" raised a total of \$1373.00 for the Building and Food Pantry Funds. Thanks to all who helped sell, and those who bought chances. Winners were:

**1st Drawing: Rosalie Jones; 2nd Drawing: Bruce Brooks;
3rd Drawing: Allen Oberholzer; 4th Drawing: David Brechbiel;
5th Drawing: Beth Sullivan; 6th Drawing: Barb Sweeney;
7th Drawing: Gloria Breakiron.**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 4 – Kathryn Boyd-Mansfield (M)
Jan. 4 -- Howard Dunn (M)
Jan. 5 – Mauricio Santiago (M)
Jan. 7 – Cheryl Evans (M)
Jan. 8 – Charles Keahey (M)
Jan. 8 – Rosalie Jones
Jan. 9 – Gayle Cooper
Jan. 16 – Harland Garrison
Jan. 16 – Lester Smith
Jan. 23 – Elaine Lyon

**Please join us in wishing these fine folks
a Happy Birthday!**

If your or another member's birthday or anniversary does not appear please email newlightmcc@hotmail.com and help us update our information.



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.

Check out our [Resources and Links Page](#) on our Website.

There's many useful files to view.

You'll find the [Pastoral Search Power Point Presentation Download](#)

that Rev. Tony Freeman sent us.

Please download it and review.

Our Board of Directors are prayerfully and carefully looking at potential pastor resumes. We are blessed.

We have hired co-transitional pastors,

Rev. Kelly Crenshaw and Rev. Sherry Miller to help us thru the process of finding a permanent pastor. They will share in the congregational care so if you feel the need to talk to one of the pastors on call, call their direct phone at

240-500-0481.





Join us in a **24-hour MCC Fast & Prayer Vigil for Justice** on 15 January 2015, the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. This will be an intentional time for individuals and faith communities to pray about and reflect upon the question:

How can we BE JUSTICE that leads us through reconciliation to peace?

We are encouraging all faith communities to either (1) host a local Fast & Prayer Vigil for Justice and/or (2) invite the people of their faith communities to participate in the virtual MCC Fast & Prayer Vigil for Justice which will take place on [Facebook](#) (please Like and Follow the page today for updates, <https://www.facebook.com/MCCFastAndPrayerVigilForJustice>).

All are encouraged to post their prayers, reflections and meditations on the MCC webpage, <http://mccchurch.org/fastprayact/> dedicated to the vigil. You may begin posting now about what you will fast from, pray for and ultimately what action you are being led to take.

Our Denomination

Since its founding in 1968, MCC has been at the vanguard of civil and human rights movements by addressing important issues such as racism, sexism, homophobia, ageism, and other forms of oppression. MCC has been on the forefront in the struggle towards marriage equality in the US and other countries worldwide and continues to be a powerful voice in the LGBT equality movement.

Contact

newlightmcc@hotmail.com

Sunday Service volunteers are always needed. Be sure to sign up each week or respond to the volunteer emails sent out each week. You don't need to be a member to volunteer and participate in the service. A few of the positions needed to help keep the service running smooth are:

Altar Angel: This person prepares the communion juice and wafers and makes sure the proper seasonal adornments are used on the altar and the pulpit.

Either make coffee for social hour or ask someone to make it.

Greeter: This person is responsible for making sure they have all the items needed to greet people coming into the church ... bulletins, visitor packets, special occasion handouts. They greet each person, hand them bulletins, etc. for the service, ask if they would like to assist with our service and sign people up. If the person is a visitor give them a visitor packet and mention there is a form inside for them to request more information about the church and to help us to get to know them better as well. While doing your duties try not to have your back towards new guests as they come in the door. Always be ready to give a greeting of welcome.

If there are members in the area at the same time a visitor comes in get them involved in greeting new people. Make them feel they found a home here. Don't go "overboard" and scare them.

Sound: This person works in conjunction with the pastor and the musician to make sure the levels needed for best sound are kept throughout the service.

Training is available.

If you have moved in the past year and have not updated your church records please let us know of any changes.

Until next month...

Thank you New Light MCCers for the gifts and talents you bring to our church body so that we might take the message of God's love into our community, our country, and our world!

Religion is a compass, not a harness, let your heart explore. You have the freedom to break the chains of religion that might have held you captive so you can find the YOU that God intended you to be!

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