

What's Happening At New Light MCC

EVENTS

March, April, May

Join us on Wednesday Nights at 6:30pm for *Purposeful Faith Development*. Bring a dish to share. We will be focused on what it means to be an authentic disciple.



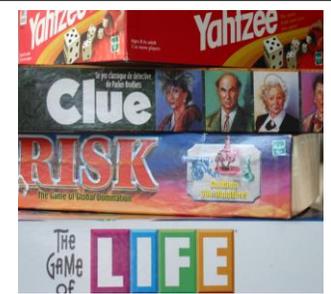
Blessing Bags

If you know someone who could use a blessing, please take one and give it away.
Share the LOVE.

Everyone's Social Group –

Everyone is invited to join this group to do fun things and hang out together.

Saturday, March 25th starting at 7:00pm - bring your favorite game and favorite snack. This will be a time to get together and do some planning.



Congregational
Care

Our **Congregational Care Team meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 26th** after church to discuss and plan the work of this team. Bring a bag lunch. Any questions, talk with Pastor Deb.

Spring Fundraiser

Gardner's Chocolate Sale started February 12th.

Ends March 19th.

Talk to Pastor Deb or David Brechbiel, if you would like to help sell and raise money for New Light MCC General Fund.

Thanks!!!!



Church Clean Up



Saturday, April 1st begins at 9:00am. Bring rakes and bags to clean behind church & cleaning supplies for kitchen.

Couple's Group –

Saturday, April 1st 7:00pm – bring your favorite game and favorite snack.



Bring A Friend To Church Sunday! Sunday, April 2nd

Most people attend church for the first time because someone asked them. Invite a friend and show off all the exciting things happening at New Light MCC!

Pot Luck after Service



March 25 – 9:30 AM April 25 – 9:30 AM
April 8 – 9:30 AM May 6 – 9:30 AM

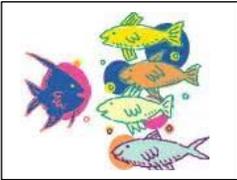


Worship Team Meeting
Sunday, April 2nd after lunch.
 Please join us if you want to be a part of our growing Worship Ministry.



Meetings

Outreach Team Meeting
Sunday, April 9th after church to discuss and plan summer outreach project and Pride. Bring a bag lunch. Any questions, talk with Pastor Deb.



Membership Class - April 30th after service
 Bring bag lunch

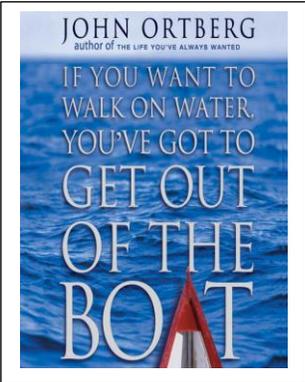
Finding Your Place In Ministry

Sunday, May 7th after service



Join us for a great workshop on spiritual gifts and learn about finding a place in ministry. Sign Up Sheet Is In Kitchen. Bring a dish to share as the workshop is several hours. There are several assessments you need to fill out before the workshop. Please talk with Pastor Deb.

Wednesday, May 10th – Purposeful Faith Development will begin a book study on “If You Want To Walk On Water, You Have To Get Out Of The Boat” by John Ortberg



Leadership Meeting

Saturday, May 20th
 9:00am to 1:00pm

All Leaders and anyone who would like to be a New Light Leader, please join us. Bring breakfast snacks to share.

2 Lenten Challenges

Often during the season of Lent, we are encouraged to give up something like chocolate or soda, TV or screen time. I want to challenge us to give to something instead. Both of these challenges help people in need.

From now until Sunday, April 9th we will be collecting the items listed below to make 15 baskets for the men and women who call Holly Place home. Please Give

15 baskets	combs	snacks (healthy or sugar free)
Socks	brushes	adult coloring books
Lotion	lip balm	colored pencils
Shampoo	toothbrush	
Tissues	toothpaste	



1st Challenge

Holly Place is an Assisted Living facility for those who need services but cannot afford a Commercial Living Facility and have no place to go. Located at 268 South Potomac Street here in Hagerstown. They count on local help to survive.

Money for Life Changing Service

This solo cup is your bucket for our 2nd Lenten challenge. We ask you to challenge yourself and/or your family to make a financial sacrifice during this season of Lent. The goal is to **Fill up this cup each week of Lent and bring it in and deposit in the big bucket near the altar.**

Let's do it!



Here are some suggestions: Perhaps give up going out to dinner one week and put the money in the cup or put in the cup what you use to buy a cup of coffee or fill it with all your change or come up with some other creative way to fill your cup. The key is for each of us to make a personal sacrifice and together we can produce a miracle amount for Life Changing Service. The money will be used to support outreach projects, Pride events, and social justice and other service

Holy Week Renewal

In order for us as a community to remember, we have planned dynamic opportunities to experience the journey of Jesus to Jerusalem and the cross. If you want your spiritual journey to come alive, then we hope you will join us for each event.

Palm Sunday – Sunday, April 9th is the beginning of Holy Week. Come celebrate Jesus' entrance into the city of Jerusalem

Maundy or Holy Thursday – Thursday, April 13th This service is designed for remembering the Lord's Supper and the commandment that we love one another. We will begin at 6:30pm with a simple meal followed by the sharing of communion.

Good Friday, - April 14th at 7:00pm Reflect on Christ's journey to the cross.

Lent



*As we continue growing, we need a system to organize ministry. We will be using these five practices to become a fruitful congregation. We will grow in ministry as God brings to New Light the gifts we need or people already here will rise up and begin to exercise their gifts. This is the birthing process of our new journey together. I invite you to ask questions.

The Five Practices of New Light MCC



Authentic Worship: is about people leaving feeling as though they have experienced God. We are called to worship with excellence. John 4:23 tells us "... the true worshipers will worship God in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers God seeks." We seek to accomplish authentic worship through creative worship planning team, worship leaders, our greeter, our prayer ministry, our a/v sound ministry as well as through our excellent music.

Purposeful Faith Development: is about specific practices you involve yourself in so that you can become an authentic disciple. Matthew 6:5 tells us "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." We seek to accomplish this through Wednesday Night Bible Study, our small group program, our workshops and retreats and through growing our children and youth up in faith through Sunday School and special programs.

Innovative Hospitality: is about making a commitment to invite, welcome, include, and support people. Innovative Hospitality reminds us as Jesus states in Matthew 20:28 "he came not to be served but to serve." We seek to accomplish this through our Sunday and Special Events Hospitality team, our congregational care program, our intercessory prayer team and our connection teams.

Life Changing Service: is about reaching out. We are challenged as Christians to reach out to others and work for justice as Jesus did. For those of us who are followers of Christ, it is not an option to love, to teach, to heal and to associate with the outcast, & the marginalized. We seek to accomplish this through our outreach projects in the community, our projects to draw people to our community of faith, Pride events, and our social justice activities.

Abundant Generosity: is about the giving of our dollars to support the work of New Light MCC. 2nd Corinthians 8: 11b-12 says "Give in proportion to what you have. Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. We are called to practice generosity. We seek to accomplish this through our leadership programs, our board of directors, stewardship, office administration and our connection with our denomination, UFMCC. * Adapted from "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" by Robert Schnase.