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Several people have ask, so we are sure more of you have wondered why you hav'nt gotten anything from the church in the mail. The energy that went into an MCC newsletter has been used for the community newspaper The Link. Most of you have received at least one copy in the mail, although some were overlooked in the first mailing as we tried to distribute as many as possible by hand since we had not been able to complete the work necessary to get our bulk rate mailing permit in time to mail the first issue, but did use it for the second.

Because there was little interest in producing our own newsletter at the time, it was felt that we could temporarily stop putting out a monthly newsletter and support a community paper that would carry most of our news and for a much lower cost per person effectively reach as many as ten times the people we were reaching in a newsletter sent first class mail to a hundred people. The Link is being published, although somewhat irregularly, and can use your help in any way. As subscriptions and ads continue to come in, it will become more stable. The introductory \$5.00 per year subscription offer ends April 1, with the price going to \$10.00. Send your check or money order to The Link, % P.O. Box 3879, Harrisburg, Pa. 17105.

Now, what about an MCC newsletter? We realize that a regular newsletter directed to those with expressed interest in MCC is an effective ministry and now that we have a bulk rate mailing permit you will probably hear from us more often. Just how often is uncertain at this time. Your input is needed. Some of the things to be considered include: the number of people and quality of help available, expressed concern about a newsletter and response to this one, the time when a clergyperson will be in Harrisburg and their time available and interest in a newsletter, the possibility of temporarily combining our newsletter with Lancaster's, and for the present time the need to communicate more directly with those people who have expressed interest in MCC as opposed to the larger readership of the newspaper.

#### Calendar of Events:

Worship service every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at the Friends Meeting House, Sixht and Herr Sts. in Harrisburg.

Friday April 2, 7:30 p.m. Board of Directors meeting at Carl and Mickey's in Hershey. The board meetings are open to all who wish to have input into the life and business of the Church.

Friday April 9, 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service at Friends Meeting House

Sunday April 11, Easter Sunrise Service at Front and Hamilton Sts. in Harrisburg at 6:00 a.m. Breakfast to follow the servie at the Friends Meeting House

7:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship Service (F. M. H.)



Sunday April 25, We are hosting a coffee hour for the Friends following their morning meeting. Our guest speaker that evening will be Sister Kathleen from Dignity.

Saturday May 1, May Day Tupperware Party- more information at a later date.

Thursday May 6, Our last skating party was such a success that we are doing it again at the Gold Skate in Middletown at 7:30 p.m. Donation is \$2.00. Tickets are on sale now.

#### Williamsport-

Our parish extension in Williamsport meets on the first Sunday of the month at the home of members. This month's meeting will be on April 4, at 1:30 at Richard and Wayne's. For more information contact the Harrisburg Church or WBGSG at P.O. Box 5104, S. Williamsport, Pa. 17701.

#### Lancaster-

The Lancaster group meets at 5:00 p.m. on Sundays, with worship service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at the Unitarian Church, with other meetings in private homes. There will be no meeting in Lancaster on Easter. For more information on the Lancaster parish extension call 392-2729.

Statistics- You may or may not put much stock by figures, but some people have ask why we don't publish offering and attendance figures, so here they are:

	<u>Average Attendance</u>	<u>Total Offering</u>	<u>Per Capita</u>
This month(Mar. '82)	20.5	\$365.09	\$4.45
Last month(Feb. '82)	18.25	\$323.51	\$4.05
Last year (Mar. '81)	14.0	\$128.89	\$1.84

Pastoral search- Please keep the pulpit committee in your prayers as they continue in the search for a pastor.

Recycling- Some of us are saving aluminum cans for recycling to raise funds for the church, but remember Jesus recycles lives.

## MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

A series of membership classes will be held starting Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 P.M. This is your opportunity to learn more about Metropolitan Community Church and to decide if you wish to become more involved or if MCC is for you. Several people have already expressed interest in the classes. Please let us know if you wish to participate. If there is enough interest another series of classes may be scheduled later in the Fall on a different night.

## CONGRATULATIONS PHILADELPHIA

We rejoice with our Brothers and Sisters at our Mother Church in Philadelphia over the purchase of their new building. This is the first MCC owned building north of Nashville and East of the Mississippi. It is a big step for Philadelphia and we wish them continued success. It will be nice if we can have a large delegation from Harrisburg to go to the dedication on October 11.

## THANKS

Many people in the Community have assisted MCC in a variety of ways in the past months. We have tried to thank all of them personally, but would like to again say thank you. We will not list them as we may miss someone and some contributions were made anonymously. These people know who they are and we thank them.

## PRAYER LIST

In the hospital -

Pat (from the Lancaster group)

Rachel L.

Tom's father

Bill's mother

Rev. Delores Berry (Baltimore)

For an end to the assaults and stabbings in the Williamsport area

Thanksgiving for MCC Philadelphia's new building