

# *St. Mark's United Methodist Church*

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*"We come together at St. Mark's to praise God, celebrate His love for us, and grow together in Christ by equipping the people of God to implement and spread His Word to the world."*

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*District Superintendent  
for the Southern Annapolis Region*

*Welcome, as we gather here to worship!*

*Sunday, July 31, 2022*

*Eighth Sunday After Pentecost*



*Kumeh-Poh Family*

*Order of Service*

*Ushers: Joseph Daniels, Ralph Laguerre and Sharon Thomas*

*Min. Nena Hughes, Worship Leader*

**Prelude .....Rev. Henry Tindal**

**Lighting of the Candles ..... Usher**

**Gathering Song.....St. Mark's Choir/Congregation**

**“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”**

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord; There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

**Greeting/Call to Worship .....Min. Nena Hughes**

Leader: We gather here in the presence of God and of one another.

**People: We come to worship and to praise God.**

Leader: We gather for a purpose.

**People:** We come together to understand the mission entrusted to us.

**Leader:** We gather to focus.

**People:** We gather to bear God's redeeming love to all the world.

**ALL:** Come let us worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.

**Hymn of Praise**..... **Choir/Congregation**

### *"Standin' in the Need of Prayer"*

***Refrain:***

It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer. It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer.

Not my brother or my sister, but it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer. Not my brother or my sister, but it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer. ***[Refrain]***

Not my mother or my father, but it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer. Not my mother or my father, but it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer. ***[Refrain]***

Not my stranger or my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer. Not my stranger or my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer. ***[Refrain]***

It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer. It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer.

**Prayer of Confession and Assurance** (*Unison*)

Gracious God, we come before you with humility, recognizing that doubt has led our decisions. We have allowed fear to lead, rather than love. Because of this, we have been unkind to our families, our friends, and especially our enemies. We pray that you will continue to transform our lives into the image of Christ, so we may be led by your love.

**The Lord's Prayer** (*sung*) ..... **St. Mark's Choir**

**The Invocation**.....**Min. Nena Hughes**  
**Song of Meditation** ..... **St. Mark's Choir**

**The Prayer of Illumination** (*Unison*)

Almighty God, you are the source of all light. You divinely separated light from darkness so that we may have the beauty of the light of day. Dear Lord, illuminate this day and enlighten us as we seek to know you through your word. May we be led by your light so our hearts may be opened to your word. We pray that we receive every word you speak to us today. Amen.

**Scripture Reading #1** .....**Min. Nena Hughes**  
(*Psalm 133:1-3, Common English Bible*)

**133** Look at how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one! <sup>2</sup> It is like expensive oil poured over the head, running down onto the beard—Aaron’s beard!—which extended over the collar of his robes. <sup>3</sup> It is like the dew on Mount Hermon streaming down onto the mountains of Zion, because it is there that the Lord has commanded the blessing: everlasting life.

**Scripture Reading #2** .....**Min. Nena Hughes**  
(*1 Timothy 5:1-8, Common English Bible*)

**Caring for God’s family**

**5** Don’t correct an older man, but encourage him like he’s your father; treat younger men like your brothers, <sup>2</sup> treat older women like your mother, and treat younger women like your sisters with appropriate respect.

<sup>3</sup> Take care of widows who are truly needy. <sup>4</sup> But if a particular widow has children or grandchildren, they should first learn to respect their own family and repay their parents, because this pleases God. <sup>5</sup> A widow who is truly needy and all alone puts her hope in God and keeps on going with requests and prayers, night and day. <sup>6</sup> But a widow who tries to live a life of luxury is dead even while she is alive. <sup>7</sup> Teach these things so that the families will be without fault. <sup>8</sup> But if someone doesn’t provide for their own family, and especially for a member of their household, they have denied the faith. They are worse than those who have no faith.

**Tithes and Offering**

**Blessing of Offering**.....**Min. Nena Hughes**

**Selection** ..... **St. Mark’s Choir**

**Scripture Reading #3** .....**Min. Nena Hughes**  
(*Mark 3:31–34, Common English Bible*)

<sup>31</sup> His mother and brothers arrived. They stood outside and sent word to him, calling for him. <sup>32</sup> A crowd was seated around him, and those sent to him said, “Look, your mother, brothers, and sisters are outside looking for you.”

<sup>33</sup> He replied, “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?”

<sup>34</sup> Looking around at those seated around him in a circle, he said, “Look, here are my mother and my brothers.

**Doxology – “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be low; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

## *Recognition of the Kumeh Family*

*Pastor Matthews and Brother Marcus Kumeh*

**Hymn of Preparation** ..... **St. Mark’s Choir**

**Inspirational Message** ..... **Rev. Eugene W. Matthews**

## *“The Family That Prays Together”*

**Praise and Prayer Concerns**

**Invitation / Altar Call** ..... **Rev. Eugene W. Matthews**

**Invitation Selection** ..... **St. Mark’s Choir**

**Welcome of Visitors**

**Announcements**

**Pastor’s Moment**

**Benediction**

# Announcements

## Pray Daily at Noon

Please remember to pray daily at NOON. Some areas to include in your prayer, can include the pandemic, racial healing, government leaders, educational challenges, and most importantly for our sick and shut-ins and each other.



**Reminder from Pastor Matthews:** With the new variants of Covid, please remember to wear your mask while you are in the sanctuary.

**Note:** Pastor Matthews will be on vacation from August 7<sup>th</sup> thru September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**August Birthdays and Anniversaries** — Please send me an email or text me with your dates.

The following Bible selections are provided for this week:

### August 1<sup>st</sup> – August 7<sup>th</sup>

Day 213 — Luke 10:25–42	Day 216 — Luke 11:33–54
Day 214 — Luke 11:1–13	Day 217 — Luke 12:1–21
Day 215 — Luke 11:14–32	Day 218 — Luke 12:22–48
	Day 219 — Luke 12:49–59

**Ladies Roundtable** — On hiatus (*watch for startup date*)

**Wednesday Night Experience** — On hiatus, *classes resume September 7<sup>th</sup>*

**Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>** (7:00 p.m.) — **No Choir** rehearsal



**Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** (8:00 a.m., Rain or Shine) — **10<sup>th</sup> Annual In-Person & Virtual Diabetes 5K Run/Walk/Fun Walk** at **Alice B. McCullough Field** (Montgomery & Eighth Street, Laurel, MD). USATF Certified Course professionally timed by **Blue Cheetah Sports Timing, LLC**. For Online Registration/Additional Information go to **Runsignup.com/Race/MD/Laurel/EmancipationDay5k**.



Exhibition Opened at **The Laurel Museum**, 817 Main Street, Laurel  
Hours 12:00–4:00 p.m. Saturday/Sunday

**Group Outing** — I have reserved 20 orchestra seats to see “**Tina – The Musical**” at the National Theater (Washington, DC) on **Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 pm. **Tickets: \$115 per ticket.** Reserve your ticket, you can make payments with all money being due by **September 11<sup>th</sup>**. As usual, we will try to provide transportation.

**Note from Finance:** First, let us give a big thank you to all that have been giving. This is a reminder that there are several ways to get your offering to the church:

1. You can drop it off at the church and place it in church mailbox
2. You can mail it to the church (601 Eighth Street, Laurel, MD 20707)
3. You can use on-line giving (Give–St. Marks — <https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/stmarkslmd>)

Again, thank you. Just remember, even during the pandemic, the church building still has obligations that need to be met.



*“Proclaiming Christ to the generations...  
Equipping disciples to transform the world”*

**Special Prayers / Sick and Shut-In List:** If you hear of anyone that is in need of special prayer or is taken to the hospital, please contact: Rev. Eugene Matthews (443.257.2730 (cell), 410.379.0600 (home), [reveugene@comcast.net](mailto:reveugene@comcast.net))

All branches of the Military, Lafayette Harvey, Anthony Latney, Bernice Jackson, Brenda Jackson, Floyd Hughes Sr., Shawn Settles, Jannette Shuford-Reeves, Gail Edwards (Gemma’s cousin), Chantel Ashley, Beverly Wright, Phillip Reese, Larry Powell, Naomi Williams (Ms. Cynthia’s Mom); Leah Henry, Sonja Smith, Marvin Hebron, Francis Desouza (Gemma’s son), Eric Smith, Nena Hughes, Gloria Thomas, Rev. George F. DeFord, Wanda Dumas, Tyrone Mundell, Joan Moore, Ernestine Gibson, Mildred Awkward, Grace Elaine Catchings, James Matthews, Birdie Walker, Paul Browder, Lamar Payne, Kevin Miller, Hannah Polk

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