

# *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, October 9, 2022*

*Breast Cancer Awareness*

*Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost*



## *Order of Service*

*Ushers:*

*Joseph Daniels and Thomas Matthews*

*Sister Cynthia Whitfield, 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** .....**Sister Cynthia Whitfield**

**Leader:** Make a Joyful noise to God!

**People:** **Sing the glory of God's name.**

**Leader:** Come and see all God has done.

**People:** **Sing the glory of God's name.**

**Leader:** God's steadfast love holds us safe forever.

**People:** **Sing the glory of God's name. Let us all sing together to the Glory of God!**

Hymn of Praise..... Choir/Congregation

*“I Thank You, Jesus”*

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

O God you know our frailties and failings. You reach out to us, surrounding us with your love. You know our deepest needs, even before we ask. Your Holy Spirit intercedes for us, given voice even to those that we struggle to name. In Jesus name, have mercy on us. For our inability to trust, strength us. Transform us from our indifference to your will and our unwillingness to fully love our neighbors as ourselves. Help us to live with thankfulness and joy. Help us to know that in you, we are made whole. **Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer** (*sung*)

**The Invocation**.....**Sister Cynthia Whitfield**

**Song of Meditation** ..... **St. Mark’s Choir**

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

God source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be open to hear the written Holy words this day. **Amen.**

**Scripture Reading #1** .....**Sister Cynthia Whitfield**

(*Jeremiah 29:27–34, Common English Bible*)

<sup>27</sup> So why haven’t you threatened Jeremiah of Anathoth, who pretends to be a prophet among you? <sup>28</sup> He has sent a letter telling those of us in Babylon: “You are going to be there a long time, so build houses and settle down, plant gardens and eat what they produce.”

<sup>29</sup> The priest Zephaniah read this letter to the prophet Jeremiah.

<sup>30</sup> Then the Lord’s word came to Jeremiah: <sup>31</sup> Send word to all the exiles: The Lord proclaims concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because Shemaiah prophesied to you when I didn’t send him, and because he convinced you to believe a lie, <sup>32</sup> I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite and his descendants, declares the Lord. Not one member of this people will be around to see the good that I have in store for my people, declares the Lord, for he incited rebellion against me.

**Scripture Reading #2 .....Sister Cynthia Whitfield**  
(2 Timothy 2:8–15, Common English Bible)

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead and descended from David. This is my good news. <sup>9</sup> This is the reason I'm suffering to the point that I'm in prison like a common criminal. But God's word cannot be imprisoned. <sup>10</sup> This is why I endure everything for the sake of those who are chosen by God so that they too may experience salvation in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> This saying is reliable:

“If we have died together, we will also live together.

<sup>12</sup> If we endure, we will also rule together.

If we deny him, he will also deny us.

<sup>13</sup> If we are disloyal, he stays faithful”

because he can't be anything else than what he is.

**Speak, instruct, and act correctly**

<sup>14</sup> Remind them of these things and warn them in the sight of God not to engage in battles over words that aren't helpful and only destroy those who hear them. <sup>15</sup> Make an effort to present yourself to God as a tried-and-true worker, who doesn't need to be ashamed but is one who interprets the message of truth correctly.

**Tithes and Offering**

**Blessing of Offering.....Sister Cynthia Whitfield**

**Selection ..... St. Mark's Choir**

**Scripture Reading #3 .....Sister Cynthia Whitfield**  
(Luke 17:11–19, Common English Bible)

**Jesus heals a Samaritan**

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with skin diseases approached him. Keeping their distance from him, <sup>13</sup> they raised their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, show us mercy!”

<sup>14</sup> When Jesus saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” As they left, they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> One of them, when he saw that he had been healed, returned and praised God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He fell on his face at Jesus' feet and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, “Weren't ten cleansed? Where are the

other nine? <sup>18</sup>No one returned to praise God except this  
foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go. Your faith  
has healed you."

**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.**

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

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

***"Be the Thankful One"***

**Praise and Prayer Concerns**

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

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

**Welcome of Visitors**

**Announcements**

**Pastor's Special Moment**

**Benediction**

# Announcements

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

## 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.



The following Bible selections are provided for this week:

### October 3<sup>rd</sup> – October 9<sup>th</sup>

Day 283 — Acts 3:12—4:4

Day 284 — Acts 4:5–22

Day 285 — Acts 4:23–37

Day 286 — Acts 5:1–16

Day 287 — Acts 5:17–42

Day 288 — Acts 6:1–15

Day 289 — Acts 7:1–29

**Wednesday Night Experience** (7:15 p.m.) — This is our weekly Bible Study, based on the Wednesday reading in Upper Room. **Call in #267.807.9611; Access Code: 331960.**

**Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>** (7:00 p.m.) — **Council meeting**

**Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** (7:00 p.m.) — **Choir rehearsal**

**Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** (10:00 a.m.) — **132<sup>nd</sup> Church**

**Anniversary** — “**God Is Not Through With Us Yet**”. Preacher of the hour, **Rev. Dr. Douglas B. Sands, Sr.** **Please be present and bring a family member or friend.** If possible, a sacrificial offering of \$1 for each year is requested.

**Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** (7:00 p.m.) — Pastor Matthews will be one of four other participants in **Asbury UMC DC Oral Histories** during a Zoom discussion. The following information is made available for those who would like to log on:

[communications@asburyumcdc.org](mailto:communications@asburyumcdc.org) with the subject line “ORAL HISTORY SHOWCASE”.

Today on **Pastor Appreciation Sunday** we extend our gratitude to you Pastor Matthews for the love, time, and care you extend to

each of us. The job that you do is not easy. The job that you do has changed lives and motivated each of us to spread the good news. Thank you for the powerful word you bring each Sunday, the leadership you've provided, and the blessing you are to each of us.

Best Wishes today and always,  
St. Mark's UMC

**Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> — Shout-Out Our Pastor** during service, time will be set aside for congregates and ministries to show their love and appreciation for Rev. Matthews. You can present a card and token of appreciation and just give thanks with a special word. If you plan to **participate, please** text or call Jaime (240.535.1336), so we can move in efficiency and order. Light refreshments will be served after service.

**Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> (6:00 p.m.) — Annual Church Conference.**

**Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> (TBD) — Pre-Women's Day Prayer Breakfast.** Additional information to follow. Speaker: Rev. Nicole Guns.

**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> (10:00 a.m.) — Annual Women's Day.** Additional information forthcoming on theme. Speaker: Elder Paula Simms. Women's Day Committee (Cynthia Augustus, Charlotte and Sharon Thomas). Our color this year will be an array of Fall colors and women are asked to give a sacrificial donation of \$100.

**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/stmarks1md>)

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

## Just Sharing

### Seven Scriptures you should stand on

**“His faithful love endures forever.” *Ps 118:2 NLT***

Do yourself a favor - read Psalm 118! (1) *“In my distress I prayed to the Lord, and the Lord answered me”* (v. 5 NLT). What are you battling today? A destructive habit? A crippling fear? A sense of worthlessness? God wants to set you free. (2) *“The Lord is for me, so I will have no fear”* (v. 6 NLT). Your future doesn’t rest in the hands of people, but God; a good God who has good plans for you. (3) *“He will help me. I will look in triumph at those who hate me”* (v. 7 NLT). When people try to put you down, God will raise you up. When they withhold from you, He will supply all your needs. (4) *“I will not die; instead, I will live to tell what the Lord has done”* (v. 17 NLT). We will all die someday; but you don’t have to die before your assignment is complete and you have brought glory to God. (5) *“The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not let me die”* (v. 18 NLT). Is God correcting you? Rejoice; His correction is not rejection. It’s protection against future mistakes. (6) *“This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it”* (v. 24 NLT). Whether yesterday was a triumph or a tragedy, God is giving you a new day. Seize it. Rejoice in it! (7) *“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever”* (v. 29 NLT). You may experience days without enough money, but you will never have a day without God’s mercy. These seven Scriptures are for you, so stand on them today.



# Sacred Grounds

Caring for people and wildlife

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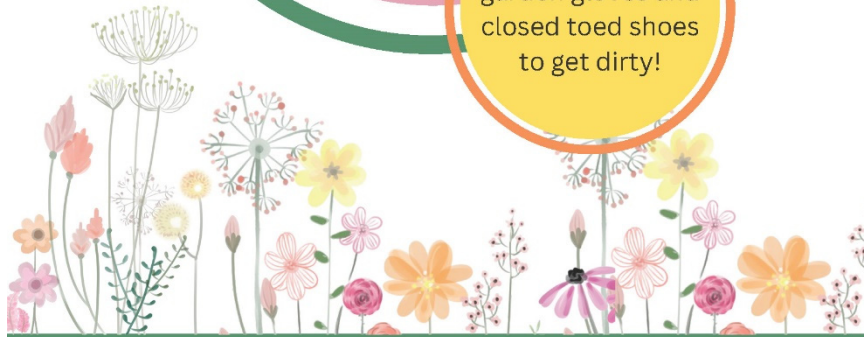
Native Plant Garden

Planting Date: October 20

9:30 AM



bring shovels,  
garden gloves and  
closed toed shoes  
to get dirty!





**DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS  
FAMILY ACTIVITY. PLEASE REACH OUT  
TO TIARA MATTHEWS ON HOW YOU  
CAN HELP**



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

**Special Prayers / Sick and Shut-In List:** If you hear of anyone that needs 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))

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