

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 30, 2022

Breast Cancer Awareness

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

Order of Service

Ushers:

Jaylah & Jalani Robertson

Kamille Quick & Gemma DeSouza-Ottley

Sister Cynthia Whitfield, Worship Leader

PreludeRev. 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 WorshipSister Cynthia Whitfield

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God.

People: Sing the glory of God.

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.

ALL: Sing the glory of God's name forever and ever!

Hymn of Praise..... Choir/Congregation

"It's Me It's Me, O Lord"

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 preacher or my teacher, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.

Not my preacher or my teacher, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer. *Refrain*

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 also know our deepest needs even before we ask. Your Holy Spirit intercedes for us, giving voice even to those needs that we struggle even to name. In Jesus' name, have mercy upon us. For those things we have done wrong, forgive us. For our inability to trust, strength us. Help us to live with thankfulness and joy. Assure us of your love and pardon that breaks every barrier that we erect. 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 of abundant life, Your grace is our daily bread. Nourish us by your word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may grow in faith and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading #1**Sister Cynthia Whitfield**
(*Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4, Common English Bible*)

1 The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

The prophet complains

2 Lord, how long will I call for help and you not listen?

I cry out to you, “Violence!”

but you don’t deliver us.

3 Why do you show me injustice and look at anguish

so that devastation and violence are before me?

There is strife, and conflict abounds.

4 The Instruction is ineffective.

Justice does not endure

because the wicked surround the righteous.

Justice becomes warped.

2 I will take my post;

I will position myself on the fortress.

I will keep watch to see what the Lord says to me

and how he will respond to my complaint.

The Lord responds

2 Then the Lord answered me and said,

Write a vision, and make it plain upon a tablet

so that a runner can read it.

3 There is still a vision for the appointed time;

it testifies to the end;

it does not deceive.

If it delays, wait for it;

for it is surely coming; it will not be late.

4 Some people’s desires are truly audacious;

they don’t do the right thing.

But the righteous person will live honestly.

Scripture Reading #2**Sister Cynthia Whitfield**
(*2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12, Common English Bible*)

Greeting

1 From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy:

To the church of the Thessalonians, which is in God our Father,
and in the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Grace and peace to all of you from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving and encouragement

3 Brothers and sisters, we must always thank God for you. This is
only right because your faithfulness is growing by leaps and
bounds, and the love that all of you have for each other is
increasing. **4** That’s why we ourselves are bragging about you in
God’s churches. We tell about your endurance and faithfulness in
all the harassments and trouble that you have put up with.

11 We are constantly praying for you for this: that our God will
make you worthy of his calling and accomplish every good desire
and faithful work by his power. **12** Then the name of our Lord Jesus
will be honored by you, and you will be honored by him,
consistent with the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Tithes and Offering

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

My Journey.....**Sister Erica Roy**

Selection **St. Mark’s Choir**

Scripture Reading #3**Sister Cynthia Whitfield**
(*Luke 18:9–14, Common English Bible*)

The Pharisee and the tax collector

9 Jesus told this parable to certain people who had convinced
themselves that they were righteous and who looked on everyone
else with disgust: **10** “Two people went up to the temple to pray.
One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. **11** The Pharisee
stood and prayed about himself with these words, ‘God, I thank
you that I’m not like everyone else—crooks, evildoers,
adulterers—or even like this tax collector. **12** I fast twice a week. I

give a tenth of everything I receive.’ ¹³ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He wouldn’t even lift his eyes to look toward heaven. Rather, he struck his chest and said, ‘God, show mercy to me, a sinner.’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this person went down to his home justified rather than the Pharisee. All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up.”

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

“Standing in the Need ...”

Praise and Prayer Concerns

Invitation / Altar Call

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.



THANKS! THANKS! THANKS!

St. Mark's for the splendid Pastor's Appreciation on last Sunday. I sincerely appreciate all the gifts, cards, well wishes, the food and fellowship that I experienced. Special thanks to Sister Jaime Coffen and SPRC for coordinating the event and for keeping everything, light, lively and succinct. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as your pastor.

Be Blessed, Pastor Matthews

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 31st – November 6th

Day 304 — Acts 15:22–41

Day 305 — Acts 16:1–15

Day 306 — Acts 16:16–40

Day 307 — Acts 17:1–15

Day 308 — Acts 17:16–34

Day 309 — Acts 19:1–20

Day 310 — Acts 19:21–41

Tuesday, November 1st (6:30 p.m.) — Women's Roundtable.

Join Zoom:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88571184455?pwd=UmpvVERkcjkyVFVoVHRlYlJxK284Zz09,](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88571184455?pwd=UmpvVERkcjkyVFVoVHRlYlJxK284Zz09)

Meeting ID: 885 7118 4455; **Passcode:** 459563

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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.

Thursday, November 3rd (7:00 p.m.) — **Choir** rehearsal

Monday, November 7th (7:00 p.m.) — **Nurture Meeting.** Zoom information forthcoming, along with special notification to members of this committee. Thanking you in advance for your participation.

IMPORTANT: VOTE ! VOTE! VOTE!

Tuesday, November 8th

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Variety Dinner Sale

Friday, November 11, 2022 – 11:00 a.m.

Donation \$15.00

Order Form

(will deliver 5 or more orders to one destination)

Standard Dinner

¼ Chicken (white or dark meat) or **Fish**
Choice of 2 Sides Green Beans, Mac & Cheese or Potato Salad

¼ Chicken White Meat (Breast and Wing)	<input type="checkbox"/>
¼ Chicken Dark Meat (Thigh and Leg)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fish	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extra Sides (\$3.00 each)	
Mac & Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	
Green Beans: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Potato Salad: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Soda/Water (assorted flavors) (\$1.00 each)	
Dessert (cakes and pies) \$2.00	

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Thank You for Your Order

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

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

Sunday, November 20th (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.

LARS "Adopt-A-Family" Christmas Program

We are sponsoring 4 children. Please select the items you would like to donate from the Wishlist sheet included in today's bulletin (following page). Let Sandy Johnson or Millicent George know the items you are donating. **The items should be wrapped or placed in gift bags.** PLEASE write the Family Number, Child's Initials, age, and gender on each individual gift. **Bring the gifts to St. Mark's on Sunday, December 4th or the last day is Thursday, December 8th by 2 p.m.** We're praying every St. Mark's member will participate. Thank you for being a blessing to these children.

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:

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ADOPT-A-FAMILY

FAMILY #3 - WISHLISTS

JM

Age: 7 Gender: Male
Favorite Color: Blue

Shirt—Size 7 Kids

Pants Size 7 Kids

Jacket/Coat—Size 7/8 Kids

Shoes—Size 13 Kids

Bicycle

Skateboard

Historic Event Books

Anime/Comic Books

Walmart Gift Card

KY

Age: 12 Gender: Male
Favorite Color: Black

Shirt—Size 16 Kids

Pants Size 16 Kids

Jacket/Coat—Size 16/18 Kids

Tennis Shoes—Size 10 Adult

Bicycle

Karaoke Machine

History/Art History/Comic
Books

Information About The Family

I am a single mother of 2 who has passed through very difficult times. I divorced my ex-husband due to domestic violence and was placed in a shelter for 2 months. COVID-19 has presented many challenges for my family.

HOUSEHOLD NEEDS

1. Queen Bed Sheets
2. Dresser
3. Winter Bed Sheets Queen

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

FAMILY #7 - WISHLISTS

JL	MR
Age: 16 Months	Age: 14 Gender: Female
Gender: Female	Favorite Colors: Black, Red, White
Favorite Color: Red	
Shirt—Size 3T Kids	Shirt—Size 14/16 Kids
Pants Size 3T Kids	Pants Size 14 Kids
Jacket/Coat—Size 3T Kids	Jacket/Coat—Size 14L Kids
Shoes—Size 7 Kids	Shoes—Size 7.5 Adult
Pampers: Size 6	AirForce 1's White or Black cats
Wipes	Jordan 4
Tablet	Nintendo Switch Tablet for Homework
Amazon Gift Card	Mouth Guard and Soccer Cleats
Likes Cocomelon and Bartolito	Harry Potter Books
	Ed and Lorraine Warren Books
	Gift Cards: Amazon, Google Play

Information About The Family

Right now challenges we are going through is the rent payments. This is a big help for my family, and hope God multiplies your blessings for all the good you are doing.

HOUSEHOLD NEEDS

1. Blender
2. TV
3. Set of pots and pans

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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)

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