

*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."*

*Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.*  
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*Bishop LaTrelle Millet Easterling*  
*Baltimore/Washington Conference*

*Rev. Sarah Schlieckert*  
*District Superintendent*  
*for the Southern Annapolis Region*

*Worship Service 10:00 AM*

*All are welcome!*

*Welcome, as we gather here to worship!*

*July 5, 2026*

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Color: White*

*Worship Leader: Minister Anthony Latney*

**Prelude..... Brother Micheal Turner & Brother Michael Wallace**

**Lighting of the Candles..... Sister Deborah Ford**

**Processional..... St. Mark's Mass Choir**

**Greeting ..... Minister Anthony Latney**

**Opening Hymn..... "At the Cross"**

**African American Heritage Hymnal..... Pg. 132**

**Prayer..... Minister Anthony Latney**

**Call to Worship..... Minister Anthony Latney**

**Leader: The Lord has greatly blessed us,**

**People: with all that we need and more.**

**Leader: God has done miracles in our lives,**

**People: beyond what we could ask, or comprehend, or even hope for.**

**Leader: When our souls bear the pain of earthly trials,**

**People: may we seek God's strength, lest we break.**

**Leader: Let us place our trust in God's goodness and mercy.**

**All: Our hearts rejoice in God's salvation.**

**Alleluia ..... United Methodist Hymnal PG 186**

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

*Passing of the Peace of Christ*

*As we have been restored through faith and made whole by the grace of God, let us offer signs of peace to our family of faith.*

**Acknowledgment of Visitors /**

**Announcements..... Sister Tina Thomas Matthews**

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

**Offering Prayer..... Sister Sandra Johnson**

**Offering**

**Offertory..... ALL**

***(Please Stand)***

**Scriptures..... Sister Mary Spivey**

***Old Testament Psalm 45:10-17 NKJ***

***New Testament Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 NKJ (Please Stand)***

**Sermonic Hymn ..... St. Mark's Mass Choir**

**Worship Sermon..... Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.**

**Invitation / Altar Call..... Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.**

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

**Thanksgiving and Communion ... ALL..... PG 13**

**Lord's Prayer ..... ALL**

**Recessional / Closing Hymn..... Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.**

**St. Mark's Mass Choir**

**Extinguishing of Candles ..... Sister Deborah Ford**

**Benediction..... Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.**

*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.

**On Hiatus** — **Women's Roundtable.** Led by Minister Nena Hughes. Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81636690166?pwd=ND8RYcSgUrBxg5e1laNwVV21Ms2B1l.1>; Meeting ID: 816 3669 0166; Passcode: 002740

**Thursday** – **St. Mark's Men's Choir (6:30 p.m.) Choir Rehearsal.**

**EVERY SUNDAY, we kindly invite you to bring the children to church to attend Sunday School. Please see Sis. Courtney West Armstrong.**

**BAPTISM, if you have a desire to be baptized or have a rededication Baptism, please see Rev. Smith or any minister on the Ministerial Staff. Online viewers, please email or contact the church as soon as possible.**

**Parents and Guardians of Youth Ushers, please notify Ms. Gemma DeSouza (301-693-4494) when your child is not able to attend on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Also, youth ushers are needed. Please contact Sister DaSouza for additional details**

**Donations Needed:** The Craig A. Moe Laurel Multiservice Center needs men and women **winter clothing and boots, coats, scarves, hats, gloves and blankets**. To make the above donations in **red**, you will need to make an appointment to drop off (204 Fort Meade Road, Laurel) by calling 301.974.3010 or visiting the website at [info@laurelmsc.org](mailto:info@laurelmsc.org). For additional giving, checkout an Amazon Wish List by scanning this barcode



**Note from Finance:** First, we would like to extend a big thank you to all who 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 the church mailbox
2. You can mail it to the church (601 Eighth Street, Laurel, MD)
3. You can use on-line giving (Give–St. Marks — <https://www.shelbviving.com/app/giving/stmarkslmd>)

4. [Scan the barcod](#)



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

### **Volunteers Needed**

Six to eight women are needed to join the **Communion Stewards** ministry. Please see Sister Zsa Zsa Hill or Rev. Smith.

# *St. Mark's UMC*



## *Father's Day Car Show to Benefit Emancipation Day MCAC/St. Mark's United Methodist Church*

*601 8<sup>th</sup> Street – Laurel, MD 20707*

*Show Date: Saturday, July 11, 2026*

*Rain Date Saturday, July 18, 2026*

*Event Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM*

### *Church Bake Sale*

*Sunday, July 12, 2026*

*After Morning Service*

### *All You Can Eat Crab Feast*

*Benefit-St. Mark's UMC Emancipation Day*

*Sunday, August 9, 2026*

*Donation: \$85.00*

*Ridgely's Run Community Center*

*8400 Mission Road – Jessup, MD 20794*

*Event Time: 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM*

# Announcements



**DIABETES  
AWARENESS**



St. Mark's United Methodist Church

**14th Annual In-Person & Virtual**

**DIABETES 5K RUN, WALK & FUN WALK**

USATF CERTIFIED COURSE PROFESSIONALLY TIMED BY BLUE CHEETAH SPORTS TIMING, LLC

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RAIN OR SHINE

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026 8:00 AM**

Alice B. McCullough Field  
Montgomery & Eighth Street  
Laurel, Maryland 20707

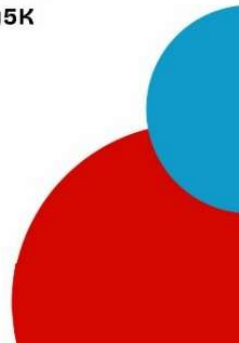
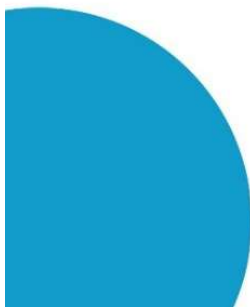
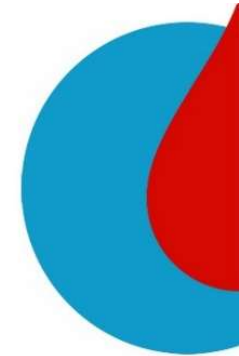
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NATIVE PLANT GIVEAWAY AT FINISH LINE

For online registration and additional information, please visit:

**[Runsignup.com/Race/MD/Laurel/EmancipationDay5K](https://Runsignup.com/Race/MD/Laurel/EmancipationDay5K)**

**OR SCAN QR CODE**





*Proclaiming Christ to the generations...  
Equipping disciples to transform the world"*

**Special Prayers / Sick and Shut-In List:** If you hear of anyone who needs special prayer or is taken to the hospital, please contact:

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William (Dip) Hebron, Jerry Reeves, Francis DeSouza, Quincy Jacob, Tyrone Awkward II, Molone Adams, All branches of the Military, Barbara Hughes, Barbara Mason, Rachel Hughes, Rico Harper, Keith Davis, Judith James, Joseph Ballard, Robert (Bobby) Marshall, Oscar Johnson, Harold (Bubby) Awkward, Jr., Tyrone Awkward, William (Jimmy) Scott, Janet Carey, Lafayette and Elaine Harvey, Bernice Jackson, Brenda Jackson, Floyd Hughes Sr., Leah Henry, Sonja Smith, Eric Smith, Gloria Thomas, Wanda Dumas, Tyrone Mundell, Paul Browder, Lamar Payne, Kevin Miller, Hannah Polk, Larry Powell, Wanda Latney, Justin Carter and Family, George Goldson, Arie Goldson

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