

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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*Your Future Is A
Rainbow of Possibilities!*



*Student Recognition
Sunday*



June 26, 2022



Welcome, as we gather here to worship!

Sunday, June 26, 2022

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Service

Ushers: Brothers Joseph Daniels and Thomas Matthews

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: Today we celebrate the growth of our children and youth as they mature in faith and mature in years. Please join with me in prayer:

Congregation and Leader

O God, you have created us as human beings who mature from infancy, through childhood and adolescence into adulthood. Today we celebrate that growth. We lift up all who move this day into new classes for learning and spiritual growth. We pray for all who teach our children and youth. We pray for all of our congregation's classes and groups in which we mature in faith. Keep each child and youth in your care. And keep us ever mindful of the promise

we make each time we baptize another in faith: That we will assist them to grow in knowledge, in spiritual practices, and in living as disciples of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise..... Choir/Congregation

“This Is the Day”

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made. **(repeat)**

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart, I will enter His courts with praise, I will say this is the day the Lord hath made I will rejoice for He has made me glad. **(repeat)**

He has made me glad, He has made glad, I will rejoice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad, He has made glad, I will rejoice for He has made me glad. **(repeat)**

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The Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength
to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ,
Amen.

Scripture Reading #1Sister Cynthia Whitfield
(Proverbs 1:1–7, Common English Bible)

1 The proverbs of Solomon, King David’s son, from Israel:

2 Their purpose is to teach wisdom and discipline,
to help one understand wise sayings.

3 They provide insightful instruction,
which is righteous, just, and full of integrity.

4 They make the naive mature,
the young knowledgeable and discreet.

- ⁵ The wise hear them and grow in wisdom;
those with understanding gain guidance.
⁶ They help one understand proverbs and difficult sayings,
the words of the wise, and their puzzles.
⁷ Wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord,
but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Recognition of Lower Elementary School Students

Jaime Coffen, Andrea Gibson, Rev. Eugene Matthews

Selection St. Mark's Choir

Scripture Reading #2 Sister Cynthia Whitfield
(Matthew 7:21–29, Common English Bible)

²¹ “Not everybody who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will get into the kingdom of heaven. Only those who do the will of my Father who is in heaven will enter. ²² On the Judgment Day, many people will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, didn’t we prophesy in your name and expel demons in your name and do lots of miracles in your name?’

²³ Then I’ll tell them, ‘I’ve never known you. Get away from me, you people who do wrong.’

²⁴ “Everybody who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise builder who built a house on bedrock. ²⁵ The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind blew and beat against that house. It didn’t fall because it was firmly set on bedrock. ²⁶ But everybody who hears these words of mine and doesn’t put them into practice will be like a fool who built a house on sand. ²⁷ The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind blew and beat against that house. It fell and was completely destroyed.”

²⁸ When Jesus finished these words, the crowds were amazed at his teaching ²⁹ because he was teaching them like someone with authority and not like their legal experts.

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.**

Offering

Blessing of Offering..... Sister Cynthia Whitfield

Recognition of Higher Elementary and Middle School Students

Jaime Coffen, Andrea Gibson, Rev. Eugene Matthews

Selection St. Mark's Choir

Recognition of High School and College Students

Jaime Coffen, Andrea Gibson, Rev. Eugene Matthews

Hymn of Preparation St. Mark's Choir

Inspirational Message Sister Jaime Whitfield-Coffen

"It's Not Just Candy!"

Praise and Prayer Concerns

Invitation / Altar Call Rev. Eugene W. Matthews

Invitation Selection St. Mark's Choir

Thank you Educators!

Announcements

Pastor's Special Moment

Benediction

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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.



Ushers and Liturgist Needed

The following Bible selections are provided for this week:

June 27th – July 3rd

Day 178 — Mark 2:23—3:19 Day 181 — Matthew 5:31–48
Day 179 — Matthew 5:1–16 Day 182 — Matthew 6: 1–18
Day 180 — Matthew 5:17–30 Day 183 — Matthew 6:19–34
Day 184 — Matthew 7:1–12

Ladies Roundtable — On hiatus (*watch for start up date*)

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, June 30th (7:00 p.m.) — **Choir Rehearsal.**



Saturday, September 3rd (8:00 a.m., Rain or Shine) — **10th 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

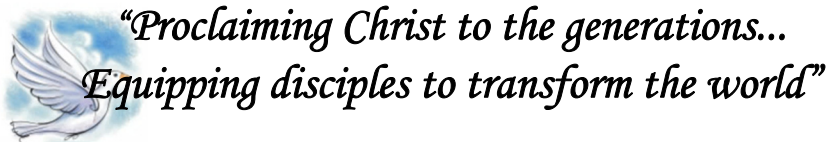
Group Outing — I have reserved 20 orchestra seats to see “**Tina – The Musical**” at the National Theater (Washington, DC) on **Saturday, October 15th** at 2:00 pm. **Tickets: \$115 per ticket.** Reserve your ticket, you can make payments with all money being due by **September 11th**. As usual, we will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



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)

All branches of the Military, 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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