

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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Bishop LaTrelle Millet Easterling

Baltimore/Washington Conference

Rev. Sarah Schlieckert

*District Superintendent
for the Southern Annapolis Region*

Welcome, as we gather here to worship!

Sunday, August 11, 2024

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Ushers:

*Deborah Harper, Sharon Thomas
and Francis DeSouza*

Order of Service

Sister Erica Roy, Worship Leader

Prelude **Bros. Gary Barham & Justin Carter**

Lighting of the Candles **Sister Deborah Ford**

Processional **St. Mark's Choir and Clergy**

Greeting **Sister Erica Roy**

Opening Hymn **Hymnal, #170**
"O, How I Love Jesus"

Prayer **Sister Cynthia Whitfield**

Greeting/Call to Worship **Sister Erica Roy**

Leader: We have gathered from different places and different backgrounds.

People **May those who are grieving find comfort.**

Leader: May those who have turned away from God find forgiveness.

People **May those who are waiting find hope.**

Leader: May all find God's steadfast love and grace.

People **Let us worship the one who gives us life!**

Selection **St. Mark's Choir**

Passing of the Peace

Acknowledgement of Visitors /
Announcements Sister Tina Thomas-Matthews

Pastor's Moment

Selection St. Mark's Choir

Offering Prayer Sister Erica Roy
Offering
Offertory

Scriptures Sister Sandra Johnson
Old Testament – *Psalm 130*
New Testament – *John 6:35, 41–51 (please stand)*

Sermonic Selection (*please stand*) St. Mark's Choir

Sermon Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

“But God”

Ephesians 2:1–5

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

Recessional / Closing Hymn Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.
St. Mark's Choir

Extinguishing of Candles Sister Deborah Ford

Benediction

Announcements

Wearing a mask while in the sanctuary is at your discretion.

Worship Attendance — 08/04/2024	
In-Person	48
YouTube	20
Total	68

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.



Today, Sunday, August 11th (2:00–6:00 p.m.) — **All You Can Eat Crab Feast–Fun Day.** Music, great food and more. Donation: **\$80/person.** Ridgely Run Community Center (8400

Mission Road, Jessup, MD). For additional information or tickets: Tiara (240.855.3897), Tina (301.775.0837), Pat (410.227.3156). Sponsored by **Emancipation Day Committee.**

Thursday, August 15th (6:30 p.m.) — **Choir rehearsal**



Saturday, September 7th (8:00 a.m. rain or shine) — **5K for Diabetes** being held at Alice B. McCullough Field (Montgomery & Eighth Street, Laurel). **For Online Registration/ Additional Information** go to

<https://Runsignup.com/Race/MD/Laurel/EmancipationDay5K>

Saturday, September 7th (11:00 a.m.–Dusk) — **Annual Emancipation Day** celebration. Fun for all. St. Mark's UMC, 601 Eighth Street, Laurel.

Week of September 9th — Rev. Smith will be attending the 56th Annual National Fellowship Pastor Conference. He will return to service on Sunday, September 15th.

**SAVE THE DATE Saturday, September 28th (2:00 p.m.) —
Paint and Sip Fellowship.** More information to follow.

Women's Day — Please submit your suggestions for Women's Day speakers, themes, ideas, activities to Cynthia Augustus at 301.437.6436 and/or cynthiaspedtchr@yahoo.com

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

Volunteers Needed

Chair and co-Chair needed for Annual Homecoming (September 22nd).

To participate in **Sunday morning worship service** (i.e., liturgist, morning prayer, scriptures and announcement readers). **Everyone can volunteer, especially our youth and young adults.** If you are interested, please let Sisters Deborah Ford or Sandra Johnson know, they will be doing a monthly schedule so you will know in advance when you will be serving. Thank you for your cooperation.

Finance Chair — Sister Andrea Gibson will be stepping down. We are seeking a replacement for this position. We thank Sister Gibson for her service in this position.

Ushers Needed — **Youth and adults**, please speak with Sister Gemma DeSouza-Ottley

President and Vice President for the **St. Mark's United Methodist Men.** Please see Rev. Smith for more information.

People are needed to join the **Communion Steward's** ministry please see Rev. Smith or Cynthia Whitfield.

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*“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. Walter L. Smith, Jr. (301.776.8885), waltsmith561@gmail.com

Jannette Shuford-Reeves, Rachel Hughes, Rico Harper, Delores Stratford, Keith Davis, Elba Hernandez, Nathaniel Watkins, Judith James, Joseph Ballard, Robert (Bobby) Marshall, Oscar Johnson, Harold (Bubby) Awkward, Jr., Tyrone Awkward, William (Jimmy) Scott, Charles Gregg, Rev. George F. DeFord, Janet Carey, Lafayette and Elaine Harvey, All branches of the Military, Bernice Jackson, Brenda Jackson, Floyd Hughes Sr., Phillip Reese, Naomi Williams (Ms. Cynthia’s Mom), Leah Henry, Sonja Smith, Eric Smith, Gloria Thomas, Wanda Dumas, Tyrone Mundell, Ernestine Gibson, James Matthews, Birdie Walker, Paul Browder, Lamar Payne, Kevin Miller, Hannah Polk

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