

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, September 1, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Communion

Ushers:

*Francis DeSouza, Deborah Harper, Daryl Smith,
Ralph Laquerre, Patricia Mundell, Sharon Thomas
and Gemma DeSouza-Ottley*

Order of Service

Sister Cynthia Augustus, Worship Leader

Prelude Bros. Gary Barham & Justin Carter

Lighting of the Candles Brother Larry Powell

Processional St. Mark's Choir and Clergy

Greeting Sister Cynthia Augustus

Opening Hymn Hymnal, #374
"Standing on the Promises"

Prayer Minister Nena Hughes

Greeting/Call to Worship Sister Cynthia Augustus
(please stand)

Leader: Creator, you bless us with the heavenly lights

People: **the moon that waxes and wanes,**

Leader: the planets that whirl around the sun,

People: **the galaxies that wink from afar.**

Leader: In the darkness you call out, "let there be light"

People: **and the universe is filled with heavenly light.**

Leader: You are our creator, too,

People: the one who formed us and who forms us still.
All: **May your word of truth ring out today with your call to new life! Amen.**

AlleluiaHymnal, #186
Affirmation of Faith (*The Apostles Creed*).....Hymnal, #881
Selection St. Mark's Choir

Passing of the Peace

Acknowledgement of Visitors /
AnnouncementsSister Tina Thomas-Matthews

Pastor's Moment

Selection St. Mark's Choir
Offering Prayer Sister Cynthia Augustus
Offering
Offertory

Scriptures.....Sister Cynthia Dixon
Old Testament – *Psalm 45:1–9*
New Testament – *James 1:17–27 (please stand)*

Sermonic Selection (*please stand*) St. Mark's Choir
Sermon Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

“Standing on the Promises of Jesus”

2 Corinthians 1:20–22

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

Holy CommunionHymnal, #13
A Service of Word and Table II, beginning at The Great Thanksgiving)

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

Extinguishing of Candles..... Brother Larry Powell
Benediction



Happy Birthday



Brenda Jackson — 1st

Cynthia Augustus — 18th

Chandler Tindal — 3rd

Tina Thomas-Matthews — 21st

Shimaine West — 10th

Adrienne Hall — 24th

Joseph Ballard — 18th

Olivia Ann Burley — 25th

Anniversary

Wayne and Jaime Coffen — 9th (24 yrs.)

Adrian and LáAngel — 13th (27 yrs.)

Carlton and Shimaine — 18th (25 yrs.)

Toney and Marchel Ellis — 30th (35 yrs.)



Heavenly Birthday

Sybil Wallace — 7th

Elizabeth Day — 15th

Jamal Medina — 8th

Chris DeFord — 24th

Harold Awkward Sr. — 13th

Announcements

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

Worship Attendance — 08/25/2024

Worshipped with Mt. Zion

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.



Thursday, September 5th (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.–9:00 p.m.) — **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.



Sunday, September 15th (morning service) — **Jersey Day** (supporting our NFL teams)

Sunday, September 22nd — **Annual Homecoming Services** (10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.). Please invite your family, friends, community members, and co-workers to worship with us. Additional information forthcoming as available.

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:

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/stmarksimd>)

4. [Scan the barcode](#)



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

Volunteers Needed

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

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.



*“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),

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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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