

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., Pastor

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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 29, 2024

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

*Ushers: Isaiah Brooks, Francis DeSouza and
Tyrone Mundell*

Order of Service

Brother Thomas Matthews, Worship Leader

Prelude Bros. Gary Barham & Justin Carter

Lighting of the Candles Brother Larry Powell

Processional St. Mark's Choir and Clergy

Greeting Brother Thomas Matthews

Opening Hymn "I Will Trust in the Lord"
(Hymnal #464)

Prayer Minister Nena Hughes

Greeting/Call to Worship Brother Thomas Matthews
(please stand)

Leader: We gather to pray.

People: We gather to praise.

Leader: May our prayers extend beyond ourselves.

People: May our praise rise to the heavens.

Leader: May our lives be salty with love.

People: May our prayers be reflections of peace.

Selection St. Mark's Choir

Passing of the Peace

God has flavored our lives with mercy and love. May we flavor this community with these gifts as we share signs of Christ peace with one another.

Acknowledgement of Visitors /

Announcements Sister Tina Thomas Matthews

Pastor's Moment

Selection St. Mark's Choir

Offering Prayer Brother Thomas Matthews

Offering

Offertory

Scriptures Sister Sandra Johnson

Old Testament – Psalm 124

New Testament – James 5:13–20 (please stand)

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

Sermon Ministerial Staff

Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

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 Brother Larry Powell

Benediction

Announcements

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

Worship Attendance — 09/22/2024

In-Person	79
YouTube	20
Total	99

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, September 29th (following service) — Brief meeting of the women.

Monday (6:30 p.m.) — **Drop-In Bible Study.** Theme this week: **“The Power of Salt and Light”** (*Matthew 5:13–16*). *God is calling us to be the salt of the earth. How are you allowing your light to shine?* Lead by Sister Jacqueline Jones.

Tuesday, October 1st (6:00 p.m.)— **Women’s Roundtable.** Lead by Minister Nena Hughes

Wednesday (7:15 p.m.) — **Wednesday Night Experience.** This is our weekly Bible Study based on the Wednesday reading in Upper Room. Call in #267.807.9611; Access Code: 331960.

Thursday, October 3rd (6:30 p.m.) — **Choir rehearsal**

A promotional graphic featuring a portrait of Bishop LaTrelle Miller on the left and text on the right. The background has purple and yellow geometric shapes.

WE COME WITH JOY...

Members from throughout the Baltimore-Washington and Peninsula-Delaware Area will gather on Sunday, October 13, for a celebration service to welcome Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling back to the Area and celebrate her historic assignment as our episcopal leader for the next quadrennium.

DATE:	TIME:	VENUE:
OCT. 13	4 P.M.	SEVERNA PARK UMC 731 BENFIELD ROAD SEVERNA PARK, MD

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 20th (10:00 a.m.) — **134th Church Anniversary.** Information forthcoming. Sacrificial donation of \$1 for every year = \$134.



You're invited to

NATIONAL

FAITH & BLUE

WEEKEND

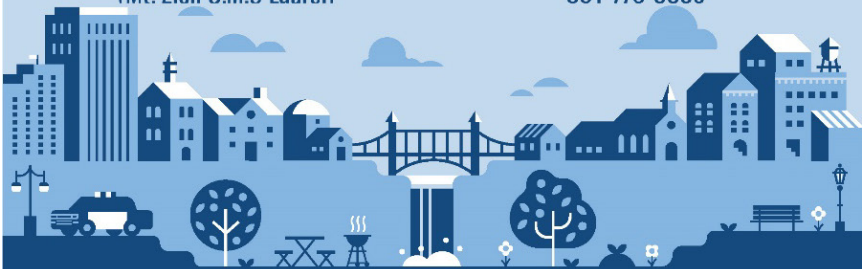
Join your local law enforcement and members of your community for a weekend of resolution and reconciliation. National Faith & Blue Weekend is a collaborative effort to build bridges and break biases.

Hosted By:

Join us for an Ecumenical
Faith Service
Rev. Walter L Smith Jr
(St. Mark's U.M.C Laurel)
Rev. Jerry Colbert
(Mt. Zion U.M.C Laurel)

When & Where:

All are welcome
Saturday, October 5th, 2024
11:00am
St. Mark's U.M.C
601 8th St Laurel, MD 20707
301-776-8885



FAITH & BLUE

Learn More: WWW.FAITHANDBLUE.ORG



Saturday, October 26th (5:00 p.m.) —

Trunk or Treat. From Rev. Smith:

Kindly asking it to be absolutely no representative of the devil, ghost, goblins, witches, etc. We want to make this a Christian event making it safe for children to receive candy. **We are not celebrating Halloween!** You may dress up in a biblical theme or children friendly costumes. Thank you for understanding.

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/stmarks/md>)

4. [Scan the barcode](#)



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

Volunteers Needed

Finance Chair — Seeking a replacement for 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:
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Barbara Hughes, Barbara Mason, 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, Paul Browder, Lamar Payne, Kevin Miller, Hannah Polk

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