

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 8, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Ushers:

Deborah Harper and Francis DeSouza

Order of Service

Sister Gemma DeSouza-Ottley, Worship Leader

Prelude Bros. Gary Barham & Justin Carter

Lighting of the Candles Brother Larry Powell

Processional St. Mark's Choir and Clergy

Greeting Sister Gemma DeSouza-Ottley

Opening Hymn Amazing Grace

Prayer Minister Anthony Latney

Greeting/Call to Worship Sister Gemma DeSouza-Ottley
(please stand)

Leader: Place your trust in God.

People: **God's faithfulness is unshakeable.**

Leader: May our worship this day strengthen our faith.

People: **May our faithfulness be unshakeable.**

Leader: May our words and actions be good and true.

People: **May we grow in godliness each and every day .**

Selection St. Mark's Choir

Passing of the Peace

As forgiven and reconciled children of Christ let's share signs of reconciliation, love, and welcome with one another.

Acknowledgement of Visitors /

Announcements Sister Tina Thomas-Matthews

Pastor's Moment

Selection St. Mark's Choir

Offering Prayer Sister Gemma DeSouza-Ottley

Offering

Offertory

Scriptures Sister Sandra Johnson

Old Testament – Psalm 125

New Testament – James 2:1–10 (please stand)

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

Sermon Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

“Everyone Matters To God!”

James 2:1–13

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 — 09/01/2024 | |
|---------------------------------|----|
| In-Person | 45 |
| YouTube | 15 |
| Total | 60 |

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.



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.

Thursday, September 12th (6:30 p.m.) — **Choir rehearsal**



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

Homecoming Revival and Services

(Revival Services begin at 7:00 p.m.)

“God’s Promise”

14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Please invite your family, friends, community members, and co-workers to worship with us.

Wednesday, September 18th — **Rev. Greg Tyler**, On The Rock Ministries (St. Mark’s choir will provide music)

Thursday, September 19th — **Rev. Glenton D. Queen**, First Christian Community Church of Annapolis

Friday, September 20th — **Dr. Rev. James Gordon**, Community United Methodist Church, Brooklyn Maryland

Sunday, September 22nd (10:00 a.m.) — **Annual Homecoming Rev. Hedy Drummond** (retired AME conference).

Sunday, September 22nd (3:00 p.m.) — **Rev. S. Jerry Colbert**, Mt. Zion UMC—Laurel and Mt. Zion's Male Chorus

Monday, September 23rd (6:30 p.m.) — **Drop-In Bible Study**. Lead by Sister Jacqueline Jones. This will be an hour long in-person bible study.

Wednesday, September 25th (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.



Saturday, September 28th (5:00 p.m. **(new time)**) — **Paint and Sip Fellowship**. The image to the left is what we will be painting. Donation is **\$15 per person** for canvas and paint (due by **September 22nd**). Please bring a dish to share (keep portion small, 6 to 8 persons). Thank you and invite a friend

or two or three ...

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 SPRC: Please elevate your voice and share your thoughts by responding to the following questions for the **Congregational Profile for Charge Conference**. Please share your written response with Jaime Coffen via email coffen.family@gmail.com or by text or phone call 240.535.1336. You can also complete the questionnaire and give it to Millicent George by September 22. Thank you for your participation.

Congregational Profile Questionnaire

1. What do you believe are three current strengths of the congregation? Explain
2. What do you believe are three critical needs of the congregation? Explain
3. Where would you like to see St. Mark's UMC in the next 3-5 years?

Thank you for your participation!

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/stmarks1md>)
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:
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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,
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HOME COMING 2024

Kickoff Services

7:00 p.m.



Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Rev. Greg Tyler

On The Rock Ministries



Thursday, September 19, 2024

Rev. Glenton Queen

First Christian Community Church of Annapolis



Friday, September 20, 2024

Rev. James Gordon

Community United Methodist Church

Homecoming Services



Sunday, September 22, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Hedy Drummond

Retired AME Conference



Sunday, September 22, 2024 - 3:00 p.m.

Rev. Jerry Colbert

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

Please Join Us!

All Are Welcome!