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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Rev. Sarah Schlieckert

District Superintendent for the Southern Annapolis Region

Welcome, as we gather here to worship! Sunday, October 6, 2024

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost World Communion Sunday



Breast Cancer Awareness Month Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Ushers:

Gemma DeSouza-Ottley, Deborah Harper, Sharon Thomas, Ralph Laguerre, Tyrone Mundell, Thomas Matthews

Order of Service

Minister Nena Hughes, Worship Leader

Prelude Bro	os. Gary Barham & Justin Carter
Lighting of the Candles	Brother Larry Powell
Processional	St. Mark's Choir and Clergy
Greeting	Minister Nena Hughes
Opening Hymn	Hymnal, #359
"Alas! And Did My Savior B	leed"

	Brother Thomas Ma	
Greeting (please	g/Call to Worship Minister Nena H	lugh
Leader:	Your steadfast love is before our eyes, O God.	
People:	Help us move in faithfulness.	
Leader:	When tests and trails come, when evil itself appear place our trust in you, O knower of joy and suffer	
People:	Help us move with integrity.	
Leader:	Place us on level ground, O Redeemer.	
People:	Move us to sing songs of thanksgiving and to proclaim your wondrous deeds.	
Alleluia .	Hymna	l, #18
Affirmat	tion of Faith (The Apostles Creed)Hymna	l, #88
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Sermonic Selection (please stand) St. Mark's Choir		
Sermon		
"The Blood Still Works"		
Invitation / Altar Call Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr. Invitation Selection		
Holy Communion		
Recessional / Closing Hymn Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr. St. Mark's Choir		
Extinguishing of Candles Brother Larry Powell		
Benediction		



Happy Birthday



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Jaraya Wilson -2^{nd}Tyrik Smith -7^{th}Floyd Hughes, Sr. -3^{rd}Jerral Fisher -12^{th}Kinsley Thomas -3^{rd}Aaron Burley -15^{th}Nyema Adams -3^{rd}Carolyn Noel -17^{th}Deborah Carey -7^{th}Barbara Jones -21^{st}Rev. Dr. George F. DeFord -7^{th}Lila DeFord -23^{rd}Judith James -7^{th}Jaden Coffen -28^{th}
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Anniversary

Thomas and Tina Matthews – 1st (30 yrs.) Venita and Daryl Smith — (1 yr.) Arthur and Andre Wright – 11th (32 yrs.) Ralph and Eva Laguerre – 13th (17 yrs.)



Marty Stewart – 5th Lanette Wilson – 22nd James (Wit) Thomas – 22nd

Announcements

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

Worship Attendance — 09/29/2024		
In-Person	56	
YouTube	10	
Total	66	

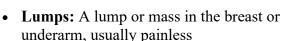
Pray Daily at Noon

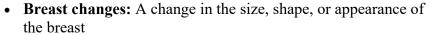
Please remember to pray daily at NOON. Some areas to include in your prayer, can include the pandemic, racial healing, government leaders, educational challenges, and most importantly for our sick and shut-ins and each other.



During the month, look for Breast Cancer facts, sponsored by Sister Cynthia Augustus

Symptoms of breast cancer can include:





- Skin changes: Redness, thickening, dimpling, or other changes to the skin of the breast
- Nipple changes: Nipple discharge other than breast milk, including blood, or a change in the appearance of the nipple or the skin surrounding it
- **Pain:** Pain in any area of the breast, or pain in the nipple area
- **Swollen lymph nodes:** Swollen lymph nodes in the armpit or above the collarbone

Monday (6:30 p.m.) — **Drop-In Bible Study**. Theme this week: Faith & Blue—Building Bridges of Trust and Collaboration. *ID fingerprinting for children and youth will be provided by the* Laurel Police Department. Lead by Sister Jacqueline Jones.



Tuesday (6:00 p.m.)— **Women's Roundtable.** Lead by Minister Nena Hughes. Join Zoom Meeting

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81636690166?pwd=ND8RYcSgUrBxg5e1laNwVV21Ms2B11.1; Meeting ID: 816 3669 0166;

Passcode: 002740

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 10th (6:30 p.m.) — Choir rehearsal Saturday, October 12th (10:00 a.m.) — Annual Church Conference, Nichols-Bethel UMC (1239 Murray Road, Odenton, MD). All members of the congregation are invited to be present with authorization to have their voice and vote.



Saturday, October 19th (5:00–9:00 p.m.) — Family Fun Game Night. Come out and try your luck at friendly card games, bingo, and board games for the children. Light fanfare and prizes. Donation: \$10. Women's Day activity.

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



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. **Volunteers**

Needed! Decorate your car and/or bring a few bags of candy! Let Tina Thomas-Matthews know how you can help!

Sunday, October 27th (10:00 a.m.) — Breast Cancer Awareness Day. All wear pink. Special offering to be donated to Breast Cancer Research.

Sunday, November 3rd (10:00 a.m.) — All Saints Day. The names of any members or family members who passed away from Nov. 1, 2023—Oct. 31, 2024, will be recognized. Please see Sandy Johnson immediately after service so that your deceased family member's names can be included in the service. I will need the person's name, date they passed away, and their relationship to you (husband, son, cousin, etc.). You can contact Sandy either by phone/text (410.530.0399) or email: sandra7767@msn.com

Sunday, November 3rd (following service) — **Bake Sale** sponsored by Women of St. Mark's.

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)
- 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.

"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), waltsmith 561@gmail.com

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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