

# *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, 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 Laquerre, Tyrone Mundell,  
Thomas Matthews*

*Order of Service*

*Minister Nena Hughes, Worship Leader*

**Prelude** ..... **Bros. 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 Bleed"*

**Prayer**..... **Brother Thomas Matthews**

**Greeting/Call to Worship**..... **Minister Nena Hughes**  
(*please stand*)

**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 appears, we place our trust in you, O knower of joy and suffering.

**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** ..... **Hymnal, #186**

**Affirmation of Faith** (*The Apostles Creed*)..... **Hymnal, #881**

**Selection** ..... **St. Mark's Choir**

### *Passing of the Peace*

*On this World Communion Sunday, we honor the one who created worlds and sustain all things through the divine word. As we share signs of peace with one another, imagine the deep, creative love that extends through us, and by the power of the Holy Spirit to siblings in every time and place. The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.***

**Acknowledgement of Visitors /**

**Announcements** ..... **Sister Tina Thomas-Matthews**

### *Pastor's Moment*

**Selection** ..... **St. Mark's Choir**

**Offering Prayer** ..... **Minister Nena Hughes**

**Offering**

**Special Offering — World Communion Sunday**

**Offertory**

**Scriptures**..... **Sister Cynthia Augustus**

**Old Testament** – *Job 1:1, 2:1–10*

**New Testament** – *Mark 10:2–16* (*please stand*)

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

**Sermon** ..... **Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.**

## *"The Blood Still Works"*

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

**Invitation Selection**

**Holy Communion** ..... **Hymnal, #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*



*Jaraya Wilson – 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*Floyd Hughes, Sr. – 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*Kinsley Thomas – 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*Nyema Adams – 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*Deborah Carey – 7<sup>th</sup>*

*Rev. Dr. George F. DeFord – 7<sup>th</sup>*

*Judith James – 7<sup>th</sup>*

*Tyrik Smith – 7<sup>th</sup>*

*Jerral Fisher – 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Aaron Burley – 15<sup>th</sup>*

*Carolyn Noel – 17<sup>th</sup>*

*Barbara Jones – 21<sup>st</sup>*

*Lila DeFord – 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*Jaden Coffen – 28<sup>th</sup>*

## *Anniversary*

*Thomas and Tina Matthews – 1<sup>st</sup> (30 yrs.)*

*Venita and Daryl Smith — (1 yr.)*

*Arthur and Andre Wright – 11<sup>th</sup> (32 yrs.)*

*Ralph and Eva Laguerre – 13<sup>th</sup> (17 yrs.)*



## *Heavenly Birthday*

*Marty Stewart – 5<sup>th</sup>*

*Lanette Wilson – 22<sup>nd</sup>*

*James (Wit) Thomas – 22<sup>nd</sup>*

# 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:

- **Lumps:** A lump or mass in the breast or underarm, usually painless
- **Breast changes:** A change in the size, shape, or appearance of the breast
- **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=ND8RYcSgUrBxg5e11aNwVV21Ms2B11.1>; 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 10<sup>th</sup> (6:30 p.m.) — Choir rehearsal**

**Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> (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.



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

**SAVE THE DATE**



**Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> (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 20<sup>th</sup> (10:00 a.m.) — 134<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary.** Information forthcoming. Sacrificial donation of \$1 for every year = \$134.



**Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> (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 27<sup>th</sup>** (10:00 a.m.) — **Breast Cancer Awareness Day.** All wear pink. Special offering to be donated to Breast Cancer Research.

**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>** (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](mailto:sandra7767@msn.com)

**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>** (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/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.



*“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](mailto:waltsmith561@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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