

Annual Women's Day

*Sunday, November 17, 2024
10:00 a.m.*

*St. Mark's United Methodist Church
601 Eighth Street
Laurel, MD 20707*

*Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr., Pastor
Cynthia Augustus, Women's Day Chair*

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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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*District Superintendent
for the Southern Annapolis Region*

Welcome, as we gather here to worship!

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost



Diabetes Awareness Month

Annual Women's Day

WOMEN OF GOD, *Walking by Faith*

Ushers:

*Jaylah and Jalani Robertson,
Kamille Quick and Gemma DeSouza-Ottley*

Order of Service

Sister Cynthia Augustus, Worship Leader

PreludeSister Carol Tatum & Brother Justin Carter
Lighting of the Candles Sister Deborah Ford
Processional St. Mark's Choir and Clergy
GreetingSister Cynthia Augustus
Opening Hymn "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"
(#404, *African America Heritage Hymnal*)
Prayer..... Minister Nena Hughes
Greeting/Call to Worship.....Sister Cynthia Augustus
(*please stand*)

Leader: Welcome this day to the house of our God.

People: We are greeted in peace and in love.

Leader: Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator.

People: We worship in hope and with grace.

Leader: Welcome this day to our community of faith,

People: Where we are sisters and brothers in Christ.

Leader: Friends, let us worship God.

Selection St. Mark's Choir

Passing of the Peace

God has greeted us with his peace.

Let us now pass the peace of Christ to each other.

Special Presentation

Acknowledgement of Visitors /

Announcements Sister Tina Thomas-Matthews

Pastor's Moment

Selection St. Mark's Choir

Offering Prayer Sister Cynthia Augustus

Offering

Special Offering – Women's Day

Offertory

Scriptures Sister Tiara Matthews

Old Testament – *Psalm 119:105–112*

New Testament – *2 Corinthians 5:1–10 (please stand)*

Introduction of Speaker Sister Zsa Zsa Hill

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

Sermon Rev. Jenifer Renée Butler

“Faith Just Makes Sense!”

⁷ For we live by faith, not by sight. (2 Corinthians 5:7)

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

Invitation Selection

Recessional / Closing Hymn Pastors

St. Mark's Choir

Extinguishing of Candles Sister Deborah Ford

Benediction

Rev. Jenifer Renée Butler



Jenifer Renée Butler was born on Wednesday, August 7, 1985, at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland to Reverend Willie Brockington, Jr., and the late Karen Deneen Pinkney Brockington-Georgia. Jenifer is a native of Annapolis, Maryland, and resides in Harford County with her husband

Pastor Darius K. Butler, Sr. and their four children Jayden, Mariah, Darius, Jr., and Kaylan.

Although her parents were regularly active in her life, she was primarily raised by her grandparents, the late Edward Pinkney and Emily Pinkney. As a child, she was educated in the Anne Arundel County Public School System. She attended Broadneck Senior High School and graduated in May of 2003 with honors.

In December of 2006, Jenifer completed her Associate of Arts degree in General Studies at Anne Arundel Community College. That following spring semester, her studies took her to Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology with an emphasis in Counseling. In May of 2014, Jenifer graduated with a master's degree in counseling psychology from Bowie State University. In May of 2022, Jenifer graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Pennsylvania obtaining a master's degree in ministry and leadership. She was awarded the Right Reverend Nathan Baxter prize for academic excellence in inner city ministry.

Jenifer has served in many leadership roles including as Vice Moderator for the Student Council and as Student Representative on The Diversity and Education Committee. Jenifer is a Licensed Therapist in the State of Maryland. Jenifer would like to crystallize her education by earning a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology to open a private practice, "Of Sound Mind, Consultants." Jenifer is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Xi Delta Omega Chapter.

Jenifer believes that the purpose of life is not only supposed to glorify God, but to also build character. Professionally, Jenifer has worked at Anne Arundel Medical Center as a Primary Counselor and Domestic Abuse Counselor. She has also served as the lead pastor of Mount Vernon United Methodist Church in Whiteford, Maryland being the first African American to serve that congregation. Currently, Jenifer is a Therapist at Villa Maria Behavioral Health Clinic, of Catholic Charities.

To God Be the Glory,

Women's Day Commentary



We've come this far by faith, we don't just read the passages of the Bible for comfort or reassurance, but we trust enough to change our daily life decisions at work, at school, in our relationships and in church based on what the passages say "... for we walk by faith, not by sight" [living our lives in a manner consistent with our confident belief in God's promises]. (*2 Corinthians 5:7*)

Below is a **"Faith Checkup Test"**. Let us test it out and celebrate our strengths and work on our weaknesses.

- † What's my attitude toward my mountains? (*Matthew 17:20*)
- † Can I keep moving forward or do I get stuck in the past?
(*Psalm 32:8, Psalm 78:10*)
- † Do I spend more energy worrying or praying?
(*Philippians 4:6-7*)
- † How difficult or easy is it to ask for help? (*James 1:5*)
- † Am I trying to be good or am I grateful for God's Grace?
(*Romans 3:22-24, 27*)
- † Which influences my life more, the Bible or my emotions?
(*Proverbs 16:20, Psalm 42:11*)
- † How paralyzed am I by people's opinions of me?
(*Psalm 118:5-6, 8-9*)
- † How easy is it for me to forgive? (*Ephesians 4:31*)
- † Have I forgot, or do I believe God has a bigger purpose for me?
(*Mark 1:16-18*)
- † How receptive am I to spiritual advice about my life?
(*Proverbs 24:6, Mark 8:11*)

This is **"The Race of Faith Set Before Us!"** I pray, we all recognize our strengths and work on our weaknesses in our faith as we continue this Christian journey. God Bless you All!

*Minister Nena Hughes
Assistant to the Pastor*

Announcements

| Worship Attendance — 11/10/2024 | |
|---------------------------------|----|
| In-Person | 54 |
| YouTube | 13 |
| Total | 67 |

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.



Monday, November 18th (6:00 p.m.) — **Church Council** meeting. Meeting open to congregation.

Monday (6:30 p.m.) — **Drop-In Bible Study**. **No study this week because of the Council meeting.** Led by Sister Jacqueline Jones.

Tuesday (6:00 p.m.) — **Women's Roundtable**. Led by Minister Nena Hughes. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81636690166?pwd=ND8RYcSgUrBxg5e1laNwVV21Ms2B1l.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, November 21st (6:30 p.m.) — **Choir rehearsal**

Donations Needed: The Craig A. Moe Laurel Multiservice Center needs men and women undergarments. Please during this season of giving, donate. **(Sister Jackie Jones has volunteered to deliver undergarments that are donated by December 1st.)** There is also a need for winter clothing and boots, coats, scarves, hats, gloves and blankets. To make the above donations, you will need to make an appointment to drop off (204 Fort Meade Road, Laurel) by calling 301.974.3010 or visiting the website at info@laurelmsc.org. For additional giving, checkout an Amazon Wish List by scanning this barcode





Donations are needed for this event. Please see sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. For monetary donations or if you would like to participate in preparation, please see Deborah Ford or Larry Powell.



As we approach **Advent** season (beginning December 1st), we will need four families to volunteer to participate in lighting of the Advent Candle on each Sunday. Our theme this year, from Upper Room, will be **“Love Anticipates”**. If you are interested, please contact Sister Cynthia (301.776.2420), or Sister Millicent (301.776.8885).



Saturday, December 14th (5:00–8:00 pm) — **Bingo Night** sponsored by the Women of St. Mark's. **Prizes and Fun for all.** Donation: \$10 per person and please bring a dish to share. Please reach out to Ms. Cynthia to let her know what you will be preparing.



Queen's Chapel
Choir Rehearsal

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE "CHRISTMAS MUSICAL CELEBRATION CHOIR" REHEARSALS.

All of our family and friends are welcome to join us. Our Annual Christmas Musical Celebration will be held at Queen's Chapel United Methodist Church Sunday, December 22nd @ 5:00 p.m.


REHEARSAL DATES
Friday, December 6, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.
Friday, December 13, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.
Friday, December 20, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

Point of Contact: Charles Mathews, Jr.
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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)
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

Ushers Needed — Youth and adults, please speak with Sister Gemma DeSouza-Ottley

People are needed to join the **Communion Steward's** ministry please see Cynthia or 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

All branches of the Military, Barbara Hughes, Barbara Mason, Jannette Shuford-Reeves, Rachel Hughes, Rico Harper, Delores Stratford, Keith Davis, Elba Hernandez, 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, 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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