

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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From the pastor, Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.



Dedication to All Saint's Day!

All Saint's Day is a celebration of those who have died in the faith. Today's service references the end time when there will be a new heaven and a new earth, a time when God will wipe away every tear, a time to celebrate the heavenly banquet, a banquet with rich food and aged wine, and a time when weeping in the morning will be no more. The story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead is a sign of God's power over death itself. We have nothing to fear from the grave.

Welcome, as we gather here to worship!

Sunday, November 3, 2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



Diabetes Awareness Month

All Saints Sunday

Ushers:

*Gemma DeSouza-Ottley, Deborah Harper,
Sharon Thomas, Ralph Laquerre, Tyrone Mundell,
Thomas Matthews, Patricia Mundell*

Order of Service

Brother Charles Gregg, Worship Leader

Prelude **Bros. André Baily & Justin Carter**

Lighting of the Candles **Brother Larry Powell**

Processional **St. Mark's Choir and Clergy**

Greeting **Brother Charles Gregg**

Opening Hymn **Hymnal, #359**
"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

Prayer **Minister Nena Hughes**

Greeting/Call to Worship **Brother Charles Gregg**
(please stand)

Leader: Lift up your head, O gates.

People: The king of glory has come.

Leader: Mourning and death shall be no more.

People: Feast on rich food and fine wine.

Leader: Come! Let us worship the God of our salvation.

Alleluia Hymnal, #186
Affirmation of Faith (*The Apostles Creed*).....Hymnal, #881
Selection St. Mark's Choir

Passing of the Peace

God wipes away our tears, bestowing blessings upon us. Let us share signs of these blessings as we rejoice in the peace and fellowship of the saints of God.

Acknowledgement of Visitors /
AnnouncementsSister Tina Thomas-Matthews
Special Presentation..... Rev. Smith and St. Mark's Choir

Pastor's Moment

Selection St. Mark's Choir
Offering Prayer Brother Charles Gregg
Offering
Offertory

Scriptures.....Sister Jacqueline Jones
Old Testament – *Psalm 24*
New Testament – *John 11:32–44 (please stand)*

Roll Call of the Saints Sister Sandra Johnson
Lighting Saint's Candles

- + Rev. Henry Tindal, Jr. – January 2024 – Beloved St. Mark's
Minister of Music
- + Carolyn Guidry – January 2024 – Beloved Cousin of
St. Mark's Member Robert Catchings
- + Keith Matthews – January 2024 – Beloved Nephew of
St. Mark's Members Gloria Still, Ernestine Gibson,
George Gibson
- + Robert Grant – January 2024 – Beloved Cousin of **St. Mark's**
Member Cynthia Augustus
- + Barbara Williams – January 2024 – Beloved Cousin of
St. Mark's Member Cynthia Augustus
- + Charles Edward Jones – January 2024 – Beloved Cousin of
St. Mark's Member Barbara Gregg

- + John Jackson, Jr. – February 2024 – Beloved Nephew of **St. Mark’s Member** Yvonne Borders
- + Elaine Matthews Smith – February 2024 – Beloved Cousin of **St. Mark’s Member** Loretta Thomas
- + Marvin Hebron – March 2024 – **St. Mark’s Member**; Beloved Nephew of **St. Mark’s Members** George Gibson, Ellen Hall, Gail Gibson, Cynthia Whitfield; Beloved Member of the Gibson Family
- + Bernadette King – May 2024 – Beloved Aunt of **St. Mark’s Member** Larry Powell; Beloved Cousin of **St. Mark’s Members** Maurice Carey, Sandra Johnson, and Deborah Ford
- + Shawn Settles – May 2024 – Beloved Husband of **St. Mark’s Member** Kia Settles; Beloved Father of **St. Mark’s Members** Malik, Nena and Micah Settles
- + Jerome Smith – August 2024 – Beloved Son of **St. Mark’s Member**, the late Delores Tyler; Beloved Nephew of **St. Mark’s Members** Bernice Jackson, Barbara Hughes, Floyd Hughes, Sr.
- + Norris Hansford – August 2024 – Beloved Brother of **St. Mark’s Member** Yvonne Borders
- + Anthony Alexander – October 2024 – Beloved Cousin of **St. Mark’s Member** Gemma DeSouza-Ottley
- + Earl Pulley – October 2024 – Beloved Son of **St. Mark’s Member**, the late Rev. Shirley Pulley (member of St. Mark’s Ministerial Staff)

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

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

“Life Beyond the Grave!”

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



David, Jr. – 1st
 Naomi Williams – 4th
 Nina Wallace – 9th
 Troy Gibson, Sr. – 14th

Ufuoma Agarin – 16th
 Loretta Thomas – 17th
 Amber Nicole Dorsey – 18th
 Cynthia Burley – 24th

Anniversary

Jeffrey & Danielle King – 1st (5 yrs.)
 Jerral & Umbrenda Fisher – 6th (31 yrs.)



Heavenly Birthday

Laura Dotson – 4th
 Patricia Briggs – 14th

William (Bill) Carey – 17th
 Sgt. Morris James – 21st

Announcements

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

Worship Attendance — 10/27/2024	
In-Person	66
YouTube	11
Total	77

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.



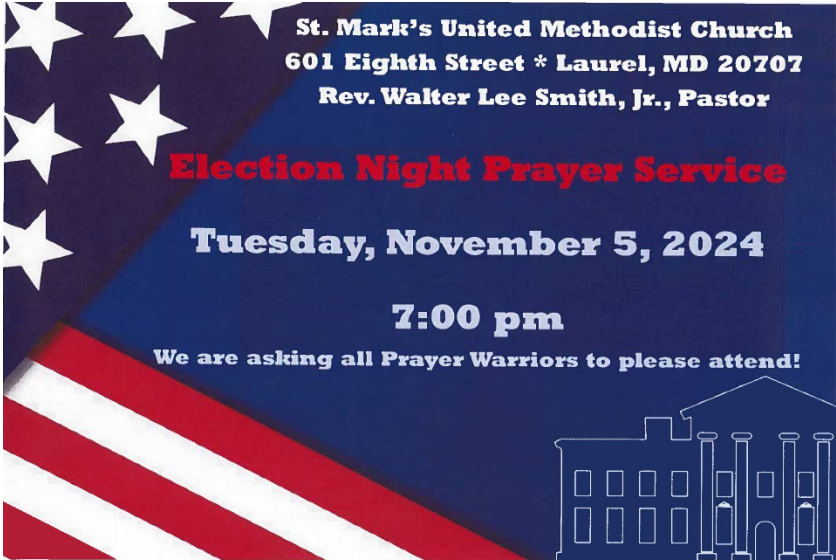
Youth Study Hall — United Methodist Men would like to sponsor this ministry; however, church participation is needed. Men and retired/active teachers are kindly asked to stay after service for a few moments to talk about this program.

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

Monday (6:30 p.m.) — Drop-In Bible Study. The theme will be **Faith and Diabetes Awareness.** Led by Sister Jacqueline Jones.

VOTE

Early voting is over, and you can no longer request a mail-in ballot, **BUT** you can register to vote on election day, just bring proof of where you live.

A poster for an Election Night Prayer Service. The background is dark blue with a stylized American flag on the left side, featuring white stars and red and white stripes. In the bottom right corner, there is a white line-art illustration of a classical building with columns. The text is centered and reads: "St. Mark's United Methodist Church", "601 Eighth Street * Laurel, MD 20707", "Rev. Walter Lee Smith, Jr., Pastor", "Election Night Prayer Service" (in red), "Tuesday, November 5, 2024", "7:00 pm", and "We are asking all Prayer Warriors to please attend!".

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601 Eighth Street * Laurel, MD 20707
Rev. Walter Lee Smith, Jr., Pastor

Election Night Prayer Service

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

7:00 pm

We are asking all Prayer Warriors to please attend!

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81636690166?pwd=ND8RYcSgUrBxg5e11aNwVV21Ms2B1l.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 7th and November 14th (6:30 p.m.) — Women's Day Choir rehearsal. Ladies, please let's full up the choir loft for this special occasion.



Prayer Breakfast
 St. Mark's United Methodist Church
 601 Eighth Street | Laurel, MD 20707
 Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr., Pastor
 Sister Cynthia Augustus, Women's Day Chair
 Saturday, November 9, 2024 | 10:00 a.m.
Donation: \$15.00
 Guest Preacher
 Minister Maulida Kamara
 St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Annual Women's Day
 St. Mark's United Methodist Church
 601 Eighth Street | Laurel, MD 20707
 Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr., Pastor
 Sunday, November 17, 2024 | 10:00 a.m.
 Guest Preacher
 Rev. Jenifer Butler, United Methodist Conference
 John Wesley United Methodist Church
 Abington, Maryland
 Sister Cynthia Augustus, Women's Day Chair

Women's Day Giving

Sacrificial donation of \$100 (women) and \$50 (men)

Tuesday, November 12th (6:00 p.m.) — A tour has been set up for members to tour the Craig A. Moe Laurel Multiservice Center (9900 Washington Blvd N, Laurel, MD 20723, next to Home Depot). If you are interested, please contact Sister Jacqueline Jones. Along with the tour, we will be informed about ways that we can support the center.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MALE CHORUS
63rd ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
"Walking in the Divine Calling of God"
 Saturday, November 16, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.
 FREE WILL OFFERING

featuring
 Curtis Harris Ensemble, Beltsville, MD
 The Celebration Chorus, Beltsville, MD
 Mt. Zion Male Chorus, Laurel, MD
 Unspoken Word, Shelia Walker, QC
 QC Holy Devine Dancers

Special Guest
REIGN

Queen's Chapel United Methodist Church
 7410 Old Mul Kirk Road
 Beltsville, Maryland 20705
 Rev. Dr. William E. Butler, Pastor
 Church Office: (301) 210-9038
 Website: www.qcume.org

*Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner
Wednesday, November 27, 2024
Noon – 6:00 p.m.*

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Sponsored by:

*St. Mark's United Methodist Church
Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr., Pastor*

*Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
Rev. S. Jerry Colbert, Pastor*

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.

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

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.

Looking Ahead



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).

December 1st (3:00 p.m.) — Christmas Tree and Candlelight Service.

Families of the church will take part in decorating the tree (you can bring an ornament or use one available from the church). Following the decorating, there will be skits, singing and a candlelight service. The finale will be a circle of love singing Silent Night as we depart the service.





*“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

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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