

# St. Mark's Ministers

*Min. Nena Hughes (Asst. Pastor)*


*Min. Darren Logan (Asst. to the Pastor)*


*Min. Anthony Latney (CLM & Asst. to the Pastor)*


*Rev. Walter Lee Smith, Jr. (Senior Pastor)*


***“There are no big shots or little shots at St. Mark's,  
we are all shots in God's eyes!”***


 Dear God:


*Enlighten* what's dark in me... 

*Strengthen* what's weak in me... 

*Mend* what's broken in me... 

*Bind* what's bruised in me... 

*Heal* what's sick in me...   
and lastly,

*Revive* whatever peace and love   
has died in me...

***“Roses are red, violets are blue,  
we sure do love you!”  
God be with you!***

# *St. Mark's United Methodist Church*

*601 Eighth Street | Laurel, Maryland 20707*

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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.***  
***(Senior Pastor)***

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***Bishop LaTrelle Millet Easterling***  
*Baltimore/Washington Conference*

***Rev. Sarah Schlieckert***  
*District Superintendent*  
*for the Southern Annapolis Region*

*Worship Service 10:00 AM*

*All are welcome!*

*Welcome, as we gather here to worship!*

*March 15, 2026*

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

*Color: Purple*

*Worship Leader: Minister Nena Hughes*

**Prelude..... Rev. Dr. Keith Brown & Brother Michael Wallace**

**Lighting of the Candles..... Sister Deborah Ford**

**Processional..... St. Mark’s Women’s Choir**

**Greeting ..... Minister Nena Hughes**

**Opening Hymn..... “Because He Lives”  
United Methodist Hymnal..... pg. 364**

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

**Call to Worship..... Minister Nena Hughes**

Leader: Come into the light of God.

**People: Christ’s brightness will guide our way.**

Leader: Come into the wisdom of God.

**People: The Spirit’s insight will reveal new truths.**

Leader: Come into the praise of God.

**All: Worship opens new doors in our hearts.**

Selection..... St. Mark’s Women’s Choir



*“Proclaiming Christ to the generations...*

*Equipping disciples to transform the world”*

**Special Prayers / Sick and Shut-In List:** If you hear of anyone who needs special prayer or is taken to the hospital, please contact:

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William (Dip) Hebron, Jerry Reeves, Francis DeSouza, Quincy Jacob, Tyrone Awkward II, Molone Adams, All branches of the Military, Barbara Hughes, Barbara Mason, Jannette Shuford-Reeves, Rachel Hughes, Rico Harper, Keith Davis, Judith James, Joseph Ballard, Robert (Bobby) Marshall, Oscar Johnson, Harold (Bubby) Awkward, Jr., Tyrone Awkward, William (Jimmy) Scott, Charles Gregg, Janet Carey, Lafayette and Elaine Harvey, Bernice Jackson, Brenda Jackson, Floyd Hughes Sr., Naomi Williams, Leah Henry, Sonja Smith, Eric Smith, Gloria Thomas, Wanda Dumas, Tyrone Mundell, Paul Browder, Lamar Payne, Kevin Miller, Hannah Polk, Larry Powell, Wanda Latney, Justin Carter and Family, Pierre Jones (Brenda Jackson’s grandson)

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**Donations Needed:** The Craig A. Moe Laurel Multiservice Center needs men and women **winter clothing and boots, coats, scarves, hats, gloves and blankets.** To make the above donations in **red**, 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](mailto:info@laurelmsc.org). For additional giving, checkout an Amazon Wish List by scanning this barcode



**Note from Finance:** First, we would like to extend a big thank you to all who 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 the 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/stmarksimd>)

4. Scan the barcode 

Again, thank you. Just remember the church building still has obligations that need to be met.

## *Volunteers Needed*

Six to eight women are needed to join the **Communion Steward's** ministry. Please see Sister Zsa Zsa Hill or Rev. Smith.

***We need new Trustee members. Please see Bro. Thomas Matthews or Rev. Smith.***

## *Passing of the Peace of Christ*

*As we have been restored through faith and made whole by the grace of God, let us offer signs of peace to our family of faith.*

**Acknowledgment of Visitors /  
Announcements..... Sister Tina Thomas Matthews**

**Pastor's Moment..... Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.**

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

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

*Offering*

**Offertory..... ALL  
*(Please Stand)***

**Scriptures..... Sister Zsa Zsa Hill**

*Old Testament – Psalm 23*

*New Testament – John 9:1-41 NKJ **(Please Stand)***

**Sermonic Hymn ..... St. Mark's Women's Choir**

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

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

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

**Recessional / Closing Hymn..... Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.  
St. Mark's Women's Choir**

**Extinguishing of Candles..... Sister Deborah Ford**

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

## 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.

**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 – St. Mark's Mass Choir (6:30 p.m.) Choir Rehearsal.**

**EVERY SUNDAY, we kindly invite you to bring the children to church to attend Sunday School. Please see Sis. Courtney West Armstrong.**

**BAPTISM, if you have a desire to be baptized or have a rededication Baptism, please see Rev. Smith or any minister on the Ministerial Staff. Online viewers, please email or contact the church as soon as possible.**

**Parents and Guardians of Youth Ushers, please notify Ms. Gemma DeSouza (301-693-4494) when your child is not able to attend on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Also, youth ushers are needed. Please contact Sister DaSouza for additional details**

**Attention: Finance is seeking new counters.**

## St. Mark's UMC



### Lenten Season 2026

**"Draw Near, Go Deep:  
Renew Your Faith in Christ"**

"You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you;  
I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a  
dry and parched land where there is no water."  
**(Psalms 63:1)**

### **Wednesday, March 18, 2026**

- Worship @ Queens Chapel UMC – 7410 Old Muirkirk Road, Beltsville, MD
- **Preacher: Rev. Dr. David Scott**

### **Wednesday, March 25, 2026**

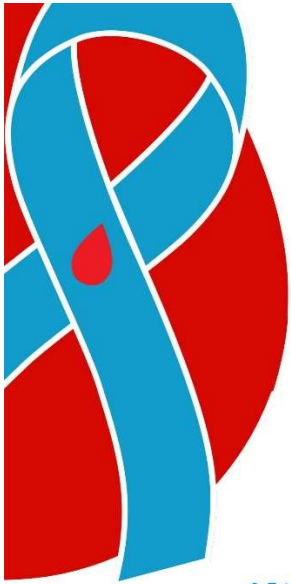
- 7:00 PM Worship @ Mt. Zion UMC – 3592 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel, MD
- **Preacher: Rev. Dr. Will Butler**

### **Holy Wednesday, April 1, 2026**

- 7:00 PM Worship @ Emmanuel UMC – 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD
- **Preacher: Rev Caprice Brown**



Registration Now Open



**DIABETES  
AWARENESS**



St. Mark's United Methodist Church

**14th Annual In-Person & Virtual**

**DIABETES 5K RUN, WALK & FUN WALK**

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026 8:00 AM**

Alice B. McCullough Field  
Montgomery & Eighth Street  
Laurel, Maryland 20707

NATIVE PLANT GIVEAWAY AT FINISH LINE

For online registration and additional information, please visit:

**[Runsignup.com/Race/MD/Laurel/EmancipationDay5K](https://Runsignup.com/Race/MD/Laurel/EmancipationDay5K)**  
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St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
Pastor Walter Smith JR.  
Invites you to Attend:

# EASTER Egg Hunt

APRIL 4th, 2:00pm - 6:00pm

**FOOD- MUSIC - GAMES - FUN**

**BRING YOUR OWN BASKET!**  
601 Eighth Street  
Laurel, MD 20707

**Age Appropriate Egg Hunts:**

- 2 AND UNDER - 2:30PM
- 3-5 YEARS OLD - 3:00PM
- 6-9 YEARS OLD - 3:30PM
- 10 AND UP - 4:00PM

**FREE TO ALL!**

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