

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."

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 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Color: Purple

Worship Leader: Sister Ufuoma Agarin

Prelude..... Brother Michael Turner & Brother Michael Wallace

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

Processional..... St. Mark's Mass Choir

Greeting Sister Ufuoma Agarin

Opening Hymn..... "Victory In Jesus"
United Methodist Hymnal..... pg. 370

Prayer..... Minister Anthony Latney

Call to Worship..... Sister Ufuoma Agarin

Leader: Cry out to God.

People: God listens to us.

Leader: Hope in God.

People: God forgives us.

Leader: Wait for God.

All: God's love is faithful.

Selection..... St. Mark's Mass Choir

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 Mass Choir

Offering Prayer..... Sister Ufuoma Agarin

Offering

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

Scriptures..... Sister Sandra Johnson

Old Testament – Psalm 130

New Testament – Romans 8:6-11 NKJ (***Please Stand***)

Sermonic Hymn St. Mark's Mass Choir

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

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

Invitational Selection..... St. Mark's Mass Choir

Recessional / Closing Hymn..... Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.
St. Mark's Mass 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=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 – **Foretaste** (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 4th Sunday. Also, youth ushers are needed. Please contact Sister DaSouza for additional details

Attention: Finance is seeking new counters.

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. 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/stmarkslmd>)

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.

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**

Announcements



7 **LAST WORDS**
OF JESUS CHRIST ON THE CROSS

FOWLER UMC CHURCH PRESENTS GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

FRIDAY APR 3RD / 12 NOON | HOSTED BY: REV. DR. JAMES GORDON, PASTOR
DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 AM | SERVICE STARTS AT 12 NOON

WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

							
REV. LESLEY NEWMAN-ADAMS ST. MATTHEWS UMC SHADYSIDE, MD	PASTOR OLENTON D. QUEEN FIRST CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH ANNAPOLIS, MD	REV. WALTER SMITH, JR. ST. MARKS UMC LAUREL, MD	REV. GAY GREEN-CARDEN ASBURY UMC-JESSUP JESSUP, MD	REV. HARRY SMITH HALL UMC GLEN BURNE, MD	REV. DR. ANTHONY YOUNG MOUNT OLIVE A.M.E. CHURCH ANNAPOLIS, MD	BISHOP CRAIG N. COATES FRESH START CHURCH ANNAPOLIS, MD	MINISTRY IN MUSIC BY BRET LANE & THE CELEBRATION CHOIR

MEET US AT: 816 BESTGATE RD., ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401

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LIVE STREAMING

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/FOWLERUMCHURCH](https://www.facebook.com/fowlerumchurch)
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April

PRICE
INCLUDES: SHOW,
TRANSPORTATION & LUNCH
CHILDREN AGES 2-12: \$104.00
ADULTS 13 & UP: \$159.00
PAYMENT IS DUE 30 DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT

LIVE ON STAGE
JOSHUA
SIGHT & SOUND THEATER
LANCASTER, PA
(800) 377-1277

DEPARTURE:
7:45 AM
8791 SNOWDEN
RIVER PARKWAY
COLUMBIA, MD
21045

LUNCH
LOCATION:
TO BE
ANNOUNCED

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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!





DIABETES AWARENESS



St. Mark's United Methodist Church

14th Annual In-Person & Virtual

DIABETES 5K RUN, WALK & FUN WALK

USATF CERTIFIED COURSE PROFESSIONALLY TIMED BY BLUE CHEETAH SPORTS TIMING, LLC

RAIN OR SHINE

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

OR SCAN QR CODE



Registration is Now Open



*“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)

Eunice Dumas

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