

# *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 29, 2026*

*Palm Sunday*

*Color: Purple*

*Worship Leader: Sister Gemma DeSouza*

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

**Lighting of the Candles..... Brother Larry Powell**

**Processional..... Foretaste**

**Greeting ..... Sister Gemma DeSouza**

**Opening Hymn..... “At The Cross”  
African American Hymnal..... pg. 264**

**Prayer..... Sister Patricia Mundell**

**Call to Worship..... Sister Gemma DeSouza**

Leader: Give thanks to God, who is truly good.

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Praise Christ whose love abounds with grace.

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Welcome the Spirit with songs of praise.

**All: Hosanna in the highest!**

**Selection..... Foretaste**

# 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.....	Foretaste
Offering Prayer.....	Sister Gemma DeSouza
	<u>Offering</u>
Offertory.....	ALL (Please Stand)
Scriptures.....	Sister Sandra Johnson
	<i>Old Testament – Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 NKJ</i>
	<i>New Testament – Matthew 21:1-11 NKJ (Please Stand)</i>
Sermonic Hymn .....	Foretaste
Sermon.....	Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.
Invitation / Altar Call.....	Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.
Invitational Selection.....	Foretaste
Blessing of the Palms.....	Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.
Recessional / Closing Hymn.....	Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr. Foretaste
Extinguishing of Candles.....	Brother Larry Powell
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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](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/stmarks/md>)

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**

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FOWLER UM CHURCH PRESENTS

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

# LAST WORDS

OF JESUS CHRIST ON THE CROSS

FRIDAY APR 3RD / 12 NOON

DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 AM | SERVICE STARTS AT 12NOON

HOSTED BY: REV. DR. JAMES GORDON, PASTOR



WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS



REV. LESLEY  
NEWMAN-ADAMS  
ST. MATTHEWS UMC  
SHADYSIDE, MD



PASTOR GLENTON 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 BURNIE, 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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

CONTACT: SIS VANESSA BUTLER PH#: 443-995-7062



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**03**  
**April**

**PRICE**  
INCLUDES: SHOW,  
TRANSPORTATION & LUNCH  
CHILDREN AGES 2-12: \$104.00  
ADULTS 13 & UP: \$159.00  
PAYMENT IS DUE 10 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

**CONTACT:**  
PAM GRANT  
EVANS  
301-613-0890  
BONITA  
MATTOCKS  
443-718-1045



# 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

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RAIN OR SHINE

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

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

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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)**

**OR SCAN QR CODE**



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!





## “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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