

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.

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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!

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Color: White

Worship Leader: Minister Nena Hughes

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

Lighting of the Candles..... Brother Michael Carey

Processional..... St. Mark's Men's Choir

Greeting Minister Nena Hughes

**Opening Hymn..... "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"
United Methodist Hymnal..... pg. 378**

Prayer..... Rev. Caprice Brown

Call to Worship..... Minister Nena Hughes

Leader: Even if we feel abandoned and alone,
People: Christ meets us here.

Leader: Even when we become lost and disoriented,
People: Christ rescues us in our needs.

Leader: Even when our hearts are touched by the frost,
People: Christ warms our spirits.

Leader: Even when all light has faded to black,
People: Christ illuminates our Way.

All: Here in this house of worship, enter, rejoice, and come home.

Selection..... St. Mark's Men's 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 Men's Choir

Offering Prayer..... Minister Nena Hughes

Offering

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

Scriptures..... Sister Nina Wallace

Old Testament – Psalm 116:1-4

New Testament – 1 Peter 1:17-23 NKJ (Please Stand)

Sermonic Hymn St. Mark's Men's Choir

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

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

Invitational Selection..... Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

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

Extinguishing of Candles..... Brother Michael Carey

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

Thursday – St. Mark’s New 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 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



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CAR WASH

Saturday, May 9, 2026
Mother's Day Weekend!
Starting at 11 AM

CARS: \$25 • TRUCKS/SUVs: \$35
Wash • Vacuum • Clean Windows • Tire Dressing

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Emancipation Day Fundraiser!
Food & Drinks Available for Purchase!

Pastor Walter Smith Jr.
Info: Thomas Matthews 240-579-1057



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

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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, 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), George Goldson, Arie Goldson

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