

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!

May 3, 2026

Fifth 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 Mass Choir

Greeting Minister Nena Hughes

**Opening Hymn..... "How Great Thou Art"
United Methodist Hymnal..... Pg. 77**

Prayer..... Rev. Caprice Brown

Call to Worship..... Minister Nena Hughes

Leader: Come to Christ, our cornerstone,
People: Christ has called us here.

Leader: Trust in God our firm foundation,
People: God is with us here.

Leader: Rest in the Spirit, our peace beyond peace.

All: May the Spirit guide our way.

Alleluia..... United Methodist Hymnal....."'" **Pg. 186**

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..... Minister Nena Hughes

Offering

Offertory..... ALL (Please Stand)

Scriptures..... Sister Cynthia Dixon

Old Testament – Psalm 31:1-5

New Testament – 1 Peter 2:2-10 NKJ (Please Stand)

Sermonic Hymn St. Mark's Mass Choir

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

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

Thanksgiving and CommunionALL..... Pg 13

Lord's Prayer.....ALL

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

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

On Hiatus — **Women's Roundtable.** Led by Minister Nena Hughes. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81636690166?pwd=ND8RYcSgUrBxg5e1aNwVV21Ms2B1l.1>; Meeting ID: 816 3669 0166; Passcode: 002740

Thursday – St. Mark's Men's 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 Stewards** 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



On Sunday, May 31, 2026, St. Marks United Methodist Church invites you to a Gospel Reunion at 3:00 pm, featuring performances by Mr. Austin Brown, The Christian Cavaliers, Burning Light, Chosen, The Gospel Truth, and The Spirit Lifters.

This event promises to be an unforgettable experience. Join us in celebrating the power of song and praising God. A free will offering will be received

ST. MARK'S UMC

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

St. Mark's UMC

601 8th Street, Laurel, MD 20707

Emancipation Day Fundraiser!

Food & Drinks Available for Purchase!

Pastor Walter Smith Jr.

Info: Thomas Matthews 240-579-1057

ST. MARKS UMC OF LAUREL

Motorcycle *-and-* Slingshot Blessing



Sunday, May. 17, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM

**St. Marks Umc of Laurel
601 8th St Laurel MD 20707**

301-776-8885



All are welcome

Pastor Walter L. Smith Jr.



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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“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, 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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