

*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 A*

*All are welcome!*

*Welcome, as we gather here to worship!*

*May 10, 2026*

*Happy Mother's Day!*

*Color: White*

*Worship Leader: Rev. Caprice Brown*

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

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

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

**Greeting ..... Rev. Caprice Brown**

**Opening Hymn..... "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"  
United Methodist Hymnal..... Pg. 133**

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

**Call to Worship..... Rev. Caprice Brown**

Leader: Gather us in, O God.

**People: Amidst fire and storm, make us whole.**

Leader: Bring us into your presence, Holy One.

**People: From suffering and pain, save us.**

Leader: Shelter us in your loving arms, Precious Lord.

**People: On the highways of life, guide us.**

Leader: Make us your disciples, Great Spirit.

**All: As we worship this day, lead us 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

Mother's Day Tribute ..... Sister Cynthia Augustus

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

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

Offering Prayer..... Rev. Caprice Brown

## *Offering*

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

Scriptures..... Sister Zsa Zsa Hill

*Old Testament – Psalm 66:8-20*

*New Testament – 1 Peter 3:13-22 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..... St. Mark's Men's Choir

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

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.

**On Hiatus** — **Women's Roundtable.** Led by Minister Nena Hughes. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81636690166?pwd=ND8RYcSgUrBxg5e1aNwVV21Ms2B11.1>; Meeting ID: 816 3669 0166; Passcode: 002740

Thursday – St. Mark's Women'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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Also, youth ushers are needed. Please contact Sister DaSouza for additional details

**Attention:** Finance is seeking new counters

**Funeral arrangements for Jeannette Shuford Reeves**  
**Saturday, May 16, 2026**  
**St. Mark's United Methodist Church**  
**Viewing: 10: 00 AM**  
**Funeral Service: 11:00 AM**

**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/stmarks1md>)

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.***

## Mother's Day Tribute

*How beautiful is the love of a mother,  
The love shown not only in words but more than in words - in care, in look, in all  
her concerns, in her worries, in hugs, in kisses, in all things untold.*

*Oh, how beautiful is the love of a mother!  
Vast as ocean sky, soft as pillow under her child's head;  
Just her one look melts one's heart, my heart;  
Just her one glance, which opens the whole fountain of tenderness;*

*Or just one turn of her head to wipe away her tears,  
Which stops all my tempers and overwhelming fear.*

*Oh, how swift is the love of a mother!  
Quick on her feet, in rescue and support;  
Forever anticipating and longing to be needed;  
Forever to watch even from a distance, to observe, to protect;  
She is my guardian angel, my shield the Lord once gave.*

*She is my dearest Mother!*

*Marie J. Christopher*

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# 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.**



St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
Presents

# *Gospel Quartet* **REUNION**

## FEATURED PERFORMANCES

Christian Cavaliers of Annapolis, MD	The Burning light Quartet of Southern MD	The Gospel Truth of Lothian MD	The Spirit Lifters of Annapolis MD	Mr. Autstin Brown of Calvery County MD	Chozen of Severna Park MD
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### May 31 at 3:00 PM

St. Marks United Methodist Church  
601 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Laurel, MD 20707



Senior Pastor  
**Walter L.  
Smith Jr.**

Master of  
Ceremonies:  
**Ron Shay Clark**



**Free Will Offering  
All Are Welcomed**

For additional information please contact the church : (301) 776-8885



# 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**

