

Welcome, as we gather here to worship!

May 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday

Color: White

Worship Leader: Sister Gemma DeSouza

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

Lighting of the Candles..... Sister Patricia Mundell

Processional..... St. Mark's Women's Choir

Greeting Sister Gemma DeSouza

**Opening Hymn..... "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
United Methodist Hymnal..... Pg. 526**

Prayer..... Minister Anthony Latney

Call to Worship..... Sister Gemma DeSouza

Leader: Look to the heavens, people of God.

People: See the power of the Most High God.

Leader: Christ ascends to heaven in glory.

People: Shout to God with cries of joy.

Leader: Clap your hands, children of Love incarnate.

All: Sing praises to God, our king.

Selection..... St. Mark's Women'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 Women's Choir

Offering Prayer..... Sister Gemma DeSouza

Offering

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

Scriptures..... Sister Mary Spivey

Old Testament – Psalm 47

New Testament – Luke 24:44-53 NKJ (Please Stand)

Sermonic Hymn St. Mark's Women's Choir

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

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

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

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

Extinguishing of Candles..... Sister Patricia Mundell

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 United Voices Worship Team (6:30 p.m.) Choir Rehearsal.
Foretaste (8:15 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



Join Chews Memorial
UMC for our Annual

BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION

JUNE 7 @ 3:00 PM

492 Owensville Rd.
Harwood, MD
PASTOR RANDY TRUESDALE

Sponsored by the Nurses of Chews

Guest Speaker:
Rev. Michael A. Parker, II
Asbury UMC Annapolis

Special Honorees:
Denise Hector
Sheril Medley
Janice Hayes-Williams

Zoom ID: 923 1736 4020, Passcode: 168881
or call: 1-301-715-8592

Announcements

**Save the Date: Emancipation Fundraiser
Car Wash
Saturday, May 30, 2026
Starting at 11:00 AM**



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	Chosen of Severna Park MD
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May 31 at 3:00 PM
St. Marks United Methodist Church
601 8th 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

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, 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., 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, George Goldson, Arie Goldson

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