

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 AM

All are welcome!

Welcome, as we gather here to worship!

July 12, 2026

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Color: Green

Worship Leader: Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

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

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

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

Greeting Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

Opening Hymn..... "My Hope Is Built"
United Methodist Hymnal..... Pg. 368

Prayer..... Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

Call to Worship..... Minister Anthony Latney

Leader: Come, whether weary or rejoicing.

People: All are welcome here.

Leader: Come, whether at peace or in the midst of a struggle.

People: All are welcome here.

Leader: Come, whether growing or wilting.

People: All are welcome here.

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 Sandra Johnson

Selection St. Mark's Men's Choir

Offering Prayer..... Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

Offering

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

Scriptures..... Sister Sandra Johnson

Old Testament Psalm 119:105-112 NKJ

New Testament Matthew 13:1-9 NKJ **(Please Stand)**

Sermonic Hymn St. Mark's Men's Choir

Worship 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 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 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 4th Sunday. Also, youth ushers are needed. Please contact Sister DaSouza for additional details

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



Church Bake Sale

*Sunday, July 12, 2026
After Morning Service*

All You Can Eat Crab Feast

*Benefit-St. Mark's UMC Emancipation Day
Sunday, August 9, 2026*

Donation: \$85.00

*Ridgely's Run Community Center
8400 Mission Road – Jessup, MD 20794
Event Time: 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM*

Please be advised that the Church Council will hold a **special meeting** on **Tuesday, July 15, at 7:00 PM via Zoom** to consider and vote on an important matter before the Council.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82209759759?pwd=VbX73396eGGvxg1ZkEDBVl2TtaSnMB.1>

Meeting ID: 822 0975 9759
Passcode: 32801

Announcements



The poster features a large blue and red ribbon on the left side, symbolizing diabetes awareness. The City of Laurel Maryland logo is at the top center. Below it, the text 'DIABETES AWARENESS' is written in bold red letters. A large '5K' logo with a white silhouette of a runner is in the center. Below the 5K logo, it says 'St. Mark's United Methodist Church' and '14th Annual In-Person & Virtual'. The main title 'DIABETES 5K RUN, WALK & FUN WALK' is in bold red letters. Below that, in smaller text, it says 'USATF CERTIFIED COURSE PROFESSIONALLY TIMED BY BLUE CHEETAH SPORTS TIMING, LLC'. A horizontal line separates the title from the date and location information. The date and time 'SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026 8:00 AM' are in bold red letters. Below that, the location 'Alice B. McCullough Field, Montgomery & Eighth Street, Laurel, Maryland 20707' is listed. Another horizontal line separates the location from the registration information. The text 'NATIVE PLANT GIVEAWAY AT FINISH LINE' is in bold black letters. Below that, it says 'For online registration and additional information, please visit: Runsignup.com/Race/MD/Laurel/EmancipationDay5K' in bold black letters. Below the URL, it says 'OR SCAN QR CODE' in bold black letters. A QR code is located at the bottom center of the poster.


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
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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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