

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!

August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Color: Green

Worship Leader: Sister Erica Roy

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

Lighting of the Candles..... Sister Deborah Ford

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

Greeting Sister Erica Roy

Opening Hymn..... "Every Praise is to Our God"
Lyrics on Media Screen

Prayer..... Minister Anthony Latney

Call to Worship..... Sister Erica Roy

Leader: When hatred and division separate us,
People: God's Love binds us together.

Leader: When quarrels estrange us.
People: Christ's grace brings reconciliation

Leader: When we feel excluded and left out,
People: The Spirit's peace eases our pain.

All: Come!. Let us worship the One who makes us one.

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

Selection St. Mark's Women's Choir

Offering Prayer..... Sister Erica Roy

Offering

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

Scriptures..... Sister Nina Wallace

Old Testament Psalm 133 NKJ

New Testament Matthew 15:10-13 NKJ *(Please Stand)*

Introduction of Guest Speaker.....Sandra Johnson

Sermonic Hymn St. Mark's Women's Choir

Sermon..... Rev. Sandra J. Jenkins

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 Deborah Ford

Benediction..... Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

Introductory statement for Rev. Sandra J. Jenkins

Rev. Sandra J. Jenkins, a lifelong Methodist, has served the church in leadership for more than four decades. She has served as youth leader, lay speaker, certified lay speaker, and part-time local pastor before being ordained an Elder in full connection at the Greater New Jersey Annual

Conference on May 31, 2013, by Bishop John Schol. She served four congregations in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference and retired from full-time ministry in 2020. Before her ordination, her ministry included service on ministerial staffs in the United Church of Christ, the Church of the Nazarene, as well as service as a hospital chaplain.

Before entering church ministry, Rev. Jenkins built a career in higher education at various colleges and universities in New Jersey in career counseling and international admissions.

Rev. Jenkins earned a bachelor's degree from Florida A&M University, a master's degree from Trenton State College, now The College of New Jersey, and a Master of Divinity degree from New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

Since retiring, Rev. Jenkins has continued her ministry by serving as a caregiver with Interfaith Caregivers of Mercer County, New Jersey, and as a sighted member of the Mercer County Association of the Blind.

She is the daughter of the Late Frank and Late Alva Jenkins, sister of Carter Jenkins, mother of Tiffany Gaines-Ekwueme, mother-in-law of Christopher Ekwueme, and grandmother of Xavier Ekwueme whom she lovingly calls "her partner in fun".

Her favorite Bible verse for this season of life is Haggai 2:9a from The Message: "This Temple is going to end up far better than it started out, a glorious beginning but an even more glorious finish." As one fellow pastor told her, "You are not retired, you are refocused." For Rev. Jenkins, this reflects her belief that God's work in her life continues and that she remains grateful and amazed to be used by God.

Donations Needed: The Craig A. Moe Laurel Multiservice Center needs men's and women's 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, check out 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.

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 United Voices Worship Team. (6:30 p.m.)

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

St. Mark's UMC



St. Mark's United Methodist Church – Emancipation Day Volunteer Opportunity

Good afternoon, St. Mark's family!

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to serve at the **St. Mark's United Methodist Church Information Booth** during this year's **Emancipation Day Celebration**.

Our goal is to welcome members of our community warmly, share information about our church and its ministries, answer questions, and invite people to join us for worship each **Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

We will have literature available about St. Mark's, our ministries, upcoming events, and opportunities to get connected. We are asking volunteers to be friendly, welcoming, kind, and engaging as we represent Christ and our church family.

To help us present a unified and welcoming appearance, we hope to have St. Mark's United Methodist Church T-shirts made so our team can be color-coordinated throughout the day.

We will organize volunteers into groups and rotating shifts, so everyone has an opportunity to serve while also enjoying the festivities.

If you have a heart for meeting new people, sharing the love of Christ, and representing St. Mark's in our community, we would love to have you join our team.

Please see Pastor Smith or Brother Matthews if you are interested in volunteering.

Thank you for helping us make a positive impact in our community as we share the love of Jesus Christ and the ministry of St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Emancipation T-Shirts

It's almost Emancipation Day/Grove Picnic Time,

Attached to this email, you will find a form that shows the 4 different design options in addition to the order form and contact information for placing an order.

Please be sure to complete the form and be prepared to submit full payment to Tammy Matthews. Please be advised that August 29, 2026, is a hard deadline.

Thank you in advance for your support.



Bougie' Bears CREATIONS

SHIRT
Price Sheet

	XS - XL	\$25
	2X - 4X	\$30
	5X - 6X	\$35

 ***PAYMENT IS DUE**
WHEN YOU FILL OUT YOUR ORDER FORM....

 ***THE CUT - OFF FOR ORDERS**
WILL BE AUG 29.
I WILL NOT TAKE ORDERS AFTER THE DEADLINE....

Contact Info

Tammy Matthews
301-300-7955
FOR MORE INFORMATION



SHIRT ORDER FORM

Date: _____

Customer Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Order #: _____

Pick Up Date: _____

Pick Up / Delivery: ☐ Pick Up ☐ Delivery

Delivery Fee: \$ _____

Delivery Address: _____



ITEM	COLOR	SIZE (S-5XL)	QUANTITY	PRICE EACH	TOTAL
 SHIRT TYPE ☒ T-SHIRT ☐ LONG SLEEVE ☐ HOODIE ☐ CREWNECK ☐ POLO SHIRT ☐ TANK TOP ☐ OTHER _____					
*ADD \$ _____ FOR 2XL & UP					



DESIGN DETAILS
(IF APPLICABLE)

Front Design: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Back Design: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Other Notes: _____

Customer Signature: _____

Subtotal: \$ _____

Tax: \$ _____

Shipping/Delivery: \$ _____

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash
 ☐ Card
 ☐ Venmo
 ☒ Cash App
 ☒ Zelle

Payment Received: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Paid By: _____

CONTACT INFO



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Thank you for supporting Bougie' Bear Creations!



Announcements



*Parents and grandparents, please send your students
Accomplishments and achievements to be recognized during the service at the
Back-to-School Bash to:
Cindy091861@yahoo.com*



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
OR SCAN QR CODE



St. Mark's United Methodist Church

WALKING Ministry

WE WANT **YOU**, MEMBERS!

**I NEED
YOUR HELP!**

**BE A PART OF
SOMETHING
POWERFUL!**



I would like you to help me pass out flyers, welcome our neighbors, and invite our community to come join us at:

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
601 8th St., Laurel, MD

SUNDAYS AT 10:00 AM



*This is an
INTIMATE INVITATION
for you to be a part!*



PLEASE JOIN ME



SATURDAY, AUGUST 22



AT 11:00 AM



Please dress comfortably **and cool.**

We will load the CHURCH van, fan out, and go to several neighborhoods to pass out literature and information about St. Mark's.



*Let's Go
Make Disciples.
Share Hope.
Change Lives.*



Let's show our community the love of Christ and invite them to experience the family of St. Mark's!



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ONE CHURCH. ONE MISSION. ONE COMMUNITY. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



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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