St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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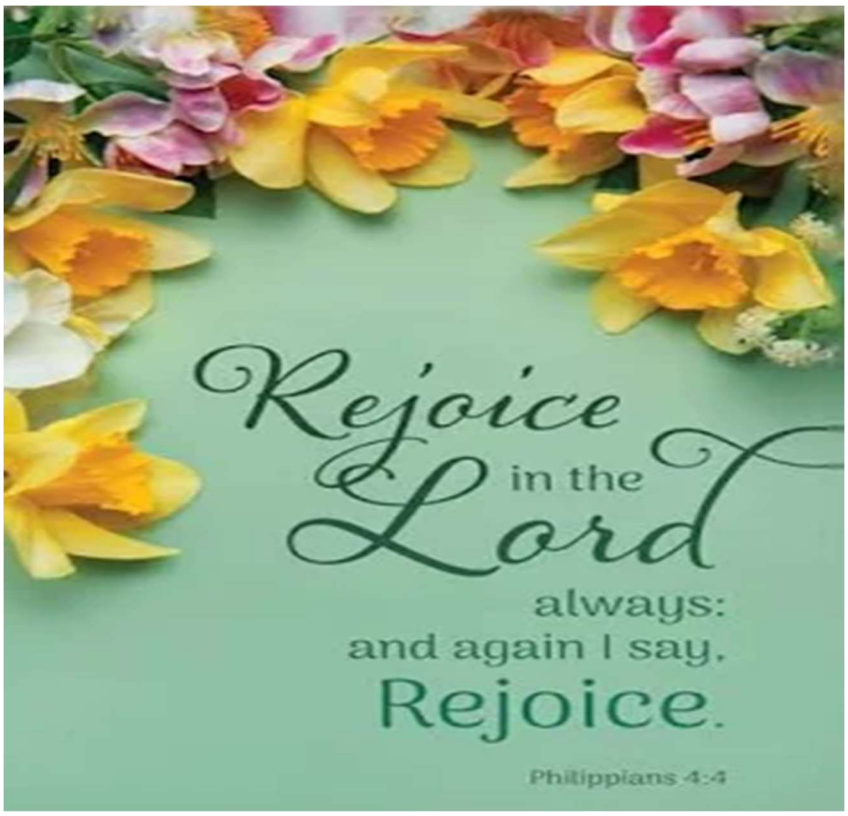

"We come together at St. Mark's to praise God, celebrate His love for us, and grow together in Christ by equipping the people of God to implement and spread His Word to the world."

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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 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Color: Green

Worship Leader: Sister Cynthia Augustus

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

Lighting of the Candles……..…….…….....…..... Sister Shimaine West

Processional…… St. Mark's United Voices Worship Team

Greeting ……..……..….....…..……. Sister Cynthia Augustus

Opening Hymn...….....…. "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
United Methodist Hymnal…….. Page 133

Prayer……..... Sister Courtney West Armstrong

Call to Worship……...……..…. Sister Cynthia Augustus

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 United Voices Worship Team**

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 United Voices Worship Team

Offering Prayer……..…. Sister Cynthia Augustus

Offering

Offertory…….……..……..…….…… ALL ***(Please Stand***

Scriptures…….…… Sister Zsa Zsa Hill

Old Testament **Psalm 124 NKJ**

New Testament **Matthew 16:13-16 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 United Voices Worship Team

Recessional / Closing Hymn…….. Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.
St. Mark's United Voices Worship Team

Extinguishing of Candles …….....…..……. Sister Shimaine West

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=ND8RYcSgUrBxg5e1laNwVV21Ms2B1l.1; Meeting ID: 816 3669 0166; Passcode: 002740

Thursday – **Foretaste Rehearsal. (**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

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.

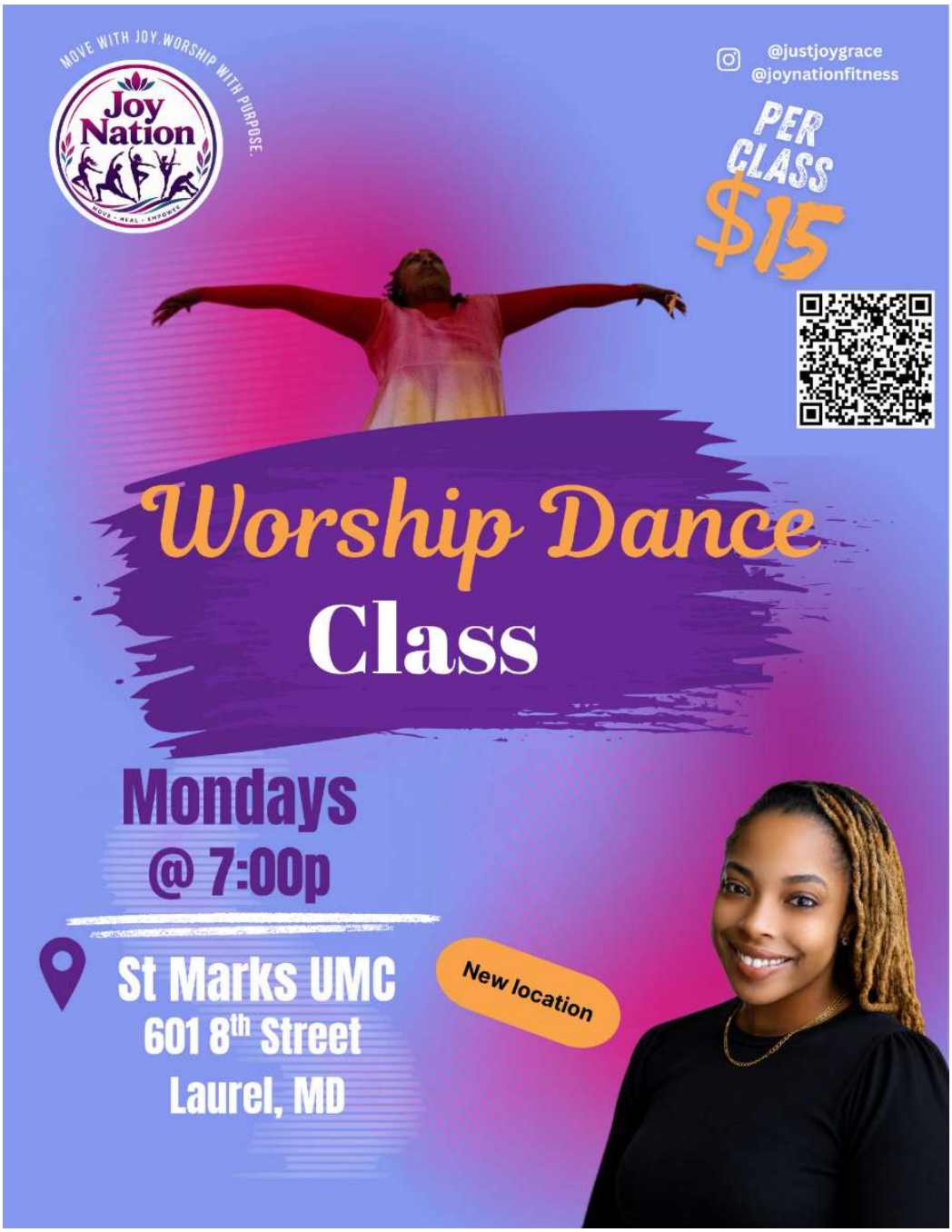
St. Mark's UMC

NEWS

Aunt of Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

Announcements

Free for St. Mark's Members



CITY OF LAUREL MARYLAND

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

It’s almost Emancipation Day/Grove Picnic Time
Don’t forget to purchase your T-Shirt

There are 4 different design options. 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.

Tammy Matthews

Order forms, contact information, and design options can be found in the Fellowship Hall

For Additional Information, please see a member of the Emancipation Day Team.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

EMANCIPATION Sunday WORSHIP SERVICE

CELEBRATING FAITH.
HONORING FREEDOM.
LIFTING JESUS.

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER
6, 2026
10:00 AM

All Are **WELCOME!**

St. Mark's
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

601 8th St.
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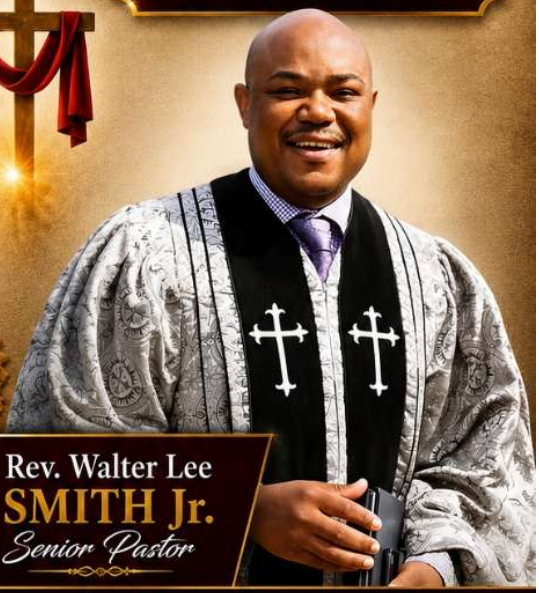
"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."
– JOHN 8:36 (NIV)



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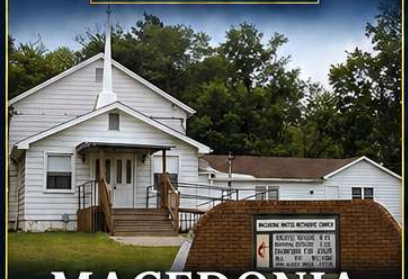
REV. WALTER LEE SMITH JR.

Preaching ENGAGEMENTS

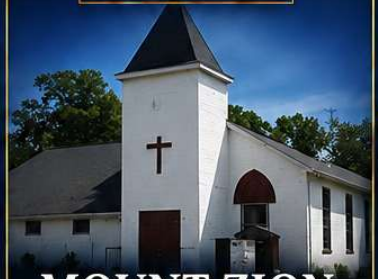
COME WORSHIP, BE INSPIRED & BE BLESSED!

FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 25
7:00 PM



MACEDONIA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ODENTON, MARYLAND

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 1
7:00 PM



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LAUREL, MARYLAND

THE ST. MARK'S UMC MASS CHOIR
will be traveling with me to **BOTH ENGAGEMENTS!**

LET'S COME TOGETHER IN FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & PRAISE!

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United Methodist Church
Laurel, Maryland

FOLLOW & SHARE
REV. WALTER LEE SMITH JR.

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Harvest of Blessings SALE

Saturday, September 26, 2026

St Mark's United Methodist Church

601 8th Street
Laurel, Maryland 20707

11:00AM – UNTIL

SPACE & TABLE
$25.00
BRING YOUR TENT AND CHAIRS!

MUSIC

VENDORS

MOON BOUNCE

FOOD ON SALE!

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Something for Everyone!

Come shop, eat, and enjoy a day of blessings!

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For more information, please contact the church office.

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CHURCH *Homecoming*

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
10:00 AM

THEME:

Welcome Home.

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU.

(LUKE 15:20)

ALL PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS
You Are Invited
TO COME HOME TO
ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

We Remember

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE ON BEFORE US.

Their love, faith, and legacy
will forever remain in our hearts.
May we honor their memory by continuing
the work and worship of our Lord.

REV. WALTER LEE SMITH JR.
SENIOR PASTOR
Will Be Delivering an
ELECTRIFYING SERMON!

COME HOME
Reconnect with old friends and church family!

BELONG
There's a place for you and a purpose for you!

BE RENEWED
Renew your faith, your commitment, and your walk with Christ!

BE BLESSED
Experience God's goodness, love, and abundant blessings!

ONE FAMILY. ONE FAITH. ONE HOME.

We Can't Wait to See You!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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INVITE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.
Come Home!

St Mark's UMC

FAITH *in* BLUE

SERVICE

FIRST RESPONDERS WORSHIP SERVICE

Honoring Those Who Serve ★ Praying for Those Who Protect

★ *Saturday* ★

OCTOBER 10TH, 2026

SERVICE BEGINS AT 6:00 PM

All Are Welcome!

WE WELCOME OUR

POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT

AND ALL FIRST RESPONDERS

We thank God for our

First Responders!

Greater love has no one than this:
to lay down one's life for one's friends.
– JOHN 15:13

Rev. Walter Lee Smith Jr.
PASTOR

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FAITH • SERVICE • COMMUNITY

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF

FUN • COMMUNITY • FAMILY

People's Park FESTIVAL

★ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH ★

12:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

PEOPLE'S PARK
44 CALVERT STREET
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401

Fun for ALL AGES! Bring the whole family!

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS!

FREE FACE PAINTING

PUMPKIN PAINTING

SNOW-BALLS

MOON BOUNCE

...AND MANY MORE EXCITING ACTIVITIES!

Something for Everyone!

- ★ FOOD TRUCKS
- ★ CORVETTE CLUB SHOW
- ★ DANCE GROUPS
- ★ SERENITY SISTERS
- ★ BATES MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND
- ★ ARTS & CRAFTS
- ★ AERIAL DRONE DEMONSTRATION
- ★ TABLES FROM CITY, COUNTY AND STATE AGENCIES PROVIDING RESOURCES AND LITERATURE

★ BUILDING COMMUNITY • CELEBRATING ANNAPOLIS • TOGETHER! ★

CITY OF ANNAPOLIS

POLICE ANNAPOLIS MARYLAND DEPARTMENT

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT
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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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