

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 30, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Color: Green

Worship Leader: Sister Gemma DeSouza

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

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

Processional..... Foretaste

Greeting Sister Gemma DeSouza

Opening Hymn..... “At the Cross”

Songs of Zion..... Page 8

Prayer..... Minister Anthony Latney

Call to Worship..... Sister Gemma DeSouza

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord.

People: We call on God’s name.

Leader: Make known the deeds of our Creator,

People: singing them into the world.

Leader: Sing to God, O people,

People: We will sing praise, to tell of God’s wondrous works, and give thanks for so many miracles.

Leader: Come, and seek the presence of the Lord,

People: and glory in God’s holy name.

Leader: Let the hearts of all who seek the Holy rejoice,

All: for God brings strength to all the people.

Selection..... Foretaste

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 Gemma DeSouza

Selection Foretaste

Offering Prayer..... Sister Gemma DeSouza

Offering

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

Scriptures..... Sister Mary Spivey

Old Testament Psalm 105:1-3 NKJ

New Testament Matthew 16:21-23 NKJ (*Please Stand*)

Sermonic Hymn Foretaste

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

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

Invitational Selection Foretaste

Recessional / Closing Hymn..... Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

Foretaste

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=ND8RYcSgUrBxg5e1aNwVV21Ms2B1l.1>; Meeting ID: 816 3669 0166; Passcode: 002740

Thursday — **St. Mark's Mass Choir.** (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.

Free for St. Mark's Members



Worship Dance Class

**Mondays
@ 7:00p**

 **St Marks UMC**
601 8th Street
Laurel, MD

New location





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:

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OR SCAN QR CODE



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.
Laurel, MD 20707

“ 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



MOUNT ZION
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!



St. Mark's
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*

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!



SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER
27,
2026
10:00 AM



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



SENATOR NATHANIEL EXUM YOUTH DAY IN ANNAPOLIS



LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS OF MARYLAND'S SENATOR NATHANIEL EXUM YOUTH DAY PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR **MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** TO LEARN ABOUT THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AND POWER OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, AS WELL AS PARTICIPATE IN PRACTICAL EXERCISES REGARDING HOW THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPERATES. STUDENTS WILL EXPERIENCE BEING A LEGISLATOR, SPONSOR LEGISLATION, VOTE ON BILLS, ELECT COMMITTEE CHAIRS, CHOOSE A HOUSE SPEAKER PRO TEM AND SPEAKER. IN THE PAST, STUDENTS HAVE REALLY BECOME ENGAGED IN THESE EXERCISES.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH 8:00 AM TO 2:00PM

MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY 90 STATE CIRCLE, ANNAPOLIS, MD

Submit Registration Form to: bit.ly/lbcmdyouthday26
by Friday, September 25.

For more information, contact black.caucus@house.maryland.gov

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
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**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! ★



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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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