

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 9, 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Color: Green

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

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

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

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

Greeting Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

**Opening Hymn..... "We'll Understand It Better By and By"
United Methodist Hymnal..... pg. 525**

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

Call to Worship..... Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

Leader: Christ comes for us in sunshine and in the dead of night. Welcome the presence of
Christ.

People: We welcome you, O Christ! Blessed be your name!

Leader: Christ reaches out to us in the stillness of peace and reaches out to us in the stillness of
peace and in rage of the storm. Nothing overwhelms our Savior. Nothing overcomes.

ALL: Our hope and trust are in you! Blessed be your name!

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 Tina Thomas Matthews

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 105:1-4 NKJ

New Testament Matthew 14:22-25 NKJ **(Please Stand)**

Sermonic Hymn St. Mark's Men's Choir

Sermon..... Rev. Dr. Britany Johnson

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 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 Women's Choir 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



A vertical poster for a crab feast. At the top and bottom are images of cooked crabs. The central text area is white with black and red text. It includes a donation amount, date and time, a title with a flame graphic, a small crab icon, the beneficiary, location, and contact information.

DONATIONS
\$85

SUN 8/9
2pm to 6pm

ALL YOU CAN EAT
CRAB FEAST
SUNDAY FUNDAY

Benefit- St Mark's UMC Emancipation Day
Pastor Walter Smith, Jr.

Ridgely's Run Community Center

Please join us Sunday August 9th, 2pm to 6pm.
All You Can Eat Crabs.
We will have a DJ, great food, and more.
Contacts: Tiara 301-674-8003, Tina 301-775-0837, Pat 410-227-3156

📍 8400 Mission Rd Jessup MD 20794

Announcements

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

POWERFUL PRAYER & Healing SERVICE

SATURDAY
AUGUST 15, 2026
5:00 PM

AT
ST MARKS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
601 8th St.,
Laurel, MD 20707

FREE WILL OFFERING
ALL ARE WELCOME!

ISAIAH 53:5
But he was pierced
for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace
was on him, and by his wounds
we are healed."

GUEST SPEAKER
REV. JAMES
Gordon
— SENIOR PASTOR —
FOWLER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
& CECIL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

COME BELIEVE, RECEIVE, AND
EXPERIENCE THE HEALING POWER OF
JESUS CHRIST!

 **REV. WALTER LEE, SMITH JR**
SENIOR PASTOR

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St. Marks UMC
of Laurel and
Senior Pastor
Walter L. Smith Jr.
Presents

**Let's Kick Off the
School Year Together!**



Back To School Bash

**Celebrating Yesterday's Successes, Preparing for
Tomorrow's Opportunities**

**August
23**

601 8th Street
Laurel, Maryland
20707
After Sunday
Service

**Inviting All Students, Families,
Teachers, School Staff and
Community members**

- ★ **School Supplies**
- ★ **Food**
- ★ **Music**
- ★ **Activities**

**"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans."
- Proverbs 16:3**

**For more Information Please reach out to
Sister Cynthia Augustus or Courtney
Armstrong**





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 – 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.

Welcome to St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! On behalf of our church family, we extend a warm Christian welcome to you. Whether you are visiting for the first time, seeking a church home, or returning to worship with us, we are delighted that God has led you to St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

At St. Mark's, we strive to be a loving community of faith where all are welcomed, encouraged, and inspired to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, discipleship, and service. We invite you to join us as we celebrate God's love, share His Word, and serve our community together.



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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