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!

September 27, 2026

Annual Homecoming

Color: Green

Worship Leader: Sister Patricia Mundell

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

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

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

Greeting …….....…..…. Sister Patricia Mundell

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

Prayer…….……..….... Minister Nena Hughes

Call to Worship…….....…..…. Sister Patricia Mundell

Leader: Moses listened to the guidance of the Lord rather than the quarreling of the people.
People: We will set aside our grumbling and quarrels, that we may hear the voice of God more clearly.

Leader: The poetry of the psalmist invites us to "give ear" to Divine teaching,
People: We will incline our ears and listen for ways to share the presence of God.

Leader: The letter to the Philippians encourages them and us to have the same mind as Christ, and to empty ourselves, that we might be filled.
All: We will humble ourselves as Christ was humble, opening our very lives to the ongoing call of God.

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.

Former St. Mark's Pastors…… Reflections

Acknowledgment of Visitors /
Announcements……..…..….. Sister Tina Thomas Matthews

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

Offering Prayer……..……..…… Sister Patricia Mundell

Offering

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

Scriptures…….…… Sister Sandra Johnson

Old Testament **Psalm 78:1-4 NKJ**

New Testament **Matthew 21:23-26 NKJ** ***(Please Stand)***

Sermonic Hymn ..... St. Mark's United Voices Worship Team

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.

Resumes Tuesday, October 6, 2026 (6:00 p.m.) — **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 – **Rehearsal: 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

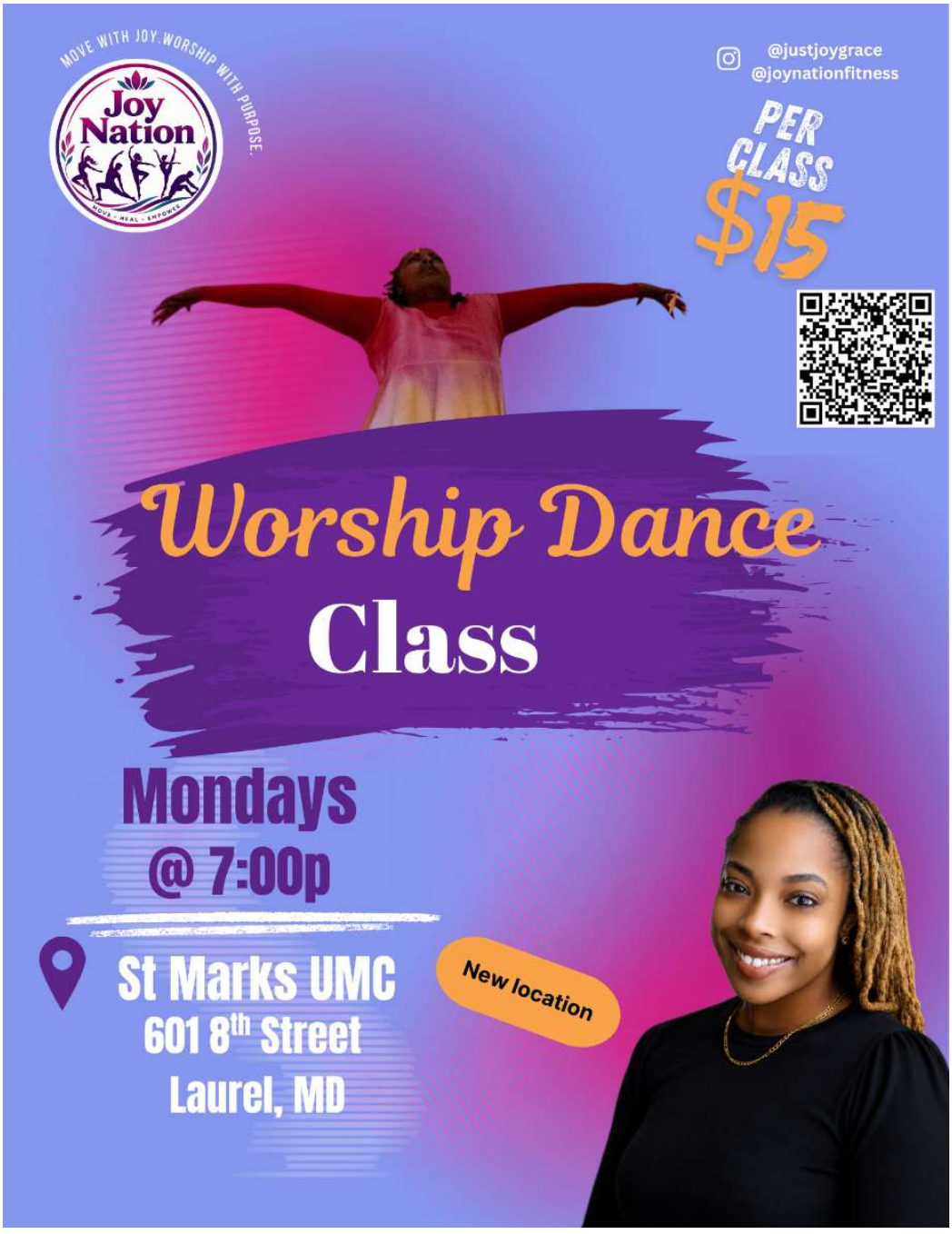
Again, thank you. Just remember the church building still has obligations that need to be met.

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



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!

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Laurel, Maryland

FOLLOW & SHARE
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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

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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12:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

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ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401

Fun for ALL AGES! Bring the whole family!

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- ★ ARTS & CRAFTS
- ★ AERIAL DRONE DEMONSTRATION
- ★ TABLES FROM CITY, COUNTY AND STATE AGENCIES PROVIDING RESOURCES AND LITERATURE

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CITY OF ANNAPOLIS

POLICE ANNAPOLIS MARYLAND DEPARTMENT

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FOR SOME SHOPPING, FOOD AND FUN...

BUS TRIP TO ENGLISHTOWN

Indoor / Outdoor Auction and Sales

OCT 17 2026

$40 Adults

$30 Youth 17 & under

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2580 RIVA ROAD | ANNAPOLIS MD

Children must be supervised at all times for their safety!

Departure from Park and Ride at **8:00 AM**

Leaving Englishtown at **4:00 PM**

back at Park & Ride by **6:30 PM**

90 Wilson Ave, Manalapan, NJ 07726

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HONORING OUR PAST
CELEBRATING OUR PRESENT
ST. MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CELEBRATING
EXPECTING OUR FUTURE
TOGETHER IN CHRIST
136TH
Church Anniversary
136 YEARS OF FAITH • HOPE • LOVE • SERVICE
ONE HUNDRED WOMEN IN HATS
AND
ONE HUNDRED MEN IN NECK TIES
"They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of His splendor."
Isaiah 61:3
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 18TH
– 2026 –
EST. 1882
ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 AM
A Morning of Praise, Thanksgiving & Celebration
WEAR YOUR HAT WITH PRIDE!
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SERVICE
3:00 PM
A Time of Worship, Word & Fellowship
WEAR YOUR BEST NECK TIE!
PASTOR MATILDA BANGA
GUEST PREACHER
10:00 AM SERVICE
REV. WALTER LEE SMITH JR.
SENIOR PASTOR
BISHOP ANTHONY MUSE
(MARYLAND SENATOR)
3:00 PM SERVICE
MUSIC BY
The Stansbury Singers
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INVITES YOU TO

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026 • 10:00 AM

SPECIAL GUEST PREACHER

MINISTER BRET LANE

REV. WALTER LEE SMITH JR.
SENIOR PASTOR

COME HEAR THIS ELECTRIFYING PREACHER!
COME BE BLESSED!

"Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers."
1 TIMOTHY 4:12

ALL ARE WELCOME

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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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