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!

October 4, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Color: White

Worship Leader: Minister Nena Hughes

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

Lighting of the Candles……..…….……..... Brother Michael Carey

Processional…… St. Mark's Mass Choir

Greeting ……..……..….....…..…. Minister Nena Hughes

Opening Hymn...….....…. "Because He Lives"
United Methodist Hymnal…….. Page 364

Prayer……..... Brother Thomas Matthews

Call to Worship…….…….....…..…. Minister Nena Hughes

Leader: The heavens proclaim the glory of God.
People: We too proclaim what God has done in our lives.

Leader: Voices of praise shout to the ends of the earth.
All: May we join the chorus, as we sing of God's great and abiding love!

Alleluia…… United Methodist Hymnal ……..PG 186

Selection…….…… St. Mark's Mass 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 Mass Choir

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

Offering

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

Scriptures…….…… Sister Sandra Johnson

Old Testament **Exodus 20:1-4 NKJ**

New Testament **Matthew 21:33-37-18 NKJ** ***(Please Stand)***

Sermonic Hymn ..... St. Mark's Mass Choir

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

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

Invitational Selection ..…… St. Mark's Mass Choir

Thanksgiving and Communion ….ALL…….…….. PG 13

Lord's Prayer…… All

Recessional / Closing Hymn…….…….. Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.
St. Mark's Mass Choir

Extinguishing of Candles …….....…..…. Brother Michael Carey

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.

Tuesday (6:00 p.m.) — **Women's Roundtable.** Led by Minister Nena Hughes. Zoom Meeting invitation - ROUNDTABLE BIBLE STUDY

Zoom Meeting
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81636690166?pwd=ND8RYcSgUrBxg5e1laNwVV21Ms2B1l.1;
Meeting ID: 816 3669 0166; Passcode: 002740

Thursday – **Rehearsal: St. Mark's Men's 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

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY PLEDGE

Sunday, October 18th is the 136th Church Anniversary of St. Mark's. Please celebrate by making a sacrificial donation of $136 ($1 for each year). If you cannot pledge $136, any amount that is donated will be appreciated. Thank you

Donations Needed: The Craig A. Moe Laurel Multiservice Center needs men and women 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, checkout 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.

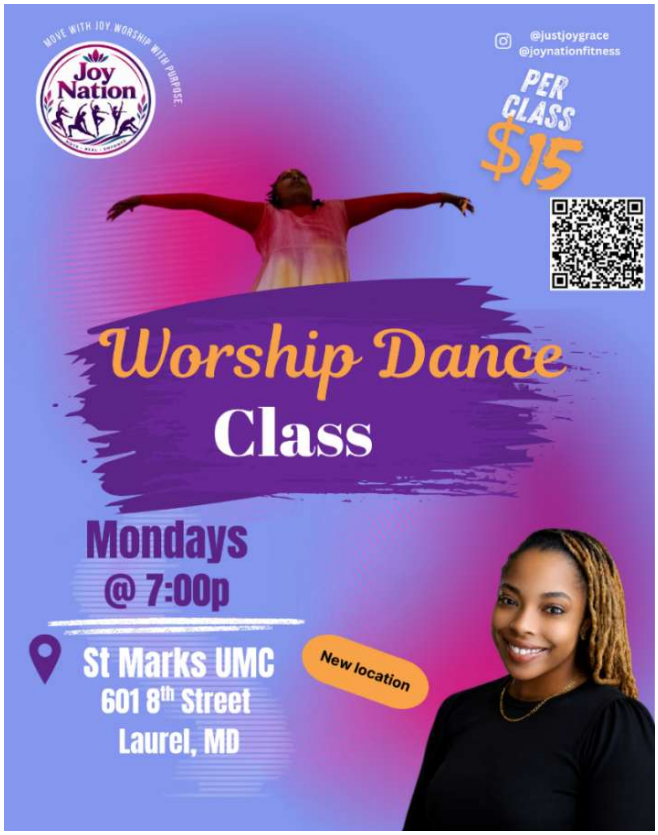
Volunteers Needed

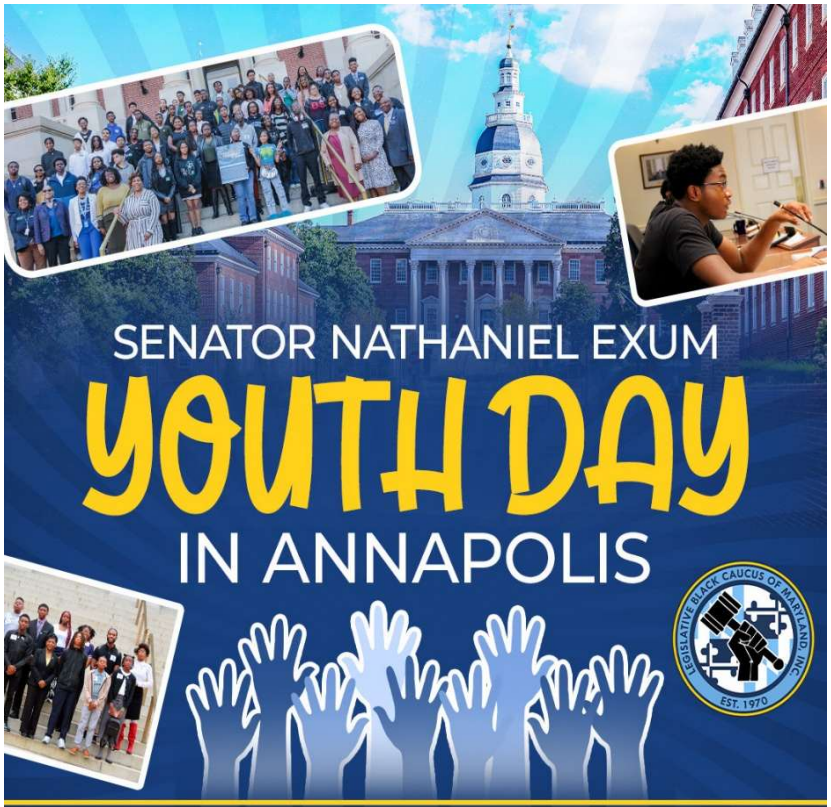
Six to eight women are needed to join the **Communion Steward's** ministry. Please see Sister Zsa Zsa Hill or Rev. Smith.

We need new Trustee members. Please see Bro. Thomas Matthews or Rev. Smith.

St. Mark's UMC

Free for St. Mark's Members





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
POLICE
PROTECT & SERVE
FIRE
DEPT.
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

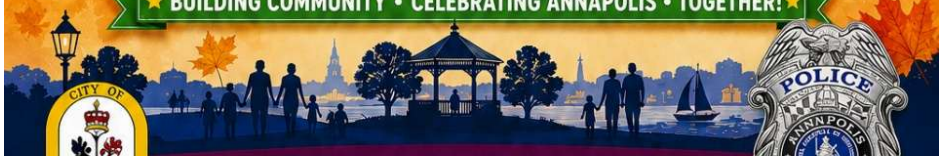
MOON BOUNCE

...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
WWW.ANNAPOLIS.GOV

JOIN THE CHEWS' MEMORIAL HEALTH MINISTRY

FOR SOME SHOPPING, FOOD AND FUN...

BUS TRIP TO ENGLISHTOWN

Indoor / Outdoor Auction and Sales

OCT 17 2026

$40 Adults

$30 Youth 17 & under

RIVA ROAD PARK AND RIDE

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

FOR TICKETS OR INFO :

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HONORING OUR PAST
CELEBRATING OUR PRESENT

ST. MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CELEBRATING

136TH Church Anniversary

EXPECTING OUR FUTURE
TOGETHER IN CHRIST

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
LIFTING HEARTS THROUGH SONG

Honoring Our Past • Celebrating Our Present • Expecting Our Future

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ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

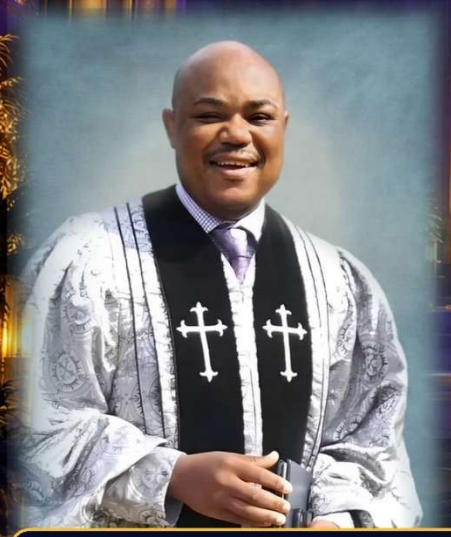
INVITES YOU TO

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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St Marks
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PRESENTS:
Prayer Breakfast
The Time is Now to come together
in Unity, and to Pray for one Another!
Matthew 18: 19 - 20
When:
SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 7,
2026
Where:
Baltimore Washington
Conference Center
11711 E Market Place
Fulton MD 20759
Time:
10:00AM
Tickets:
$20
HOLY BIBLE
Guest Speaker:
Rev. Michael Parker
Host Pastor:
Rev. Walter Smith Jr.

URGENT CALL TO ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PLEASE HELP SAVE MY LIFE

LIVING KIDNEY DONOR NEEDED

Rev. Walter Lee Smith Jr.
Father • Pastor • Community Servant

I am living with kidney failure and seeking a **living kidney donor.** Your willingness to be evaluated could help give me a new chapter of life.

Carry one another's burdens.
— Galatians 6:2

SCAN TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP

Anyone interested in being considered as a kidney donor: please scan this QR code.

All are welcome to help. | Pray. | Share. | Consider donation.

443-881-6079 | **Waltsmith561@gmail.com**

Donor eligibility is determined by the transplant team.

"Proclaiming Christ to the generations...
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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