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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 18, 2026

136th Church Anniversary

Honoring Our Past! Celebrating Our Present!

Expecting Our Future!

Worship Leader: Brother Thomas Matthews

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

Lighting of the Candles……..……..……..... Sister Deborah Ford

Processional…… St. Mark's Women's Choir

Greeting ……..……..…....…..… Brother Thomas Matthews

Opening Hymn...….....…. "Yes, God Is Real"
Songs of Zion…….. Page 201

Prayer……..... Brother Thomas Matthews

Call to Worship…….…….....…. Brother Thomas Matthews

Leader: May the nations quake and the people tremble.
People: God sits enthroned in the heavens, bringing justice and righteousness.

Leader: May the mountains tremble, and the seas roar.
People: God's glory is stronger than the foundation of earth.

Leader: May the humble seek the living God.
.**People: God's goodness and mercy sustain the faithful in times of trial.**

All: Come, let us worship the Lord

Selection…….…… **St. Mark's Women'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 Women's Choir

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

Offering

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

Scriptures…….……..…… Sister Nina Wallace

Old Testament Exodus 33:12-15 NKJ

New Testament **Matthew 22:15-18 NKJ** ***(Please Stand)***

Introduction of Guest Speaker……... Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

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

Sermon……..……..……..…… Pastor Matilda Banga

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

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

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

Extinguishing of Candles …….....…… Sister Deborah Ford

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 United Voices Worship Team. (**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.

Brother Larry Powell would like to meet with the men for a few minutes after church. Thank you.

St. Mark's UMC



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints Sunday will be held on Sunday, November 1, 2026, during the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. The names of any St. Mark's members who passed away from November 1, 2025, to October 31, 2026, will be recognized. We also wish to honor the names of deceased family members of our St. Mark's members. If a family member passed away from November 1, 2025, to October 31, 2026, please see Sandy Johnson immediately after the Worship Service so we can include your deceased family member's name in the November 1st service. **Please include:**

- **the person's name**
- **date they passed away**
- **their relationship to you (ex. husband, son, aunt, cousin, etc.)**
- **picture of your deceased family member**

You can also contact Sandy through phone/text: 410-530-0399 or email: sandra7767@msn.com


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...
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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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