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!

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

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

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

Lighting of the Candles……..…….. Brother Thomas Matthews

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

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

Opening Hymn...…..... "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"
Songs of Zion…….. Page 46

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

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

Leader: The God of our ancestors has called us here.
People: We are witnesses.
Leader: The wisdom of the ages has called us here.
People: We are witnesses.
Leader: The choice to follow God has called us here.
People: We are witnesses.
Leader: The Lord of life has called us here.
People: We are witnesses.

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 Zsa Zsa Hill
Old Testament Joshua 24:1-3a NKJ

New Testament **Matthew 25:1-4 NKJ** ***(Please Stand)***

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

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

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 Thomas Matthews

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

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

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

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



Women's Day
November 15, 2026
Sacrificial Donation: Women: $100, Men: $50
Color for the Day: Orange

Theme: Women of God: Persevering Through Trials; Praising God Through It All.
Scripture: Galatians 6:9 -Do not grow weary in doing good, for we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Psalm 34:1- Praise the Lord at all times.

ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AN EVENING OF UNITY & THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Worship Service & Blessing of Food Donations

Saturday, November 14, 2026

5:00 PM

601 8th Street • Laurel, MD 20707

DONATIONS REQUESTED

Gift Cards • Canned Goods • Hams • Turkeys

Non-Perishable Food Items

Help us prepare Thanksgiving baskets for families in need.

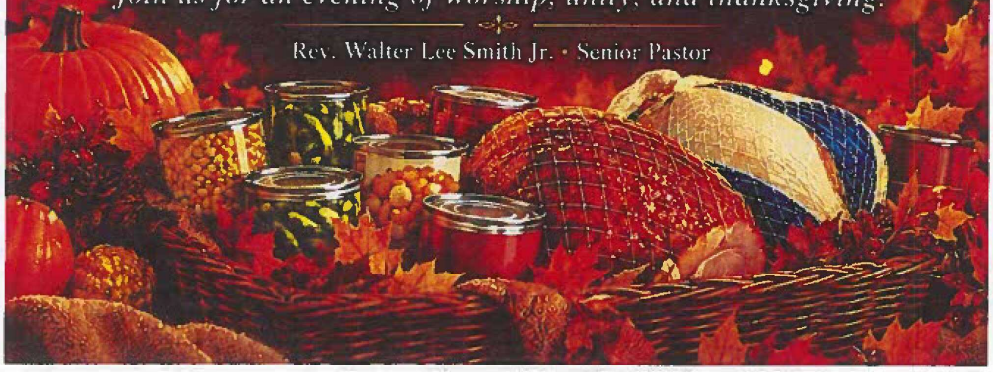
All donations will be placed in the sanctuary for a special prayer of blessing.

THE ENTIRE DMV IS INVITED!

All pastors, congregations, and community members are welcome.

Join us for an evening of worship, unity, and thanksgiving.

Rev. Walter Lee Smith Jr. • Senior Pastor





Sign-up sheet for food donations is in the Fellowship Hall

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, Michael Carey

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