

May 2024

SAINTS REST CEMETERY MINISTRY

Memorial Day 2024

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION @ SAINTS REST RESUMES

PRAISE THE LORD! Due to COVID-19 restrictions and concerns, we last celebrated Memorial Day at Saints Rest on Monday, May 27, 2019. This year, on Monday, May 27, 2024, at 10:00am, we will resume our Memorial Day Celebration at Saints Rest. ***Come out and join the celebration!!***

MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE



Memorial Day Message - May 27, 2024
Tribute, Reflection, Tradition

Minister Michael R. Simms, Sr.

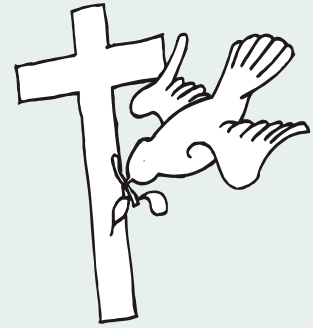
Once again we will gather at Saints Rest Cemetery to celebrate what we once called Decoration Day. It is a time set aside to honor those military who have died on and off the field of battle. We will lay wreaths and flags at the grave site. This day is also a special time to place flowers, balloons, flags and simply spruce up the grave sites and cemeteries in general. We also gather at the cemetery just to see family and friends. Memorial Day may soon be viewed differently by those who study demographics and undeveloped land use. It may come down to the amount of raw acreage for burial sites as compared to the rate of souls leaving this earthly realm. I first walked these hallowed grounds about 60 years ago. As I have grown older and prayerfully wiser, the cemetery will always conjure up fond memories; not so much words like bravery, honor or service. My memory goes back to the earliest families and leaders of St. Mark Church, community members, family and friends who have left us here on mother earth.

Memorial Day is the last Monday in May and we will pay tribute to the United States Armed Forces, remember our loved ones, celebrate our traditions and reflect on this day. Let us not forget those who have died over so many years. Let us praise God from whom all blessings flow.

If you speak to our new Pastor, Rev. Dr. Kendrick D. Weaver, he'll tell you how I love to tell the stories. I laugh a lot, sometimes I well up in tears. I love to tell the stories. Be it happy or sad, I hope you'll hear or tell a story today also.

I love to tell the story, of Jesus and his blood.
I love to tell the story, Of unseen things above
Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love
I love to tell the story, Because I know 'tis true
It satisfies my longings, As nothing else can do
I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story, Of Jesus and his love
I love to tell the story, For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting, To hear it like the rest
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song
'Twill be the old, old story, That I have loved so long
I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story, Of Jesus and his love
To tell the old, old story, Of Jesus and his love.

Katherine Hankey



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MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building, from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

2 Corinthians 5:1

We continue to salute our Ministry members, who passed just prior to the shutdown, during the pandemic, and until this service, and we thank them for their service. They are:

Elmer Aulton

Jack Dailey

Lemuel Aulton

Donald W. Queen

Barbara Aulton O'Neal

Their names have been added to the back of the Cross in the circle at the top of the hill, and a wreath will be placed at entrance to the Memorial Garden, in their honor.

Please continue to keep their families in your prayers.



2023-2024 ROLL CALL

Gone but Not Forgotten, since Memorial Day 2023, the following have gone home to be with the Lord:

2023

Natalie Adams
Larry Baker
Madeline Dailey
Latonya De-Shazo-Powell
Morris Eldridge
Kenneth Ellis
Mamie Ellis Evans
Jeffrey L. Hall
Frances Hamilton
Jacqueline R. Hamilton

Tanya Jackson
Diane M. Jones
Buford King
Mary Ella Madden
Barnett W. Matthews
Margaret Matthews
Thelma V. Milling
Gary Minnifield
Barbara L. Aulton-O'Neal
Luvenia Ann Tinch



2024

Michael Brooks
Alberta Davis
Frank Day
Eleanor M. Dotson
Gregory Draft
Mary Faulkner
Daya Fowler
Donald Gaither
Yvonne Gaither Henry
Eleanora S. Galloway
Terri Gibbs

Edith Green
Steven Hall
Dorothy Patricia Handy
Dana Hebron
Ella Long
Daniel S. Matthews
Winston A. Matthews
Herbert Stevenson
Raynor F. Thompson
Sylvia Warren
Wardell K. Williams

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Dear Lord, on this day of remembrance, we celebrate the imprints of our loved ones.

They are gone, but not forgotten.

They have passed, but remain in our hearts.

May their legacy live in us and through us.

As they have invested in us,

As they have impacted us,

As they have protected and cared for us,

May we do likewise to those surrounding us now.

O God, may your mercy extend throughout our generations. So be it.

Amen.

Rev. Dr. Kendrick D. Weaver

Life is But A Stopping Place

Life is but a stopping place

A pause in what's to be,

A resting place along the road, to sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys,

Different paths along the way.

We all were meant to learn some things,

But never meant to stay...

Our destination is a place,

Far greater than we know,

For some the journey's quicker,

For some the journey's slow.

And when the journey finally ends,

We'll claim a great reward,

And find an everlasting peace,

Together with the Lord.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Saints Rest Floral & Cleanup Regulations - Sign Posting

In case you are not aware or have forgotten Cemetery Regulations, a sign has now been posted near the Cemetery entrance. Please help us maintain the beauty of the Cemetery. The sign will be a reminder of:

- Floral arrangements and wreaths may be placed at the cemetery at any time throughout the year. However, flowers placed at grave sites the end of March thru November are recommended to be placed in vases or urns to prevent damage by grounds maintenance.
- A complete cleanup will be conducted by the Cemetery Ministry in the Spring prior to Mother's Day (on/about May 1st).
- Periodic follow-on cleanup will be conducted by the Cemetery Ministry after Memorial Day thru October.
- For the safety of all visitors, floral arrangements should **NEVER** be placed in glass receptacles.

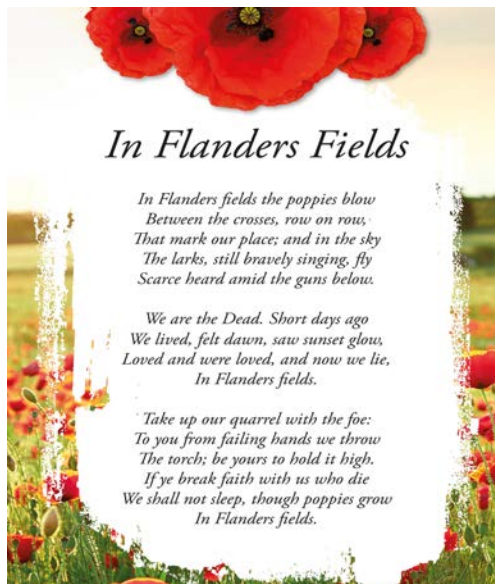
Old Saints Rest Cemetery Update

The Saints Rest Cemetery Ministry has been working diligently to obtain funding to assist in the total cleanup and restoration of the Old Cemetery. This endeavor will not be a simple nor an expeditious one. However, we are determined to make a difference. The first phase of the cleanup has been completed. Please take the opportunity to see the work completed thus far.

Since many of the graves are unmarked, your assistance is needed to help identify those buried in the Old Cemetery. If you have family members buried in the Old Cemetery and haven't had the opportunity to fill out our Cemetery Occupancy Survey, please contact Rosetta Holloway, Burial Coordinator or Wanda Eldridge, St. Mark History & Archives. Your assistance will significantly help when we begin efforts to have the Old Cemetery designated a Historical site.

As you are probably aware by now, sometime between 1:00pm on Thursday, December 14, 2023, and 1:00pm on Saturday, December 16, 2023, we experienced vandalism in the Old Cemetery (the sign at the entrance was burned). The incident was reported to the Anne Arundel County Police and Fire Department.

Though we have not been able to identify the vandals, we are pleased to advise that the sign has been replaced.



Submitted by Carl Rutledge
Veterans Rep

SAINTS REST CEMETERY MINISTRY

Denard Hebron, Chairperson

*Members: Cheryl Diggs
Rickey Eldridge
Tershea Grant
Barbara Hall
Dorothea Hebron
Pennington Hebron
Theresa Hebron
Rosetta Holloway
Reginald Madden
Harry Matthews
Ernest Nicholson
Arthur Noakes
Edgar Sewell
Wayne Sewell
Curtis Warren*

New members are also welcome!



FOR YOUR INFORMATION - CONTINUED

Current Rates

Due to continued increases in expenses to facilitate, maintain, and ensure perpetual care of Saints Rest Cemetery, the Cemetery Ministry has determined a need to increase rates for 2024. Therefore, effective July 1, 2024, the following rates apply.

Burial of Remains

- \$2,500/grave (St. Mark members)
- \$3,500/grave (Non-St. Mark members)
- \$2,100 - Opening/Closing
- \$1,200 - Vault

Burial of Cremation Ashes

- \$ 625/grave (St. Mark members)
- \$ 875/grave (Non-St. Mark members)
- \$1,500 - Opening/Closing

Saturday Burials

- An additional \$500 will be charged for all Saturday burials

Payments

If you would like to purchase grave(s) prior to the price increase, please contact Mrs. Theresa Hebron, **IMMEDIATELY**.

Delinquent Accounts

If you have reserved grave site(s) that have **NOT** been paid-in-full, within two years of your initial contract; please contact Mrs. Theresa Hebron, **IMMEDIATELY**. Failure to do so could result in the forfeiture of monies paid and loss of the grave site(s).

Permanent Markers

- Contact the Cemetery Ministry prior to selection of a permanent marker to ensure your selection is approved for the appropriate section of the Cemetery.
- Markers can be placed on the grave site six months to one year following burial. Contact Cemetery Ministry prior to the six-month time-frame to ensure the grave site has properly settled.
- Contact the Cemetery Ministry prior to scheduling installation to ensure prior marking, as well as ensuring a Ministry rep will be available on-site during installation.



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CONTACT INFORMATION

Lot purchase	Theresa Hebron (410) 519-6857
Concerns	Denard Hebron (410) 925-2269 Rickey Eldridge (410) 365-6796 Reggie Madden (410) 766-0667
Marker Installation	Rickey Eldridge (410) 365-6796 Reggie Madden (410) 766-0667
Application Coordinator	Theresa Hebron (410) 519-6857
Burial Coordinator	Rosetta Holloway (443) 623-8408
Lot Location	Rickey Eldridge (410) 365-6796 Reggie Madden (410) 766-0667
Program Coordinators	Dorothea Hebron (410) 215-3575 Cheryl Diggs (410) 760-3295



Where Would We Be?

We are here because of you
Building upon your land
Legacies of faith and justice still stand

With little you did much
Not depending on luck
Endowed us with more than enough

Your souls God truly has touched
Nurtured under your wings
Nourished by your wisdom and grace
Flying to new heights

Now the baton has been passed
But your memory will always last
While there is much to do,
We pause to honor you

Where would we be without you

By Rev. Dr. Kendrick D. Weaver, Pastor St. Mark UMC