



THE MONARCH

REFORMATION LEADS TO TRANSFORMATION

A Christian does nothing but receive; he must however, spend a lifetime dealing with this treasure. — Martin Luther

The Reformations of 16th century Europe changed everything. Many Christians stopped seeing their relationship with God based on their own goodness, their own merit and good works. Instead, rediscovering the Good News of the Apostle Paul in his New Testament Letters, they accepted that through God's free gift of grace in Christ Jesus they had been saved. They were objects of God's love and mercy.

This reformation leads to transformation of our very lives. Instead of striving to make ourselves right with God, now Christians can be assured of salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Now instead of anxious striving we respond to God's grace through lives of faith, seeking to bear the fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5: 22)

See you on Saturday/Sunday, October 26/27 as we celebrate together the treasure of transformation!

Pastor Dave

SERMONS ARE NOW VIDEO RECORDED

Thanks to Joey Morgan, who is video recording the sermons from our pastors; the sermons are now available on Salem's YouTube channel, website (www.salem-catonville), and Facebook page. They are usually posted on Sunday afternoon. If you want to hear a sermon again or if you can't make the worship service and want to be inspired, now you have the opportunity. Each sermon will remain available for repeated viewing.



Starting October 1, 2019
pick a person and pray for them
through January 1, 2020.
Pray for their faith, their health,
their family, their finances,
their every single need.
Don't tell them you're
praying for them, just cover
them with prayer and
watch God work.

I Love Myself Do You?
-Shelby Condo

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SPECIAL MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Salem Men's Prayer Breakfast will be hosting a special **Saturday** Edition of the Breakfast on **November 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon** at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 4711 Edmondson Avenue. The speaker will be Rev. Tim Grayson. Admission is free. Please let Tim Medicus or Pastor Dave know if you plan to attend. This special Saturday meeting is designed to allow men who work and cannot attend the regular meetings a chance to attend.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast normally meets every **Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.** at the Café on the Grove on the campus of Spring Grove. All men are welcomed and we commonly have members of Lutheran, Episcopal, and Methodist churches.



FAIR TRADE WEEKEND IS OCTOBER 5/6TH

Your fair trade purchases make a significant difference in the lives of children in developing countries. When the farmers are receiving a fair price, the villages are able to provide the children the opportunity to pursue education for a stronger future. Better schools are possible, and children can attend as child labor and forced labor policies laws are followed.

Not only that, but you have the benefit of quality products besides! Look for the Fair Trade cart in the narthex.

And remember that most weekends, from the Marketplace on November 3rd through Christmas, along with the Fair Trade Cart, we will also have a table of handcrafts by artisans in developing countries!

FEEDING THE HOMELESS

One of Salem's most rewarding ministries is providing a Sunday dinner for the Men's Shelter on the grounds of Spring Grove. You may have noticed the sign up sheet in the foyer. We provide a meal the **first Sunday** of each month from **October through June**, and we need your help.

Please sign up to bring a menu item or two and deliver it before noon on the designated Sunday. People are also needed to deliver the food after the second church service. We are fortunate to have a very dedicated group who have supported this cause for many years, but we need your help as well. Please check out the sheet in the foyer! If you have questions, please call Sue O'Connor, 410-302-2140.

Thank you!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ADULT FORUM!

October 6th: “**The Didache, Part 2**”, led by Pastor Dave. We will start with a short summary of the first session of The Didache (also known as "The Lord's Teaching through the 12 Apostles to the Nations") and finish the material. Copies of The Didache are available through the Church office; it is a short read.

October 13th: Artist Carlotta Cerrato leads a discussion about her “Wholehearted” show in the Agape Gallery.

October 20th: “**A look at Quran**”, led by Marge Zerbe

October 27th (Reformation Sunday): “**Martin Luther and the Reformation in Coins and Medals, 1550-2017**”, led by Pastor Ed (see below).

Adult Forum meets every **Sunday** from **9:35 a.m. -10:30 a.m.** in the Katie Luther Room. Hope to see you there.

REFORMATION SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

MARTIN LUTHER AND THE REFORMATION IN COINS AND MEDALS 1550-2017

You likely know that the burgeoning printing industry vastly aided the cause of the Reformation. But for the invention of the printing press, Luther’s 95 Theses may have never occasioned anything more than a scholarly debate in a fledgling university in a small town in Saxony. Less well known is the reality that the sixteenth century also experienced new methods for striking medals and coins. These, too, quickly became a means for advancing the Reformation. Creatively displaying scriptures, events, persons, symbols and quotations, medals could be purchased at a rather minor cost and were easily carried, stored, exhibited, and treasured for generations. It is estimated that there are over 4,000 such medals and coins, more than those on any other topic.

On Reformation Sunday, Pastor Whetstone will give a presentation in the Adult Forum on these medals and coins, exhibiting several dozen from his collection dating from 1550 to 2017, along with books and various memorabilia. We will meet in the Katie Luther Room.



**1630, 100th Anniversary of the
Augsburg Confession**

SALEM'S MUSIC PROGRAM

Choir practices have begun but it's still not too late to join if you are interested. The St. David's Choir for 2nd through 8th graders meets **Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.** Following them, the Salem Adult Choir meets at **7:30 p.m.** Both choirs meet in the Choir Room on the 2nd floor.

Choir director and organist Mary Miller is searching for string players, i.e. violins, violas, cellos and/or basses, to enhance the Vivaldi Gloria presentation which will be sung on Sunday, December 15th at both services. Contact Mary if you are interested in playing for this service and/or joining the choirs. You can reach Mary by email at marymiller359@gmail.com or see her on Sundays at church.



BYSTANDER INTERVENTION TRAINING CLASS AT CATONSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Have you ever been in a situation where you observed someone being harassed because of their race, gender, ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation? Have you ever wondered how to safely intervene in those situations? Do you want to learn the skills to de-escalate instances of harassment? If so, then the CPC Dismantling Racism Group invites you to participate in our Bystander Intervention Training Workshop on **Sunday, November 3rd**.

What is Bystander Intervention Training? Bystander Intervention Training provides an opportunity for participants to learn skills for de-escalating situations where individuals are being harassed for their race, gender, ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation. The training is facilitated by members of the Montgomery County Civil Rights Coalition—the group has been providing this training for over two years.

The program was created *“To provide a community service that would increase the likelihood that people will step up to support any community member who is being harassed. We do this by grounding our training in nonviolence, de-escalation, and compassion for others.”* Bystander Intervention Training focuses on providing support for the victim of harassment rather than engaging the harasser.

The training provides an orientation to the history and philosophy of nonviolence and bystander intervention and teaches intervention skills through mock scenarios worked out in small groups. Participants will learn how to manage group dynamics that can arise from bias-motivated harassment. They will also learn how to confidently and compassionately facilitate bystander skills. By the end of this training participants will understand the background and principles of de-escalation, they will have actively improved intervention skills, and will have greater courage to step into a variety of difficult situations as a bystander.

Besides an opportunity for participants to gain skills for helping to de-escalate instances of harassment, the training provides a way for individuals to make connections to others in the community who have an interest in standing with the marginalized in our society. In a time when we can all feel powerless against the seemingly incessant stream of racist and bigoted rhetoric and actions in our community, this training is an opportunity to provide individuals with tools to effectively and safely counter the divisive forces.

Date/Time: Sunday, Nov. 3rd, 2:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m.

Cost of training: Free!

Max Number of participants: ~50

Location: Catonsville Presbyterian Church
1400 Frederick Rd, Catonsville, MD 21228

Childcare: Provided upon request

Registration: For registration details, see the CPC Facebook page or contact Jeff Bolognese (jabolognese@gmail.com, 443-857-0648) for more information. (This event is open to anyone in the community, though we ask that youth participating must be at least 12 years old and accompanied by an adult).



SOCKTOBER: THE MOVEMENT IS AFOOT!

From **October 1 through October 31**, Lazarus Caucus is collecting NEW socks for the residents of the Westside Men's Shelter. This year, we are expanding Socktober to include other essentials, such as briefs, undershirts, and long underwear tops and bottoms. We understand that most people will be donating socks due to the name of the program, but we are hopeful that we will be successful at collecting other items as well, offsetting these expenses throughout the year.

What's needed?

Men's white crew socks (fits shoe sizes 6-12)

Briefs and undershirts

Long underwear tops and bottoms

All items should be new (still in the original packaging).

We hope you will help us by buying items yourselves or organizing "Socktober" drives at work, school, or elsewhere. Let's help these gentlemen get back on their feet!

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

FALL HAS ARRIVED JOIN US FOR A HARVEST GATHERING

The Christian Fellowship Committee invites everyone to a *Harvest Gathering* following each service on Saturday, **October 12th** and Sunday, **October 13th**. Please stop by Reformation Hall for some cider and treats as you visit and catch up with members of our Salem Family and visitors. Hope to see you!

Mark your calendars now for:

JINGLE AND MINGLE following each service on Saturday, **December 28th** and Sunday **December 29th**
MARCH FELLOWSHIP EVENT following each service tentative date **March 14th** and **March 15th**,
2020

MOTHER, DAUGHTER, FRIENDS LUNCHEON - Saturday, **May 2nd, 2020**.

WANT TO MEET NEW PEOPLE? WANT TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS? WANT TO RENEW PAST ACQUAINTANCES?

Well, do we have the perfect opening for you. Plan to volunteer as a greeter on Sunday mornings at either the early or late service (8:15 a.m./11:00 a.m.). It really is a simple task; a task that you will only have to commit to once about every three (3) months. Your job includes smiling and shaking hands as you greet at the entrance to the nave - that's pretty easy. You will ask visitors to sign the guest register (which is on the podium right at the entrance doors) if that applies; and if we have visitors or newcomers, you will help them find their way in the building should the need arise. Wouldn't you like to participate? Please contact Sharon Stanton or leave a note of "Yes I'd love to volunteer" with your preference of service time (early or late service) in the Old Salem mailbox. Oh, and don't forget to put your name on the note too! **Greeters' schedule is always published on the Worship Servant Board located near the Nurses' Office.**

Thank you
 Sharon Stanton

ANNUAL SALEM MARKETPLACE

Dear Salem Family,

We need your help with Salem Marketplace which will be held on **Saturday, November 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**! Each year the Marketplace provides a way for the Salem family to support three charitable organizations in need of help. The three charities that will receive our support this year are: the Salem Scholarship Fund, The Nature Conservancy, and Project JumpStart, Baltimore's pre-apprenticeship program that trains residents for high paying jobs in the building trades, a program of the Jobs Opportunities Task Force.

The Marketplace provides a day of fun and fellowship for the Salem family and is also a way of inviting the community to experience the warmth and creativity of our Salem members. All of the money is directed to charities. There are many ways to help before, during, and after the Marketplace.

We need volunteers to help with set up on Friday morning, and cleanup at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and after the late service on Sunday, November 3rd. Look for the volunteer sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

The Silent Auction is always one of the most exciting features of the event! We request donations of one-of-kind items for the Silent Auction tables. Other popular items for donation include: services such as tutoring, babysitting, and gift certificates for various other items and services. Special hand-made items always generate interest. If you would like to donate something for the Silent Auction, please email Dee and Mel Trimble at driatrimble@icloud.com (or call 410-382-6019 if you don't have email). Please provide them with an item description, value, recommended starting bid and a photo (if available). You can drop off your Silent Auction donations to the church office starting **October 5th**. Please contact the church office in advance to coordinate a time when these items may be dropped off. If you would like to assist with soliciting donations from local businesses, please contact Debbie Kourkoules.

The White Elephant is always a popular part of this event and it will be led again by Edie Hahn (410-991-0736 edith.hahn@gmail.com). You can start bringing in your donation items on **October 5th**. Please leave donations in the Sunday School room with the sign that says Marketplace Donations (across from the Girls Room). Please mark book boxes clearly! And note we will not be selling paintings or pictures this year. Contact Edie if you can help sort items during the week before the Marketplace or assist Marketplace Day or on Sunday.

As usual, the Marketplace will feature a used book table. We need good quality paperback books and used children's books for the table; as well as CD's, DVD's, and books on tape. If you have any book table items to donate, please put them in a box clearly marked BOOK TABLE and leave them in the Sunday School Room with the Marketplace sign. Likewise, the Marketplace will have a used jewelry table. Jewelry items should be put in separate plastic bags so that the items can be easily displayed and priced. Please give them directly to Treen Null or Debbie Kourkoules or leave them in the Church Office.

Of course the Marketplace wouldn't be the same without our traditional baked goods table. Baked goods donations are needed the day of the event. Please let Mary Krebs (410-788-6580) know if you can bake something.

The Marketplace will also offer lunch items for purchase, as well as creations from our talented Stitchcrafters. There will be Fair Trade chocolates, coffee, and tea.

If you have friends who would like to sell their crafts, we are welcoming outside crafters this year. Please ask them to contact Debbie Kourkoules to request a table for \$25.



ANNUAL SALEM MARKETPLACE

Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles so please let us know if you can help. Above all, be sure to come on November 2nd and get your Christmas shopping off to a delightful start. **We would love to have more attendance from the community, so please bring along friends and neighbors** to have fun, and make a contribution to some worthy charities.

Contact Debbie Kourkoules msdebo325@yahoo.com or 443-860-1315 with questions and to volunteer since Julia will be away most of October!

Blessings, Julia Graham and Debbie Kourkoules, Marketplace Co-Chairs

SALEM PLAYERS PRESENT

THE HEIDI CHRONICLES

Save the Date: The Salem Players present *The Heidi Chronicles*, directed by Kate Leisner and Lisa Yerkey (AD) at **7:30 p.m.** on **October 18th, 19th, 25th, & 26th**, and at **2:00 p.m.** on **October 20th & 27th**.

It's 1965 and women's rights are all the rage. Enter Heidi Holland, an intelligent and witty 16 year old. Follow her as she glides through the 60s, 70s, and 80s with her friends Susan and the brazenly sarcastic Peter. Heidi soon learns that women's rights aren't the only rights worth fighting for.

Tickets available at the door and on <http://salemcatonsville.seatyourself.biz>

TOUR OF ST. TIMOTHY'S RESCHEDULED

We are delighted to announce that the 170th Anniversary Tour of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, originally set for July 20, has been rescheduled as follows:

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

200 Ingleside Avenue

Catonsville, MD 21228

Saturday, November 16th at 11:00 a.m.

Before Salem's founding German immigrant farmers formed their own church, they worshiped at St. Timothy's. Our tour acknowledges this early bond and allows us to discover the interesting interior of Catonsville's oldest church structure, built in 1844.

Plan to arrive at St. Timothy's by 11:00 a.m. There is ample parking at the church. The tour is free of charge and open to all. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

THE SEW BE IT SEWERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

The Sew Be It Sewers For the Community is a group of creative people who gather together to work on individual sewing projects, sharing sewing skills, work on charity projects and share some good fun and fellowship among sewers. It is open to everyone with all skills levels from novice to expert as we can all share our sewing skills and have fun. The group will meet on the **second and fourth Thursdays** of the month starting on September 19th from **6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.** Contact Patty Scott for more information at: patty.scott@jhu.edu or 410-746-8683.

NEW SALEM CHURCH COUNCIL FORMED AND OFFICERS ELECTED

New members of our Church Council were elected to replace those whose terms were expiring. At the first Council meeting, new officers were elected. Below lists Salem's new officers and members of the current council:

CHURCH COUNCIL LEADERSHIP:

President:	Sharon Stanton
Vice-President:	Sharon Schueler
Secretary:	Eileen Merriman
Financial Secretary:	Beth Massey
Treasurer:	Tom Vasold/Sally Kopp

2019-20 CHURCH COUNCIL:

Pastor Dave Asendorf	Michael Birkmeyer
Norma Hensler-Davis	Milt Dorsch
Pastor Sarah Garrett Krey	Morrinah Kwekeh
Eileen Merriman	David Paton
Sharon Schueler	Sharon Stanton
Marleigh Toscano	Pam Wilsey
Ken Wolfram	



FRONT ROW: MORRINAH KWEKEH, PASTOR SARAH GARRETT KREY, MARLEIGH TOSCANO, SHARON STANTON
 MIDDLE ROW: PAM WILSEY, EILEEN MERRIMAN, SHARON SCHUELER, NORMA HENSLER DAVIS
 BACK ROW: MICHAEL BIRKMEYER, MILT DORSCH, KEN WOLFRAM, DAVID PATON, PASTOR DAVE ASENDORF

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Elected Church Council officers for the 2019-2020 year : President – Sharon Stanton, Vice-President – Sharon Schueler, Secretary – Eileen Merriman, Treasurer – Tom Vasold/Sally Kopp, Financial Secretary – Beth Massey

Consensus to not return the kiosk to the vestibule as the open area is much appreciated and more welcoming.

Moved to make a gift of \$5,000 to the Baltimore Outreach Services, Inc. which operates the Women-Children Shelter at Christ Lutheran Church in the Inner Harbor.

Consensus to give the church dishes to the Salem Marketplace for disposal as the dishes are no longer being used.

Formed an ad hoc committee to plan for a Bible Emphasis, encourage our congregation to read and study Holy Scripture.

SHOWCASE

Thank you to Carole Rau and Barbara Beem for the wonderful Stitchcrafters/Seafarer's Ministry showcase in September. Mary Krebs is now sharing her beautiful collection of Angels, especially in time for confirmation on St. Michaels and All Angels Sunday, September 29th. Thank you Mary.

Following in October, Norma Hensler-Davis and the Guardians of Eden will share the next display.

MOUNTAINTOPICS AT MAR-LU-RIDGE

Our Mountain Topics sessions continue to offer a variety of learning opportunities for all interested people - pastors, deacons, lay leaders and anyone desiring to spend a day in fellowship and discussion. The cost of \$30 includes a delicious lunch served by Chef Tim.

September 24th: Rev. Dr. Bruce Barth "Holding on by Letting Go"

October 22th: Jennifer Rundlett "Seeking God Through the Arts"

November 19th: Paulette Harvey "Wheat and Yeast Morning"

Meeting time goes from **9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.** in Potomac Lodge - All are Welcome!



NINE SALEM YOUTH CONFIRMED

Salem was pleased to witness nine young people affirm their baptismal faith in the Rite of Confirmation on September 29th. Salem's new young members are Molly Doyle Browning, Elizabeth Lindsay Fitch, Daniel Robert Gundlach, Evan Christopher Judd, Morlyne Nalhelee Kwekeh, Morrietta Sianneh Kwekeh, Andrew Willian McDivitt, Hallie Elizabeth Shepard, and Preston Thaddeus Shepherd. Please be sure to welcome our new youth members.; they represent our future.



FRONT ROW: PASTOR SARAH, HALLIE SHEPARD, ELIZABETH FITCH, EVAN JUDD, MORLYNE KWEKEH;
 BACK ROW: MOLLY BROWNING, PRESTON SHEPHERD, ANDREW MCDIVITT, MORRIETTA KWEKEH, DANIEL GUNDLACH, PASTOR DAVE

FAITH STATEMENTS

Evan Judd Faith Statement

I believe God has many desires and wishes for my life. I know he wants me to be happy and to make good decisions. I believe he gives me the tools and the knowledge to make good choices and leaves it up to me to actually make them. I also believe that if I make a poor decision or a poor choice, God wants me to learn from it and not make the same mistake twice.

I think that having faith in God helps me to be more compassionate with everyone that I meet. I love meeting new people and hearing their life stories. I have learned not to judge others, especially if you do not know much about them.

Being a member of the church has helped my faith journey in many different ways. Going to Mar-Lu Ridge and North Bay brought me closer to God and to my peers. Being active in youth group activities has shown me that you can have faith in God and have fun doing it too. Being an acolyte for the past two years, going to confirmation class, and Sunday School have also helped my faith journey by teaching me bible stories, different prayers, and what they mean. Two years ago, I may have known some prayers and some bible stories, but not really what they meant. I understand so much more now. I want to be confirmed into the church because I believe in God and I believe in the church. I hope to make everyone proud of me and the person that I have become and proud of the choices I have made so far in my life. I have a faith that I know will always be mine. That faith is mine because of the different people and activities that I learned from by attending Salem and from my family. I am looking forward to growing my belief and faith in God through Salem and other Salem members.

Hallie Shepard Faith Statement

What is my faith statement? Is it an explanation of my faith journey? Is it the story of how I found my faith? Is it me naming all the people who have played a part in my church life? Is it an explanation of my relationship with God?

To me my relationship with God is very personal and something that has been my responsibility to build and find. I've been raised in the same church, around the same people, in the same religion my entire life. Some people might question how you're supposed to find faith in something you're born into rather than being able to choose from the start. For the most part I agree and I spent a lot of time in the past year considering whether or not I believed.

I went through a lot of difficult and challenging things that I had to deal with on my own but the whole time I had God by my side. Even as I questioned, He never gave up on me. But I questioned because I had never been in a room and felt God. I had never listened and heard Him. I had to find God on my own as I wasn't given the guidance I needed in the right ways or at the right time.

I don't feel anything when I sit in a room and have to talk about bible passages that haven't been explained in a way that actually makes sense, with people who I'm not allowed to interact with, or else I'm a disturbance in the room. Sometimes, and most of the time, that was what the church provided me with when it came to teaching me about God. I haven't really been given a reason to care by anyone other than myself and by my family.

But originally it was even harder not having outside faith support other than that when your whole family believes in this intricate idea of God and has faith and you can't seem to find or feel the sensation you're told you're supposed to feel, in a church service for example. Finding my faith has been something that has come from inside and I've found it for the most part on my own. Confirmation classes, Sunday School, and different church-provided youth activities haven't been the way that I've found, felt, or learned about God. I've found God through music, most specifically through gospel and contemporary Christian genres. I've learned about God and my faith has been made stronger through LYO and events like Freeride and Transformers. When you're in a room full of people who genuinely want to be where they are, and they're happy to be there, and everyone feels the energy of God with them, you can truly feel God in a powerful way. Now I can say confidently that I believe in God and I can lean on Him in times of need, pain, or grief. He's also there with me to celebrate my successes and lead me through my next chapters of life.

Hallie Shepard (continued)

This didn't come immediately and I haven't always believed this, but time, soul searching, personal reflection, and growth have all lead me to the place I am now. I don't have all the answers and I'll always have questions. I'll never get my questions answered when it comes to God. I know that and I'm okay with that too. Nobody has the answers. We need to have grace. Grace and faith will carry us through. I know that my faith is something that will be with me always. Taking this next step, taking leadership of my own beliefs, gaining a voice in the church, these are all things that I know are important to me now. I'm excited to see what the future brings. And I'm still going in without having all the answers. But I know that God has a plan for me and he won't let me break. He's able to do just what he said he'll do for us. I believe and I trust in him to be my guide as I enter this next stage of life in the church.

Morrietta Kwekeh Faith Statement

I believe that God never fails. He is always by our side and He has a plan for us. No matter how bad things may seem, God is there turning things around. As He said in Jeremiah 1:5, He knew me before I entered this world and He has a plan for my life. He does not want me to amount to nothing, so therefore I believe He has a bright future for me. God wants me to live a life that is focused on the Christian beliefs. He wants me to live an honest and pure life and to love Him and believe in Him. I live my life with faith. Each night when I go to sleep, I have faith that God will wake me the next morning. I have faith He will carry me through my everyday life and help me overcome trials and tribulations. My faith has helped me to encourage people and let them know that simply because you are discouraged, afraid, or alone, they should have faith in God. By doing this I have a close relationship with people. They trust me and come to me for help and advice. They have faith in me to help them and I have faith in God that He will help me help them.

Being a member of the church has increased my faith in God. I believe more strongly that He only wants the best for us and will never let us down. The church has preached many sermons that have educated me on what God expects of us and what we should believe and expect from him. The church helped me to gain the faith that despite circumstances, God never fails us.

In the last two years I have grown to trust in God more. Through everything that goes on in my life and around me, I have learned to pray more and be more patient and have faith that God will answer my prayers.

I want to be confirmed so that I can be a true Christian. I want God to help me in my journey of life and I believe getting confirmed is one of the important steps.

Morlyne Kwekeh Faith Statement

What I most deeply believe about God is that He will always be there for me no matter what I am going through and that He will never leave my side because He has a plan for me and loves me dearly. I believe that God wants me to live my life faithfully while trying my best to abide by His word, and also using the talents that He gifted me with for the greater good; although we all make mistakes.

Living as a Christian affects the way of how I live my life and the people I surround myself with. I pray every day and night, thanking God for what He has done for me, how grateful I am for Him, and how I would not be here if not for God. In my friend circle, I tend to hang around people who always want me to do my best and do the right thing, unlike hanging around those who are mean and rude to others. Being a Christian has made me nicer and kinder to others no matter who they are, what they look like, or where they come from because we are all children of God.

Morlyne Kwekeh (continued)

Being a member of the church has helped me on my faith journey because I have learned many lessons from confirmation classes and sermons that I can apply into my daily life to help me become a better Christian. For instance, I learned that we are here to serve and care for one another and that Jesus wants us to always forgive when people have wronged us.

My faith has grown a lot in the past two years because I have learned more about God, what he wants us to do for Him, and what He'll do for us in return, for instance, blessing us and showing His grace and mercy and us spreading the good news and trusting Him.

I want to be confirmed and claim the Christian faith as my own because I believe that confirming my faith is the right road I am taking onto becoming a knowledgeable Lutheran and Christian with strong faith in God.

Danny Gundlach Faith Statement

I believe most deeply that God wants us to love everyone and be forgiving and merciful. I believe God's desires for my life are to help everyone and to give back to the communities that helped me grow up and that raised me. My faith helps me in the way I live and in my relationships with others because my faith helps me realize that Jesus' biggest lesson was to love your neighbor and love everyone and my faith has taught me to do just that. Being a member of the church has helped my faith journey a lot because it has been a place to go when I wasn't sure about something or when something was unclear. It has also helped me learn lots of different lessons that Jesus taught his disciples. My faith has grown up a lot in the last two years. I have learned many things and many different lessons Jesus taught on how to be his followers and how to be good people. My faith journey has changed over the last two years because while going through confirmation I learned that there are many different opinions and perspectives and this helped me learn to be more open-minded when reading scripture. Lastly I choose to be confirmed because I feel that I am ready to affirm my baptism and take my faith into my own hands. I also want to take the next steps on my faith journey and by getting confirmed I can now start that.

Lizzy Fitch Faith Statement

I'm not the best at writing but here goes,

My faith and identity as a Christian is the most important part of my identity. I am incredibly lucky to have been born into a church body and congregation that suit all of my spiritual needs. Because my God and my faith are so important to me and such a vast concept, but I guess what I believe most deeply about God is that God loves us and wants us to love each other. Paul sums up the entire Law as "you shall love your neighbors yourself." in Galatians. Faith in God and Jesus Christ is also important, but we must remember that there is *nothing* we can do about our salvation, because by grace we have been saved.

To be honest, I don't really know what God is calling me to do in life. All I know is that God wants me to love and serve God with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to do the same to my neighbor in Christ (which is much harder). For now, my calling is outdoor ministry at Mar-Lu-Ridge every summer for the next 7+ years. I don't know when I will receive a "long term" calling, but I know I will be fully supported by God and the church along the way.

Being part of the church is the best thing that has ever happened to me. It has led me to Mar-Lu-Ridge, which is to thank for almost every positive thing about me. Camp taught me to make friends, be myself, be supportive, work with others, plan things, be good with kids, talk about my faith, and loving others.

Lizzy Fitch (continued)

My faith has also definitely stopped me from punching a good number of people in the face. I think I would feel very lost without my faith. And Jesus is pretty clear (for once) about relationships with others. Be a good person. And if you are unsure about what that means, you have an enormous guidebook to tell you what it means and how to do it (sometimes requiring a modern explanation and adaption.)

Like I said before, being a member of the church led me to amazing resources and ministries like MLR, LYO, and TEY (love me some good acronyms). Each of these has given me resources and guidance to tackle any situation. I have literally millions of different pastors, deacons, and youth leaders I have met through various encounters to talk to about any question or problem I have.

This next question is really interesting to ask, because my faith has *drastically* changed in the past 2 years, the most it has ever changes in my life. Two years ago I was only semi-interested in the church and my faith. Church was *okay*, it just another thing I did each week until the Holy Spirit just dropped down on me all at once on Palm Sunday and Holy Week of 2017. I didn't know what hit me. I was crying during the sermon and hymn, and when I was walking my dog the evening of Good Friday, I could almost hear and feel God around me as I was crying and praying. I knew God was going to be deeply involved in my life.

...Which brings me to my last point about confirmation. At this point, I'm pretty sure God, myself, and anyone around me know that I have claimed my faith as my own. This past year or so I have gotten pretty involved in the church and developed a strong connection with God and my faith, so me professing and claiming my faith is not going to surprise anybody, but I am really excited to make it official. Soon I will be an "adult" in the church and our congregation, and I'll get to work towards moving it in the right direction. As a confirmed member of Salem, I'll also get to vote on council members, run for positions, and join commiteeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeees!

Andrew McDivitt Faith Statement

I believe that my God is my overseer, and someone I can turn to. When I feel that everything is going wrong, God helps me get through. God's desire for my life is for me to be the best version of myself. He wants me to be humble, kind, and considerate. I can do this by remaining optimistic and helping people out that I see need help. My faith in God makes a difference in my lifestyle. It helps me to remember to do the right thing, and to be kinder to people. I know what God wants me to do, so my faith in Him makes me do what he wants of me. God teaches to love our neighbors, so my faith in God makes me accept all people despite their backgrounds. Being a member of our church has helped my faith journey. I say this because the people in the congregation have shown me how their faith in God has compelled them to give to those in need. This has made my faith grow because seeing these kind deeds being carried out makes me have faith that God is the reason why there is good in the world. My faith has changed in the last two years drastically. Over the course of confirmation, I developed my own version of how I see God. Before confirmation, I believed what I was told. Now, I have faith in my own God. I chose to be confirmed because it is the next step in becoming a servant under God. It affirms my faith in him, and it will make me feel even closer to God.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Sunday, September 15th – 9:30 a.m. – Rally Day



What a wonderful RALLY DAY! Lots of children including our new confirmands, parents, and volunteers came. Eileen Merriman, who is now taking the lead as Sunday School Director, welcomed the families. Pastor Sarah shared a lively storytelling of some of Moses' life. Each child created their own beautiful "stepping stone" which has been placed on the stairwell heading down to Bethany Hall from our foyer entrance under "Step Into Sunday School". As we began the new year on Sunday, September 22nd with Noah's Ark, children heard his story and were able to create art projects, learn some science facts and some new songs. The theme this year is "Books of the Old Testament." Following several weeks of Noah's Ark, we will be learning about Moses, from when he was a baby, to when he led the Israelites out of Egypt into the wilderness, the unforgettable story of crossing the Red Sea, his encounter with God in the burning bush, and then the wandering in the wilderness. We end our first semester in December with the Battle of Jericho. Please think about joining us throughout the upcoming weeks. knowing we invite you to come as you are able for one Sunday or all of the Sundays! If you would be Interested in volunteering to help out any Sunday during each stories' three week period and/or throughout the entire months (September – June), please contact Eileen Merriman at esavage109@yahoo.com.

Sunday, September 29th – St. Michael's and All Angels Sunday – Confirmation Sunday

Nine youth affirmed their baptismal faith in the Rite of Confirmation at the 11:00 a.m. service after completing their two year program. They were Molly Browning, Elizabeth Fitch, Daniel Gundlach, Evan Judd, Morlyne Kwekeh, Morrietta Kwekeh, Andrew McDivitt, Hallie Shepard, and Preston Shepherd. A reception in Reformation Hall in honor of our confirmands was hosted by the Children's Ministry Committee following the 11:00 a.m. service.

Continuing his faith journey in his second year is Noah Reichardt. We welcome the following youth who have begun their faith journey and have made their Confirmation Covenant: Abigail Bass, Trinity Blevins, Matthew Fitch, Jacob Gundlach, Margaret Kubofcik, Anna Lassen, Ayoul Mabil and Samantha Shepherd.

PLEASE NOTE: ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH AT 10:00 A.M. WE WILL HAVE A FIRE DRILL. We feel this is a necessary event, especially for our children while here in Sunday School, to know how to exit our building should the need ever arise. We hope anyone in the building at that time would take part and exit the building, gathering in the parking lot area near the "downed" tree and bird bath.

God's Work,



Our Hands



HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO: Anita Lane, Marleigh and Sara Toscano, Abigail and Becky Bass, Veronica and Eileen Merriman, Sam Gundlach, Matthew Fitch and Trinity Blevins who came to Old Salem on Saturday, September 14th. They cleaned the inside, dusting and clearing cobwebs, as well as doing yard work in the flower beds and surrounding cemetery in preparation of our Annual Meeting on Sunday afternoon, September 15th. GREAT JOB!!! On that Sunday, we held our open house, sharing events from the past year and voting on a slate of nominees for a two year term on the Old Salem Board. Mrs. Michele Miller gave a wonderful talk on Joseph Philip Fusting, who was a very prosperous merchant owning a great deal of land in the Catonsville area. Old Salem is our original worship site and is built on the property that Mr. Fusting gave in 1849 to the early congregation to build the church.

REMINDER to those who have planned and paid to travel with our bus trip to the Harriet Tubman Visitor Center/Museum on **Friday, October 18th. We meet promptly at 7:30 a.m. at the Southwest Park & Ride Lot located on South Rolling Road at the entrance to Rt 195 (which takes one directly into the BWI Airport expressway). We're traveling on an Atlantic Coast Charter Bus (usually a big blue bus), meeting our tour guide at 9:30 a.m. at the Sailwinds Visitor Center in Cambridge to head out on the Dorchester County backroads where Harriet Tubman lived and worked as a child in the Bucktown area. You'll see and learn about Scott's Chapel, The Bucktown Village Store, and the Brodess Farm. Arriving at the Harriet Tubman Center around 10:30 a.m., you can explore the exhibits that helped shaped Harriet's early years as a freedom fighter, leader, and liberator. At 12:30 p.m., we depart to Old Salty's Restaurant Hooper's Island to enjoy a buffet style meal, featuring seafood items such as fried soft shell crabs, crab cakes (one per person), fish, clam strips, chicken, ham, and vegetables with a slice of homemade pie for dessert. After enjoying the wonderful meal, we travel back to Cambridge, along the "Highway to Freedom", a road from which the majority of enslaved people fled this area before the Civil War. Landmarks such as the Stanley Institute, Madison, Parsons Creek, and Stewart's Canal, and the new Revived Church will be acknowledged. Anticipated return time to the Park & Ride Lot is **6:00 p.m.** **If you wish to bring a small cooler that can fit under your seat with snacks and/or water, please do so.** Questions and/or concerns, contact Sharon at 410-744-8724 or see her in Church.**

SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday, November 3rd at 2:00 p.m. – Pastor Dave and Pastor Sarah will lead our All Saints Service at Old Salem. Everyone is invited to attend the service at 701 Ingleside Avenue—between Edmondson Avenue and Rt. 40.

Saturday, December 14th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Even though it's several months away, it will be here soon.....Come on Saturday, December 14th to a Christmas Open House at Old Salem, with Christmas music from Salem Brass and Louise Rau on the 1860 hand pumped bellows organ. Refreshments, of course, and a special guest visitor for the children.....SANTA himself!

Saturday, February 22nd, 2020 – We have reserved a bus trip to see **WICKED** at the Hippodrome Theatre with dinner afterwards (perhaps Little Italy). The show is a Matinee at **2:00 p.m.** Doors open at **12:30 p.m.**, so we'll plan to depart from the SW Park and Ride lot around **noon**. Thirty balcony seats are reserved with aisle seats close to the center balcony area. Please stay tuned for more details to follow but seriously consider seeing this splendid performance with us. With no worries about driving to downtown Baltimore on your own and trying to find parking, it's going to be a fabulous outing and hard to beat.

SALEM CELEBRATES OUR BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED MOSAICS

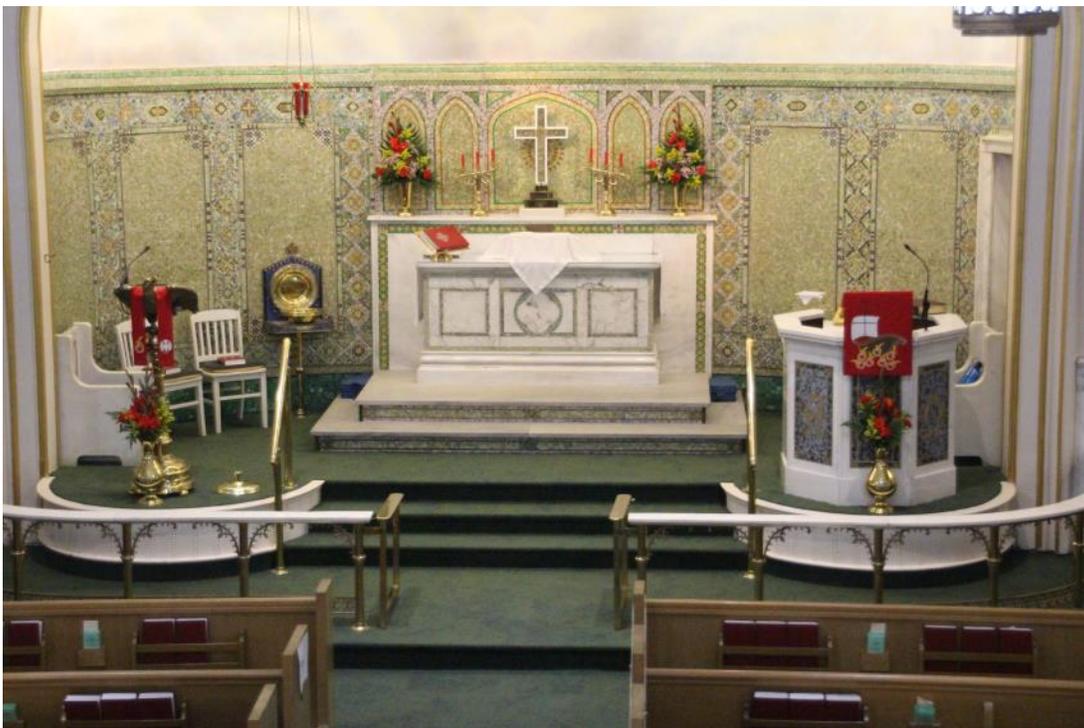
October 19th and 20th will be a time of celebration for those at all three worship services as we rededicate the magnificent mosaics of our sanctuary. Thanks to the expert attention of master conservators, Mark West and Rick Shelley, they once again sparkle as they did 100 years ago when the reredos and other mosaic elements were originally installed.

The celebration will continue on Sunday evening with a pot luck supper in Bethany Hall beginning at **5:30 p.m.** The meal will be followed by an informative presentation in the sanctuary by Mark West and Rick Shelley, who will share details about the mosaics themselves and lead us through the conservation process they employed in restoring them.

Our mosaics and some of our stained-glass windows have been called “Tiffany-like” over the years. As we have researched our art glass, we have discovered that this is not just coincidental. These works were fashioned in the glass studio of Henry Hankinson, who worked for Tiffany for more than 10 years before establishing his own studio in New York. He was introduced to Salem by Rev. John C. Bowers shortly after becoming our pastor in 1910. In his memoirs, titled *In Those Days*, written in 1942, Pastor Bowers stated, “The work of Henry Hankinson, distinguished artist speaks for itself. His large contribution to the enhancement of our Church has been commended by an innumerable number.”

Nearly ten years ago we discovered that his grandson, Dean Hankinson, was continuing the family business at his own studio in Carlisle, Pennsylvania and we were delighted to welcome him for a visit on December 20, 2010. He answered a number of our questions about our art glass and about his grandfather. He felt certain that the Good Shepherd, Standing at the Door, and Mary and Martha windows were his grandfather’s work since these included purple and gold glass, a design element his grandfather favored. We are extending a new invitation to him to be with us on October 20 and hope that he will be able to join us.

Plan to be a part of this special time. All are welcome to any or all of these elements of the rededication, and it is not necessary to attend the pot luck in order to attend the presentation by our conservators, which should begin about **6:30 p.m.**



SALEM BOOK GROUP

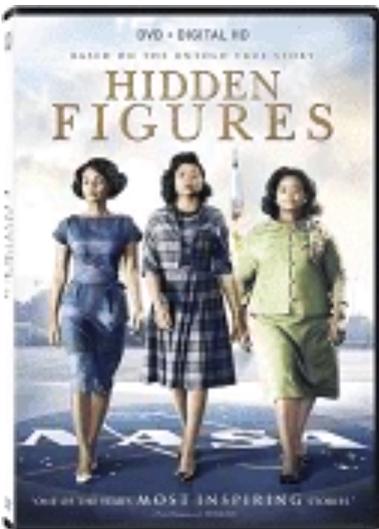
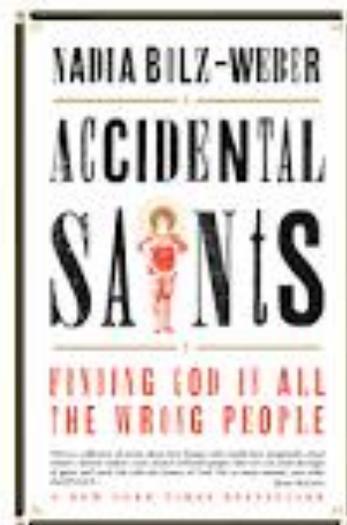
The Salem Book Group will meet on **Monday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m.** to discuss *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Each person is encouraged to select one vignette from the book and discuss its significance to him/her.

In *Accidental Saints*, New York Times best-selling author Nadia Bolz-Weber invites readers into a surprising encounter with what she calls “a religious but not-so-spiritual life.” Tattooed, angry, and profane, this former standup comic-turned-pastor stubbornly, sometimes hilariously, resists the God she feels called to serve. But God keeps showing up in the least likely of people—a church-loving agnostic, a drag queen, a felonious Bishop, and a gun-toting member of the NRA.

As she lives and worships alongside these “accidental saints,” Nadia is swept into first-hand encounters with grace—a gift that feels to her less like being wrapped in a warm blanket and more like being hit with a blunt instrument. But by this grace, people are transformed in ways they couldn’t have been on their own.

In a time when many have rightly become disillusioned with Christianity, *Accidental Saints* demonstrates what happens when ordinary people share bread and wine, struggle with scripture together, and tell each other the truth about their real lives. This unforgettable account of their faltering steps toward wholeness will ring true for believer and skeptic alike.

Told in Nadia’s trademark confessional style, *Accidental Saints* is the stunning next work from one of today’s most important religious voices.



On **November 11th**, the selection will be *Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race* by Margot Lee Shetterly.

The phenomenal true story of the black female mathematicians at NASA, whose calculations helped fuel some of America’s greatest achievements in space, it is now a major motion picture starring Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monae, Kirsten Dunst, and Kevin Costner.

Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as “human computers” used pencils, slide rules and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space.

Among these problem-solvers were a group of exceptionally talented African American women, some of the brightest minds of their generation. Originally relegated to teaching math in the South’s segregated public schools, they were called into service during the labor shortages of World War II, when America’s aeronautics industry was in dire need of anyone who had the right stuff. Suddenly, these overlooked math whizzes had a shot at jobs worthy of their skills, and they answered Uncle Sam’s call, moving to Hampton, Virginia and the fascinating, high-energy world of the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory.

Even as Virginia’s Jim Crow laws required them to be segregated from their white counterparts, the women of Langley’s all-black “West Computing” group helped America achieve one of the things it desired most - a decisive victory over the Soviet Union in the Cold War, and complete domination of the heavens.

SALEM BOOK GROUP (continued)

Starting in World War II and moving through to the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement, and the Space Race, *Hidden Figures* follows the interwoven accounts of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden, four African American women who participated in some of NASA's greatest successes. It chronicles their careers over the nearly three decades they faced challenges, forged alliances, and used their intellect to change their own lives, and their country's future.

SALEM YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Calendar 2019-2020

Proposed calendar. Things can change.

October 18th- 20th — Free Ride (6 – 8th grades).

October 27th —Confirmation Class

November 10th —Souper Sunday

November 17th —Sandwich making for Shelter

November 24th —Confirmation Class

December 8th Souper Sunday

December 22nd —Confirmation Class



Looking forward to a productive year with our youth.

Blessings and Peace

Miss Anita

NOW SHOWING IN
THE AGAPE GALLERY



The Agape Gallery
presents:

"WHOLEHEARTED"

SPIRITED PAINTINGS
by
Carlotta Cerrato

On view from
Sunday, August 25,
through
Sunday, November 3, 2019

at Salem Lutheran Church
905 Frederick Road
Catonsville, MD 21228
(second floor)

The Agape Gallery is open
Sundays, 8am-12 noon
Saturdays, 4:30-6pm
and by appointment,
charsart@gmail.com



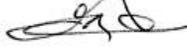
**A reception with the
artist will be held at
the gallery on
Sunday, August 25
from 12:15-2pm**

All are Welcome!

Dear Salem Church,

Hello, the is Pastor Jean Paul from Mountain of God Church. I would like to send our greetings to Salem Lutheran church and a bid thank you for helping us with the van, We were struggling with only one van because it was not big enough and we had a lot of people but now we have two vans thanks to you. Thank you for helping us buy a new van, we really appreciate your support, we couldn't have done it without you.

Sincerely,
Mountain of God members,

Pastor Jean Paul 
Pastor EZEKIEL 
Kavira Tantine 
Kinyula Makano 

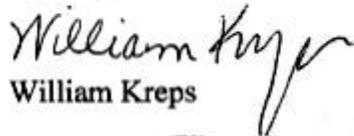


Sept. 8, 2019
Dear Members
What a pretty bouquet of flowers! I am so sorry that I wasn't here when it was delivered to thank you in person. What a lovely tribute for happy birthday for Rose Hamelin! Thank you all for your kind remembrance.
In God's love, Betty Ruff

Dear Salem Lutheran Church,

I am deeply honored for your continued support of my college education. Thank you to the church and its members for making this possible. I will use the money to continue my college journey during my third year at the University of Dayton.

With appreciation,


William Kreps

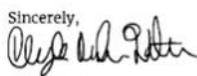
Sept. 13, 2019

Dear Salem Congregation,
We want to express our sincere appreciation to you for the love and care you shared with our daughter, KJ, during her time of membership there and for your gracious hospitality at the time of her funeral service. KJ loved being a part of the Salem family and she was certainly blessed by your warmth and friendship.
Thank you and may God continue to bless you all in ministry and grace and love.

Thank you!



The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago is grateful to for the 8/15/2019 support of \$432.00 for The Annual Fund. LSTC appreciates our ongoing partnerships with religious organizations that enable us to prepare the next generation of leaders to bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

Clyde Walter
Vice President for Advancement

In Christ,
Pr. Harry & Sharey Biles

SALEM ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 SOUPER SUNDAY Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am: Sunday School all ages Salem Choir 2pm Salem Players	7 4pm Yoga 6:30pm GOE 7pm Prayer Stitches 7pm Salem Players	8 5pm Chair Yoga 6:15pm Technology 7pm Salem Ringers	9 CHARLESTOWN 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Salem Players	10 10am: Stitchcrafters 6pm St. David Chr. 7pm Barbershop 7pm St. Dysmas 7pm Salem Players 7:30pm Salem Chr. 7:30 CEA	11	12 2pm Salem Players 5pm Worship
Fall Art Show I						
13 "Harvest Gathering" after all services Worship-8:15/11 am RALLY DAY 9:30am: Sunday School all ages Salem Choir 2pm Salem Players	14 4pm Yoga 7pm Lazarus Caucus 7pm Salem Players 7:30pm Book Group	15 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Council 7pm Salem Players 7pm Salem Ringers	16 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Salem Players	17 10am Stitchcrafters 10am Bent Twig Garden Club 6pm St. David's Choir 7pm Salem Players 7:30pm Salem Choir	18 FREE Old Salem Bus Trip 7:30pm Heidi Chronicles	19 RIDE 2pm Salem Players 5pm Worship "Harvest Gathering" after service 7:30pm Heidi Chronicles
Fall Art Show I						
20 FREE RIDE Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am: Sunday School all ages Salem Choir 2pm Heidi Chronicles 5:30PotLuck and Dedication 7pm Salem Brass	21 4pm Yoga 7pm Communications 7pm Prayer Stitches	22 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Social Ministry 7pm Salem Ringers	23 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Salem Players	24 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St. David's Chr. 7:30pm Salem Choir	25 7:30pm Heidi Chronicles	26 2pm Salem Players 5pm Worship 7:30pm Heidi Chronicles
Fall Art Show I						
27 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am: Sunday School all ages Salem Choir 2pm Heidi Chronicles 5pm Confirmation	28 1pm 4th Monday Bible Study 4pm Yoga 7pm 4th Monday Bible Study	29 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Ringers	30 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	31 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St. David Chr. 7:30pm Salem Choir	1 NOV Marketplace Set-up	2 MARKETPLACE 5pm Worship
Fall Art Show I						
3 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am: Sunday School all ages Salem Choir Salem Players 2pm All Saints at Old Salem	4 4pm Yoga 6:30pm Guardians of Eden 7pm Prayer Stitches	5 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Ringers	6 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	7 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St. David Chr. 7pm Evangelism 7:30pm Salem Choir	8	9 Property 9am 5pm Worship
Fall Art Show I						

We have a number of community support groups and scout troops who use our church facilities. In order to accommodate all groups, please contact the church office at (410) 747-0720 before planning any events or meetings at the church.

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
Aug 30/Sept 1	22	70	124			216
September 7/8	21	99	104			224
September 14/15	26	67	123			216
September 21/22	17	61	126			204
September 28-29	24	85	170			279
September Total	110	382	647			1139

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

TREASURER REPORT FOR AUGUST 2019

GENERAL FUND	
Budget to Date	\$347,980.00
Beginning Balance	\$39,444.43
Expenses to Date	(\$344,869.46)
Receipts to Date	\$348,305.32
Ending Balance	\$42,880.29
R.S.V.P.	
Beginning Balance	\$58,457.28
Receipts to Date	\$26,326.00
Disbursements to Date	(\$21,100.39)
Balance in Fund	\$63,682.89

SMART PHONE QR CODE AVAILABLE FOR GIVING



Salem allows offerings via your smart phone. Image Salem's QR code and you will be taken to the mobile-friendly version of Salem's giving page where you can make your gift via your bank account or credit card.

WIFI AT SALEM

The Technology Committee has installed WiFi access throughout the church. This free internet access is available to members and guests. Users may access any of our four networks connections:

SalemBethanyHall
SalemReformationHall
SalemUpperRoom
SalemYouthRoom



The password for all connections is **SalemChurch**. If you have any questions about our network please contact Technology Committee Chairperson, Amy Pflug at amy.pflug@verizon.net.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE**October 2019**

October 5	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion
October 6	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion
October 12	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion
October 12	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion
October 19	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion
October 20	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion
October 26	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion
October 27	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion

PRAYER**An Irish Prayer**

May God give you...
 For every storm, a rainbow,
 For every tear, a smile,
 For every care, a promise,
 And a blessing in each trial.
 For every problem life sends,
 A faithful friend to share,
 For every sigh, a sweet song,
 And an answer for each prayer.

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE - CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY**

October 9, 2019	Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom 11:30 a.m., Holy Communion — Pastor Bob Schmitt
November 13, 2019	Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom 11:30 a.m., Holy Communion — Pastor Sarah Garrett Krey
December 11, 2019	Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom 11:30 a.m., Holy Communion — Pastor David Asendorf

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 Personnel Committee: Scott Graham
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SALEM PRAYER TREE

“Intercessory prayer can penetrate the hearts of those we cannot open and shield those we cannot guard and teach where we cannot speak and comfort where our hearts have no power to soothe. Prayer with its unseen hand, can enter where we may not.” If you would like to join the Salem Prayer Tree, please contact Barbara Beem or Karen Amy via telephone at 410 382-4379 [Barbara] or 410 215-4279 [Karen] or via email at prayer-tree@salem-catonsville.org

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AT THE GRAVE

“For the assurance and hope of our faith and for the saints whom you have received into your eternal joy, we thank you, Heavenly Father.”

*Marc Peitersen**

September 13, 2019

**non-member*

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