



THE MONARCH

LENT AT SALEM

Lent is a time for life with God. While Jesus' suffering and death were quite public events in the Roman Empire, his prayers—echoing the psalms—evidence that his primary focus was on life with God. In Lent we may draw away from public life enough to give energy to this defining relationship with the God who hears and answers, who summons, forgives, and saves.

-Walter Brueggemann

Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays During Lent, beginning March 4

Soup Supper 6:30 p.m. (Please volunteer to bring soup, bread or beverages)

Worship 7:30 p.m. Theme for this Year: "The Body of Christ"

Adult Forum During Lent, beginning March 1

"Prayer" - led by Pastor Asendorf - 9:35 to 10:30 a.m.

Meet in the Katie Luther Room on the 2nd Floor



Save the Date!
SALEM ANNUAL MEETING
 February 9, 2020
 (after 11:00 a.m. Worship)

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COMMUNION IN THE SEASON OF LENT TO SUPPORT OUR CONFIRMANDS

This year, our confirmation class has spent time learning about the sacraments of baptism and holy communion. As we learned about and discussed the Lutheran theology of communion, each confirmand was encouraged to think about how they feel when they receive the gift of the Eucharist and what it means to them. In January, we took a field trip to The Pottery Cove on Frederick Road where they were able to channel their thoughts and feelings into artwork which they painted on 8 individual communion chalices.

During the season of Lent (which coincides perfectly with the month of March this year), we will be changing the way we take communion during our Sunday services so that we can incorporate the chalices that our confirmands worked so hard at painting. Instead of coming to the altar rail and using the small cups, we will have two stations where we will commune by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup of wine or juice). Our confirmands' chalices will be on a rotation and used for communion for the entire season of Lent, and the confirmands will be assisting with communion in the absence of their regular acolyte duties of picking up the small cups.

Our confirmands are very excited to be able to provide such a meaningful and central piece of our worship together, and I am so proud of the thought and effort that went into their creations. It is important that our young people know that they are vital to the life of this worshipping community, so let us embrace the temporary change to our "regular way" of doing things in order to support and empower our young confirmands! Stay tuned for the March edition of the Monarch which will include each confirmand's explanation of how they chose to paint their chalice and what holy communion means to them!

- Pastor Sarah



SNOW POLICY

We do our best to keep to our regular schedule but it's not always possible. On Sunday, if weather is difficult, check our Salem website — www.salem-catonsville.org. We'll also do our best to have an announcement on the answering machine.

For other days, and other meetings and activities, please call the person in charge of your activity. Generally, if Baltimore County schools are closed, meetings that day and evening are canceled.





The Agape Gallery and
Bella Khoury present...

Principium: The Beginning

Feb. 2- Mar. 29
2020

Please join us for a
reception on Feb. 2,
12:15-2:00 pm

Salem Lutheran Church
905 Frederick Rd.
Catonsville, MD 21228
(second floor)

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

COMMITTEE FAIR

Salem is very blessed to have many active committees. On **Saturday, February 22** before service and on **Sunday, February 23** after the 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. services, Salem will host a Committee Fair. This fair is to highlight the many different committees that we have at Salem. Some of the committees that will be participating are Music, Altar Guild, to name a few. Please stop by the committee's tables to explore the many opportunities there are at Salem and to see if you would like to be a member of one or a few of them. If anyone would be available to help set up the tables and displays on Friday afternoon or Saturday, please contact Sharon Stanton at 410-744-8724.

NEW DISCIPLES' CLASS—FEBRUARY 15

Our pastors will be leading a New Disciples Class for folks seeking to become members of the congregation or for anyone seeking more information about Lutheran theology and practice, and the life of the Salem faith community on **Saturday February 15**. We'll meet in the **Katie Luther Room, 2nd Floor, from 9:00 a.m. to noon**. And then again on **Sunday February 23** we will gather again from **10:00 to 10:45 a.m.** in the Wittenberg Room. We will receive our new disciples into membership at the **11 a.m.** worship service on **Sunday February 23**. A New Members Reception welcoming our newest disciples will be held in Reformation Hall following the service. Please see the pastors for more information or questions.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ADULT FORUM!

February finds us finishing a five-part series started in November entitled “Transformed Community: God’s Agent of CHANGE”. Led by Jim Kempton; this is part of the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry for 2019. The theme verse for the five sessions is Romans 12:2, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

The kind of transformation Paul is talking about, change that requires the “renewing” of minds, is not easily come by. It demands that we not conform to this world but rather live counter-culturally. This kind of faithfulness requires a group effort! We will focus on the nature and character of Christian Community—what kind of change it makes in the world and also how it challenges its individual members, even as it sustains them, in the work of living with radical generosity, inclusion, compassion, justice, and forgiveness.

While the whole series is focused on transformation, each session is independent of the others (i.e., you need not have attended any of the three in November.)

February 2: Justice Transforms Community (Matthew 20:1-6, the parable of the Laborers in the vineyard.)

February 9: Forgiveness Transforms Community (Mark 2:1-12, Jesus heals the paralyzed man.)

February 16: What does it mean for the ELCA to be a Sanctuary Church? (What does the memorial approved at the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly mean to us?)

February 23: To Be Determined— watch Parish Announcements for updates!

See you on these Sundays at 9:35 a.m. in the Katie Luther Room!

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March 1 “Image of God - Who are you praying To?”

We often seek to know how prayer works. We want to understand prayer as a formula, as a mechanism, as something that we not only practice but master. Preacher David Lose points out that beneath the mechanical question of “how” pluses the relational question of “who.” To whom are we praying? This first session will explore the many images of God that we encounter in Holy Scripture.

See you on these Sundays at 9:35 a.m. in the Katie Luther Room! (On Palm Sunday April 5 we’ll gather in the Wittenberg Room on the first floor.)

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS IN WORSHIP

During the coming year the Stewardship Committee will offer monthly “Stewardship Moments” during worship. These brief reflections will offer insights regarding our personal and corporate stewardship. Pastor Asendorf kicked off with the first reflection on January 25 and 26. He addressed the question “Why give?”. We give in grateful response to the Gospel. We give because of what Christ Jesus has done for us. (*see page 5*).

Our generosity is a “thank you note” to God. Beth Massey, Salem’s Financial Secretary, will offer next month’s “Stewardship Moment”.

AROUND THE PARISH

Nick Grempler’s Eagle Court of Honor will take place at Salem on **February 16 at 3 p.m.** in Reformation Hall. All are welcome!



HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS:

Everyone that has made a reservation for the bus trip to see **WICKED** at the Hippodrome Theatre on **Saturday, February 22 at 2 p.m.** should plan to meet at the Southwest Park & Ride lot (S. Rolling Road and Rt. 195) at **noon** (doors open at 12:30 pm). We have balcony left seats. Approximate return to the Park & Ride Lot is about 5:30 p.m.

SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER – “*QUEEN ESTHER*” **Wednesday, May 13, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

Lunch at Hershey Farms (family style) Show at 11 a.m. Lunch at 2 p.m.

Depart from the SW Park & Ride Lot on S. Rolling Road

Cost \$115 per person (**ONLY 40 TICKETS**)

Reservations/Money due by **April 1, 2020**

Annual Crab Feast at the Kentmorr Restaurant, Stevensville (right across the Bay Bridge) is planned for **Thursday, July 23** (from about **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**) More details to follow.

For bus trips, contact **Sharon Stanton (410-744-8724)** for reservations.

Come to our annual **Craft Fair/Flea Market – Saturday, March 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in Bethany Hall. Table reservations - \$20 per table space. Vendors can set up either Friday evening from 6 – 8 p.m. or early Saturday morning starting at 7:30 a.m. Vendor spaces available; deadline to reserve a table is **February 14**. We'll have food for a nominal fee; raffles; bake table; and all kinds of wonderful crafts and white elephants. If you would like to contribute to the Old Salem White Elephant Table, please bring your items to the Mary/Martha Room (next to the kitchen) the week of Sunday, March 1 (please no clothing!). This event is held at Salem Lutheran Church, 905 Frederick Road in Catonsville.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT JANUARY 26, 2020

Beginning today and throughout the coming year, once a month we will take a moment in our worship to reflect upon Stewardship, our generosity in giving of our time, talent and our treasure.

This morning I would like to take just a moment to consider why we give? Why be generous? You may think, well, we have a church budget to support, staff salaries to pay, building expenses, and much more. And yes we do, but that is not the main reason., You may think, well there is so much need out there – our local food pantry CEA, the homeless shelter, Disaster Response, World Hunger Appeal, Lutheran World Relief, we could go on and on the need is great. And we do respond, but there's much more to what motivates are giving. You may think, well we need to help support the DE-MD Synod and our national church, and yes we do, but....

You might think well, our generosity gets us right with God. Wrong answer there. There is nothing we can do to earn God's favor. Through God's grace, Christ Jesus has made all of us right with God.

We give **grateful response to God's grace**. Our giving of our time and energy, our creativity, our money is our way, as inadequate as it is, to say thank you to God for creating us, for loving us in Christ Jesus, and for sustaining us by the Spirit of Life. Our generosity is all about us saying thank you to God. That is the basic reason of why we give.

I pray the coming year will be an opportunity for each of you to be generous, to say thank you to God with your time, and talent and treasure.

SALEM TO HOST THE FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY BASH AT THE WESTSIDE SHELTER

Every month, the Lazarus Caucus recruits a different group to host a birthday party for the men at the Baltimore County Westside Homeless Shelter for men on the grounds of Spring Grove Hospital.

Thursday, February 6 from 6:00-8:00 P.M. is Salem's next turn.

There are two ways you can help out:

- First, the food and supplies for 120 men need to be donated - cupcakes, iced tea and lemonade mixes and mixed nuts along with plates, napkins and tablecloths.
- Second, you can join in the fun and attend the party. We will need at least 5 volunteers for the event to set-up, pass out cupcakes and ice cream treats, sing happy birthday, pray, take pictures, and just socialize with the guests.



There is a sign-up sheet in the hall at church and you can contact Pat Krenzke directly at 410-227-9438 or pat@lazaruscaucus.org if you have any questions.

Please sign up by Sunday, February 2, noon if you are able to help.



UNDIES SUNDAYS ARE BACK!!!!

The 100+ homeless men at the Westside Shelter are often on our minds, especially the first Sunday of each month when we provide dinner to them. Once again during February this year, the Salem faithful are asked to channel their thoughts and prayers into action by donating **NEW** underwear for the men at the shelter.

There will be a large bin in the hallway to collect the donations – see below:



- **Underwear** - Only **BRIEFS**, sizes **M, L and XL** are the most popular
- **Long (Thermal) Underwear – tops and bottoms – all sizes**
- **NEW**, in original packaging, please; shop at Wal-Mart for the 7-8 item multi packs for the best deals

SHOWCASE

Jim Kempton's collection of covered bridges was fascinating. Thank you Jim. Next up for February is Steve Kopp's wonderful collection of long ago Valentine cards he had received and some 'new baby' cards his parents received at his birth – now properly collectors' items. Nostalgic memories to be sure!

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP NEWS

MARCH FELLOWSHIP EVENT following each service **March 14** and **March 15**

MOTHER, DAUGHTER, FRIENDS LUNCHEON – Saturday, May 2

A very special "storytelling" program—more details to follow!

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Church Council did not meet in January due to the lack of water in the building caused by the water main break.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The sewage ejection pump on the lower level was replaced by AJ Michaels. Work continues on the painting project in Bethany Hall.

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

Sunday, February 9 following the **11 a.m.** service in Bethany Hall. Plan to attend the potluck luncheon prior to the meeting – signup sheets will be in the Narthex the end of January. We are a very blessed congregation here at Salem, supporting each other as well as reaching out into our communities where the needs arise. Come hear about our life at Salem during 2019 and our plans for 2020 events. Committee chairs please submit your electronic (if at all possible) report to Robin Schaefer as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Her preferred email address is robinschaefer@salem-catonville.org. Thank you.



The popular **CRAB RAFFLE** is back! A kickoff will be held **Sunday, March 1, noon-3 p.m., OCA Mocha, 5410 East Drive, Arbutus**. Stop by to buy a latte, pick up a few crab raffle tickets, and enjoy American Roots music by **The Original Automatic Slim & Jim Harrell**. Crab raffle tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Winner will receive a \$200 gift card for Captain Dick's Crabs Galore and a \$100 Visa gift card. Drawing will be held **Saturday, May 16 at 6 p.m.** at Fish Head Cantina. Winner does not have to be present to win. Proceeds benefit Lazarus Caucus, bringing help and hope to Baltimore County's homeless.



HOLD THE DATE for the Kruger family's fifth annual fundraiser benefiting Lazarus Caucus, providing a "hand up not a hand out" to the homeless of Baltimore County. The concert, featuring beloved Maryland Music Icon **Rob Fahey and The Pieces**, will be held at Fish Head Cantina in Arbutus on **Saturday, May 16**. The band will be performing **2-6 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to stay for the Preakness Stakes, approximately 6:45 p.m.

FOURTH MONDAY BIBLE STUDY



The Fourth Monday Bible Study meets **at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.** in the Katie Luther Room.

We are starting a study of the Book of Micah, starting with spending some time talking about the nature of prophecy.

If you have an opportunity please read through the entire book of Micah - it is only 8 chapters long and they are relatively short chapters.

The New Brightview on Rolling Road (the one that is primarily an independent living community as opposed to the Old Brightview which is for Assisted Living) has asked for, and Pastor Dave has agreed to lead, a Bible Study on the First Tuesday of every month beginning in February. So on Tuesday, February 4, at 2 pm he will reprise the previous Fourth Monday Bible Study he does at Salem. Meaning, that if you miss the Monday study then you will have an opportunity to attend the same class at Brightview on the first Tuesday of the next month.

ROAD TRIP

Seven Salem youth - Hallie Shepard, Lizzie Fitch, Marleigh Toscano, Olivia Shepherd, Danny Gundlach, Sam Gundlach, and Eric Loewner - went to Road Trip with Neat (Anita) Lane, Sara Toscano, and Pastor Sarah on January 24-26 in Ocean City.

Young people and adult leaders from across our synod gather for a weekend of fun, Bible study, service, worship, and community building in large groups as well as smaller ones. Each day ended with Family Time, an opportunity for prayer and reflection.

The theme this year was

CAN I ASK THAT?

YES! ABSOLUTELY YES.

Your questions, your doubts, your ponderings, your struggles, your faith, your experiences, your conversations—they matter. To you. And to the Church.

There is nothing you can ask that will make God love you less.

There is nothing you can ask that will make God love you more.

God's grace is there for you in the midst of it all. Yet with each question you ask, and each conversation we have together as disciples of Jesus, our relationship with God is renewed, our discipleship is shaped, our connection to our community is remade.





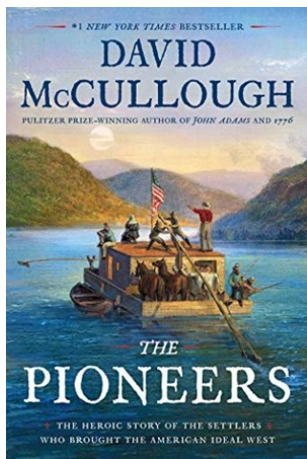
More Road Trip Photos



BOOK GROUP

Salem's Book Group meets on the **second Monday** of each month (except December) at **7:30 p.m.** in the Upper Room. On February 10, we will discuss *The Pioneers*. Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David McCullough rediscovers an important and dramatic chapter in the American story—the settling of the Northwest Territory by dauntless pioneers who overcame incredible hardships to build a community based on ideals that would come to define our country.

As part of the Treaty of Paris, in which Great Britain recognized the new United States of America, Britain ceded the land that comprised the immense Northwest Territory, a wilderness empire northwest of the Ohio River containing the future states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin. A Massachusetts minister named Manasseh Cutler was instrumental in opening this vast territory to veterans of the Revolutionary War and their families for settlement. Included in the Northwest Ordinance were three remarkable conditions: freedom of religion, free universal education, and most importantly, the prohibition of slavery. In 1788 the first band of pioneers set out from New England for the Northwest Territory under the leadership of Revolutionary War veteran General Rufus Putnam.



They settled in what is now Marietta on the banks of the Ohio River.

McCullough tells the story through five major characters: Cutler and Putnam; Cutler's son Ephraim; and two other men, one a carpenter turned architect, and the other a physician who became a prominent pioneer in American science.

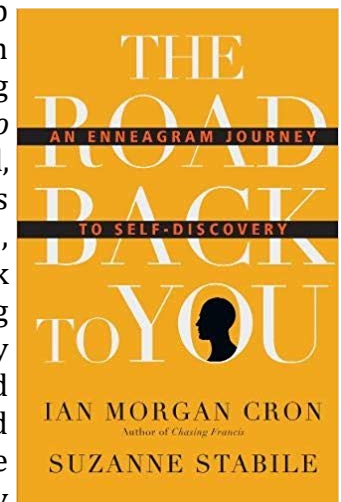
They and their families created a town in a primeval wilderness, while coping with such frontier realities as floods, fires, wolves and bears, no roads or bridges, no guarantees of any sort, all the while negotiating a contentious and sometimes hostile relationship with the native people. Like so many of McCullough's subjects, they let no obstacle deter or defeat them.

Drawn in great part from a rare and all-but-unknown collection of diaries and letters by the key figures, *The Pioneers* is a uniquely American story of people whose ambition and courage led them to remarkable accomplishments. This is a revelatory and quintessentially American story, written with David

McCullough's signature narrative energy.

On March 11, we will discuss *The Road Back to You*.

Ignorance is bliss—except in self-awareness. What you don't know about yourself can hurt you and your relationships—and even keep you in the shallows with God. Do you want help figuring out who you are and why you're stuck in the same ruts? The Enneagram is an ancient personality typing system with an uncanny accuracy in describing how human beings are wired, both positively and negatively. In *The Road Back to You* Ian Morgan Cron and Suzanne Stabile forge a unique approach—a practical, comprehensive way of accessing Enneagram wisdom and exploring its connections with Christian spirituality for a deeper knowledge of ourselves, compassion for others, and love for God. Witty and filled with stories, this book allows you to peek inside each of the nine Enneagram types, keeping you turning the pages long after you have read the chapter about your own number. Not only will you learn more about yourself, but you will also start to see the world through other people's eyes, understanding how and why people think, feel, and act the way they do. Beginning with changes you can start making today, the wisdom of the Enneagram can help take you further along into who you really are—leading you into places of spiritual discovery you would never have found on your own, and paving the way to the wiser, more compassionate person you want to become.



THE 2020 MARNI MCNICHOL SCHOLARSHIP

The Marni McNichol Scholarship is awarded to Maryland high school seniors who will be attending college in the fall and who have lost a loved one or have had a parent affected by breast cancer. This scholarship is a partnership between the McNichol family and the Amystrong Foundation in honor of Marni McNichol.

Submission deadline is April 13, 2020. Recipient(s) will be notified in late April. Full submissions include official transcripts from schools and must be received before prizes are awarded.

Last year 5 graduating seniors were awarded a total of \$20,000 and the scholarship committee hopes to do so again this year!

For more information about the lovely Marni McNichol, the scholarship fund to honor her, and the link to the application, check out their website <http://www.amystrong.org/scholarship.html>.

SALEM SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN KINDNESS CHALLENGE

The Salem Sunday School students will be participating in a Kindness Challenge throughout Lent (stay tuned for more details!). Families will work together to participate in 40 acts of kindness. We need your help in two ways!

- Help us kick off the challenge by donating supplies for personal care kits for Catonsville Emergency Assistance. The children will be packing the kits to be donated to CEA. Specifically, we need travel sized mouth wash, deodorant, and wet wipes. We would also welcome men's socks and bottles of water. A bin will be placed in the narthex for your donations.
- Donate gently used children's books! All donated books will be sent to local schools and other agencies and organizations that work with children in our area.

All donations are needed by **February 23** and everyone is welcome to join us for the Kindness Challenge Kick Off during the Sunday School hour on **March 1!**

RECEPTION FOR SALLY KOPP

There will be a celebration of Sally Kopp's service to Salem as Financial Treasurer in Reformation Hall after the late service on **Sunday, February 16**. Sally has been our treasurer since about 1996, replacing Dick Vigus. Her duties as treasurer are being assumed by Tom Vasold. Come and thank her for her long-time contributions to Salem.



PRAYERS

Creator, open our hearts
to peace and healing between all people.
Creator, open our hearts
to provide and protect for all children of the earth.
Creator, open our hearts
to respect for the earth, and all the gifts of the earth.
Creator, open our hearts
to end exclusion, violence, and fear among all.
Thank you for the gifts of this day and every day.
- Native American prayer by Alycia Longriver

O God, creator of all things, blessed are we when we put our trust in you. Continue to fill us with your understanding and peace as we grow in our faith. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Bring us bright God
from yesterday
into today and tomorrow.
Cheer us with courage.
Disturb us with justice.
Safeguard us with wisdom.
Bless us with wonder.
Cherish us with love.
- Ruth Burgess

OFFICIAL ACTS



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."

*Louise Rebecca Hellbach**

January 16, 2020

*Ralph Hood**

January 18, 2020

*H. Virginia Hill**

January 30, 2020

**not a Salem member*

SALEM ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 February Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages! 9:30am Choir 12noon Art Show Opening	3 4pm Yoga 7pm Prayer Stitches	4 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Ringers	5 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	6 10am Stitchcrafters 6 pm St. David's Choir 7pm Evangelism 7:30 Salem Choir	7 Catonsville Garden Club Evening—Youth Lock-in 4:30 Young Adult Event	8 8am Synod Connectedness 9am LYO 5pm Worship
9 ANNUAL MEETING Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages! 9:30am Choir	10 4pm Yoga 7pm Lazarus Caucus 7:30pm Book Group	11 5pm Chair Yoga 6:15pm Tech Committee 7pm Salem Ringers	12 CHARLESTOWN 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	13 10am Stitchcrafters 6 pm St. David's Choir 7pm St. Dymas Council 7:30 Salem Choir 7:30 CEA	14 Valentines Day	15 9am New Disciples 5pm Worship
16 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages! 9:30am Choir Kopp Reception 3pm Eagle Court of Honor	17 2pm Communications 4pm Yoga 7pm Prayer Stitches	18 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Council 7pm Salem Ringers	19 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Christian Fellowship 7pm Old Salem	20 10am Bent Twig Garden Club 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St. David's Choir 7:30 Salem Choir	21	22 All Committee Fair 5pm Worship
23 All Committee Fair Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages! 9:30am Choir 9:45 New Disciples 5pm Confirmation	24 1pm Fourth Monday Bible Study 4pm Yoga 7pm Fourth Monday Bible Study	25 Shrove Tuesday 5pm Chair Yoga 5:30pm Pancake Supper 7pm Social Ministry 7pm Salem Ringers	26 Ash Wednesday 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 2pm Worship 7:30pm Worship	27 LEAD set-up 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St. David's Choir 7:30 Salem Choir	28 SYNOD LEAD	29 EVENT 5pm Worship
1 MARCH Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages! 9:30am Choir	2 4pm Yoga 7pm Prayer Stitches	3 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Ringers	4 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	5 FLEA MARKET PREP 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St. David's Choir 7pm Evangelism 7:30 Salem Choir	6 FLEA MARKET PREP	7 OLD SALEM FLEA MARKET 5pm Worship

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 JANUARY 2020

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
January 4/5	20	94	143			257
January 11/12	18	73	126			217
January 18/19	10 (snow-ish)	84	131			225
January 25/26	31	80	117	11	Road Trip	239
Totals	79	331	517	11		938

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

TREASURER REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2019

GENERAL FUND	
Budget to Date	\$521,970.00
Beginning Balance	\$39,444.43
Expenses to Date	(\$511,915.89)
Receipts to Date	\$544,084.36
Ending Balance	\$71,612.90
R.S.V.P.	
Beginning Balance	\$58,457.28
Receipts to Date	\$37,900.78
Disbursements to Date	(\$29,704.77)
Balance in Fund	\$66,653.29

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**February 2020**

February 1 Saturday Evening Worship
5:00 p.m., Holy Communion

February 2 Presentation of Our Lord
8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages

February 8 Saturday Evening Worship
5:00 p.m., Holy Communion

February 9 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages

February 15 Saturday Evening Worship
5:00 p.m., Holy Communion

February 16 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages

February 23 Saturday Evening Worship
5:00 p.m., Holy Communion

February 24 Transfiguration of Our Lord
8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages



February 26 Ash Wednesday Worship 2:00 p.m.
and 7:30 p.m.

February 29 Saturday Evening Worship
5:00 p.m., Holy Communion

March 1 First Sunday in Lent
8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages

WORSHIP SCHEDULE - CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY

February 12, 2020 **Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**
11:30 a.m., Holy Communion — Pastor Bob Schmidt

March 11, 2020 **Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**
11:30 a.m., Holy Communion — Pastor David Asendorf

April 8, 2020 **Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**
11:30 a.m., Holy Communion — Pastor Sarah Garrett Krey



January 11, 2020

Dear Salem members,
 The Christmas parasetta delivered by the Bells and their "special helper" Gaboy is truly lovely. It is in my living room where I enjoy it every day. The special Wednesday services offered here at Charlestown are a comfort to all. Thank you all for your kind remembrance.

In God's love,
 Betty Ruff

Dear Salem Family - 18 January
 This comes with our deep gratitude for your thoughts, prayers, visits, kind words, and lovely cards upon the passing of our stepfather, Ed Huber.

We have found comfort in the support and love we've received at this difficult time. May you be blessed as you have blessed us. Fondly, Bruce & Darla Sando

Dear Salem,
 Russell & I want to thank everyone for the Christmas gifts and the beautiful flowers. I am sorry I have waited so so long to write.

I have been very sick. Please excuse the writing. Love Rachel White



SALEM SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

USHERS are needed for both Sunday morning services; contact Paul Krabitz

ALTAR GUILD members are needed for both Saturday setup, Sunday setup and cleanup after 8:15 a.m. worship, and Sunday cleanup after 11 a.m. worship; contact Mary Krebs

TELLERS are needed for after worship on Sundays; contact Beth Massey **GOSPEL PROCESSION TEAM COORDINATOR** is needed to recruit, train, and schedule members for the Sundays where a Gospel Procession is desired (not every Sunday). Contact Pastor Dave or Pastor Sarah.

GUARDIANS OF EDEN (GOE) are inviting Salem Disciples to join their committee to help plan and implement activities relating to congregational environmental issues. Contact Norma Hensler-Davis

Salem Youth Group Mulch Sale 2020
Order Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Phone (Sat. Morning) _____

Please indicate number of bags below

Regular Hardwood shredded 2 cu, ft.	\$4.00 per bag when ordering 1-15 bags delivered	\$3.75 per bag When ordering 16 or more deliv- ered	\$3.50 per bag if picked up
Number ordered			
Black colored hardwood shredded 2 cu.ft.	\$4.50 per bag when ordering 1-15 bags delivered	\$4.25 per bag When ordering 16 or more deliv- ered	\$4.00 per bag if picked up
Number ordered			

Choose Delivery Date: Saturday March 14th _____ Saturday March 28th _____

_____ Check here to request spreading services. Will call to discuss details and charges.

Please write any delivery instructions on back of form

To be completed by office

Total due	deposit	Balance due	Date Delivered	Date paid

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Altar Guild: Mary Krebs
 Archive Committee: Judy LeGath
 Arts Committee: Charlotte Brooks
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 Child Protection Committee: Linda Fleischer
 Children's Ministry Committee: Sharon Stanton
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 Communications Committee: Guy Davis
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 Guardians of Eden: Norma Hensler-Davis
 Health Resources: Beth Rodgers, Lynda Bell
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 Nursery Committee: Lois Grempler
 Personnel Committee: Scott Graham
 Prayer Tree Coordinators: Karen Amy, Barbara Beem
 Property: Rusty Schaefer
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 Stewardship Committee: Irene Amoros
 Technology Support Committee: Amy Pflug, Lisa Yerkey
 Ushers: Paul Krabitz
 Youth Ministry Committee: Sara Toscano
 Worship Life: Jane Stolte



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 prayertree@salem-catonsville.org

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