



THE MONARCH

ADVENT EVENTS

Sunday, December 3 12:30 a.m. Generosity Potluck

Wednesday, December 6, 7:30 p.m. Worship

Sunday, December 10 7:30 p.m. Advent Vespers

Wednesday, December 13, 7:30 p.m. Worship

Wednesday, December 20, 7:30 p.m. Worship

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 24

10 a.m. Sunday Worship—Advent 4

5 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship—Children's pageant

7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

10 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

December 25 10 a.m. Christmas Day Worship—Lessons and Carols

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SALEM'S NEW DISCIPLES

On October 21 and 22, twenty three new disciples (members) joined Salem. So that you can get to know our new disciples, we have interviewed each family set.

Jane Anderson was born in Cleveland, Ohio and grew up in Greensboro, North Carolina. She moved to Baltimore when she was 20 because her father invented the Artificial Hip Prosthesis (hip replacement) and wanted to be close to Johns Hopkins Hospital.

For the past twenty-five years Jane has been booking musicians in venues all over the country. She finds this very rewarding as she feels that music alleviates stress, helps people heal, and you can "pray without words".

Jane was an active member of Second English Lutheran Church for over sixty years. She sang in the choir, worked closely with Pastor Rickel on the Church Council, Christian Education Committee, served communion, read scripture, and taught Sunday School and Bible School. Margaret Milleker, Sharon Stanton, and Darla Sando were a major influence in her joining Salem. Pastor Dave mailed a lovely note to her explaining that he understood her feelings of loss about Second English Lutheran Church's closing.

Jane recently joined the choir and she quickly felt part of the group. She has now found a new church home at Salem where everyone has been very friendly and welcoming.

Dan and Emily D'Avella first attended Salem on Easter Sunday and were impressed by how welcoming the people were. They live in Catonsville now with Dan originally from Perry Hall and Emily from New York. Emily is a music major with a focus on oboe and teaches music at Clarksville Elementary School. Dan is a software developer for the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore. Dan plays the banjo and horn and joins Emily in folk music sessions. Their other interests include home brewing.



Ann Dentry is no stranger to Salem as she served as a part-time pastor. Pastor Ann graduated from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg and has served as the pastor of three congregations, most recently as the interim Lutheran Campus Chaplain at the University of Delaware. In 2009 she completed a doctorate in Spirituality at the University of Toronto, Toronto School of Theology. Ann has lived for periods of time in Canada, Germany, and Warsaw, Poland (Internship). Stateside, she was part of the Wartburg Seminary community in Dubuque, Iowa in 2003-04 (Graduate Student in Residence Program) and 2005 (adjunct instructor in homiletics). Between interim assignments (2011-13) she volunteered with the non-profit TALMAR in their project to offer rehabilitation to military veterans in the setting of a community-supported farm (CSA). That experience led to working on the Synod's Creation Care Team.

Pastor Ann loves reading, nature and animals. She currently has three cats, but in the past has had dogs, horses, and chickens. She finds the arts of Salem (music, art, photos, and drama, to name a few) very inspiring.



Marsha Foss is also no stranger to Salem. She first visited Salem as a teen in the 1960's as a member of a Luther League Caravan. She helped to make the Catacombs that were used by the Youth for years. She returned to Salem in 1977 with her husband Pastor Ed Whetstone and their son Micah. At Salem, she was active in the Choir and Salem Players. She lived in Maryland for 37 years before returning to Minnesota. Marsha is a retired educator who writes poetry and is involved in mission to the homeless and social justice. She lives just a block away from her two lovely grandchildren. Marsha is now engaged to Larry Kohlenstein and they will be married in April 2018.

Larry and Marsha are alternating time in Baltimore and St. Paul with Larry having joined Marsha's St. Paul Church, Pilgrim, as an associate member and Marsha rejoining Salem as an associate member.

Pastor Amsalu Geleta is a ordained pastor of ELCA. He is a native of Ethiopia, born to a Lutheran family, grew up in Christian household. Two of his uncles were Lutheran pastors. He served in Mekane Yesus Church in various capacities. After moving to the US for education, he entered a candidacy and was ordained in 2007. Since then he served St Mark's Lutheran Church in Springfield, VA and Christ Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD. Currently he serves on DEMD Synod bishop staff as an Executive Assistance and Director of Evangelical Mission. Amsalu is married to Ife, also a daughter of a Lutheran pastor. Amsalu and Ife are blessed by three daughters: Deborah, Simbo and Kenna.



Edie and Bob Hahn are relatively new residents to Catonsville.



They moved to Catonsville from Crofton about two and a half years ago and now live in Patapsco Overlook. Edie retired from a large architectural firm in DC as an HR Manager. Bob retired six years ago after working for the State of Maryland for 35 years as an attorney (Staff Counsel and General Counsel) with the Maryland State Ethics Commission and retired as the Executive Director after 30 years with the agency. Edith was raised in Milwaukee WI and attended Valparaiso University. Bob was born in Cleveland, Ohio and then moved to

Pennsauken, New Jersey. He also attend Valparaiso University in Indiana. Bob went on to graduate school at College Park and the University of Maryland School of Law in Baltimore.

Bob and Edie have been married now for 34 years and have two sons each from previous marriages. They have several grandchildren that keep them very busy. They spend a lot of time going to their sports games, soccer, lacrosse, basketball and field hockey. They have one son and daughter-in-law

and their four children in Catonsville; another son and daughter-in-law and their two children plus one on way in Grand Rapids, Michigan; a third son and daughter-in-law and their two children in Bonne Terre, Missouri; and finally the oldest son in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

They have enjoyed traveling frequently since their retirement including going to Israel in 2012 and Germany in 2015 with the Lutheran Hour and with the Smithsonian to China and Tibet in 2014. They have been able take some of their grandchildren to Disney World and to Costa Rica. They also have been to Peru, Ecuador, Alaska, and the National Parks out West. For the past 18 years, they have also maintained a summer residence at Lake Anna in Virginia.



Carol and Bill Harmon have joined Salem from Emmanuel Lutheran in Catonsville. They are both natives of Catonsville, are both graduates of Catonsville High School, and have lived in the area throughout their entire 51-year marriage. Carol is a lifelong Lutheran, and Bill converted to Lutheranism as an adult. They have two grown children, and five grandchildren, who are in high school and college. They are both retired, but continue to work part-time—Carol at UMBC, and Bill at a golf course. They are avid Ravens fans, and both enjoy reading. In addition, Carol enjoys travel, scrapbooking and crocheting.

The Harmons found Salem through Pat Krenzke, who they knew from Emmanuel Lutheran. They are very happy at Salem, and have found it to be a very warm congregation.

Carl Horst joined Salem this summer after being a member of Second Lutheran for 57 years. He graduated from the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, Class of 1952. Born and raised in Baltimore, he settled here permanently after being drafted into the Army Signal Corps in 1956 and serving six years. He spent his career in telecommunications with the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, now Verizon, retiring after 40 years. He and his wife Patricia live in Catonsville and have two sons, Scott who works locally for the Department of Defense and Kurt, an emergency room doctor in Athens, Georgia. They have three grandchildren.

Having grown up in Southeast Baltimore near Edison Highway and a stone's throw from the Main Line Pennsylvania Railroad, he gravitated to model railroading in his younger years. His expertise in radio communications eventually led him to the hobby of radio controlled model airplanes. Health permitting, he can be found flying one of his many RC models on weekends, including a Red Baron style Fokker DR-1 triplane. He and his wife also enjoy exercise at the St. Agnes Fitness Center three days a week. Carl joined Salem after visiting with a group of Second Lutheran members. He enjoyed the members of the congregation he met and Pastor Asendorf. Carl normally attends the 11 a.m. Sunday service.

Virginia and Martin Krenzke had lived most of their married life in the Maryland suburbs, as both worked in the Washington, D. C. area. Martin worked just about his whole career through the Department of the U. S. Navy designing submarine hulls. Virginia and Martin have been married for 58 years; they met each other at their work places through an introduction by Martin's cousin. The

couple moved into their apartment at Brightview in order to be closer to their daughter, Patricia Krenzke, and began worshipping here at Salem. They enjoyed traveling each spring in years past to New Orleans; one of their favorite vacation spots. Virginia enjoys reading mysteries, among other topics and likes classical and popular music.



The **Kwekeh family** have been in this country for about 15 years. They have originally come from Liberia and have moved here from North Carolina. Esther is the mother of four children and enjoys reading the Bible and listening to music. The father of the family is T. Morris and he works in accounting. The oldest child is their daughter Morrinah who is 27. Their next oldest child is also Morris (Jr.), who is 20 and is a student at Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC). He would like to be an Engineer and deal with computers. He enjoys sports such as soccer. Their



third child, Morietta, is 15 and attends Randallstown High School. She likes English and would like to be a Pediatrician. Their youngest child, Morlyne, is 12 and attends Northwest Academy. She enjoys World Culture class and her Chorus classes. She really enjoys music. She would like to be a Pediatrician or an Ophthalmologist.

New member **Emily Pukuma** says that, when she moved to Baltimore with her husband in 2015, she started to look for a new permanent church home. "I quickly grew to love Salem's service, its friendly members, and overall environment." Emily is originally from Pittsburgh PA and grew up attending a Lutheran Church. Emily's husband, Dzarnyi, is in the U. S. Army now serving in Afghanistan .

"Salem also seems like the perfect place for my eight-month-old daughter to grow up and learn about faith, with plenty of young children for her to run around with now!" Emily notes. "You will most certainly hear my daughter singing in the background if you attend the 8:15 a.m. Sunday service!"

Emily will graduate from The University of Florida with a PhD in Political Science in December and is in the market for a job, hopefully an academic position. She loves to travel, to try new foods, and to meet new people, particularly the people of Salem!

CHRISTMAS EVE DECORATING

The church will be decorated on Saturday morning, December 23 at 10 a.m. We need help to decorate trees, set up nativities, hang wreathes and roping and other tasks to help beautify the church. We will also need donations of holly and other greens.

Please come and lend a hand! If you have any questions, call Shelley Wolfram at 410-379-8179.



Annamae Stuples grew up in Oella and lived there for many years. Moved to the Catonsville area over 35 years ago. Has a married son, married daughter and granddaughter. Had attended the Pentecostal Church in Ellicott City for many years, but through attending many Salem events with her sister-in-law, Sharon Stanton and also a hospital visit by Pastor Dave when not even a member at the time, decided to worship here at Salem and join. She enjoys doing ceramics and all kinds of crafts as well as meeting new people. She loves the beautiful music sung by our choir and is looking forward to celebrating Christmas at Salem.

Melvin (Mel) and Dria (Dee) Trimble have been attending Salem for about a year. They found it very

friendly and full of life and are looking forward to getting more involved. Mel was born in Olympia, Washington, where Dad was stationed during the war. His family moved back to our home town of Baltimore when he was 6 weeks old. Dee was born and raised in Catonsville. Mel retired in 2009 after 40 + years with a manufacturing company and now works part time at Bass Pro Shops in Arundel Mills Mall. Dee is still working full time for Regal Beloit Corp formally (Kop-Flex and Koppers Company).



Dee's interests include church, cooking, decorating, fashion, and travel. Mel is an avid golfer, and also enjoys hunting and fishing. They have traveled many places in the US and Europe since 2000, including Salem's Italy-Germany trip.

ALTERNATIVE GIVING

Does Uncle Harry really need another tie? Perhaps those hard-to-find-gifts for folks on your Christmas list would much appreciate knowing a gift to charity was made in their honor. This Advent we will be providing the opportunity for you to make a contribution to one of the three Marketplace Charities – Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Lutheran Mission Society, or Doctors Without Borders. You can find Nancy Asendorf or another helper in the narthex between services or after the late service to help you make a meaningful gift to charity this Christmas.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

The annual Congregational Budget meeting will be held on the weekend of December 9-10. The Church Council will be asking the congregation to adopt the 2018 budget at this meeting. There will be a mailing to every household in the congregation with a cover letter pointing out the major changes and a copy of the 2018 budget. Questions regarding the budget process may be directed to Finance Chairperson, Paul Timmel.

VICAR'S LESSONS LEARNED LESSON THREE:

REJOICE AND CELEBRATE THE ORDINARY

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Paul, in Philippians 4:4-7

It's that time of year when we intentionally reflect on all our blessings and give thanks to God. There is no doubt that there are many reasons to rejoice in the Lord. At Salem, we show our gratitude whenever we gather together, especially when we worship. It seems that Salem does a special blessing just about every week with all the blankets, school kits, scarves, and people we pray over. As one member put it, "Vicar, I think doing blessings can be added to your resume now." This is most certainly true! It's truly been a hallmark of my internship.

At Salem, I have learned that we do not only celebrate and rejoice in life's extraordinary gifts but also the ordinary gifts. This act of celebration can enable us to recognize the many opportunities before us. The attitude of celebration helps unleash our energy and creativity to embrace and promote the vision and mission of the church. As people of God, we can talk about the many strengths and virtues of Salem, but living in an attitude of celebration is different. Our extravagant God invites us to live in a spirit of rejoicing and celebration.

Attitudes in our society often push us to espouse a worldview based on fear, scarcity, and competition. If we buy into it, this fear can become a self-fulfilling prophecy. But our God is a God of abundance. God gave us an abundant world, and it is our call to embrace a grateful outlook. As a community, we learn to highlight positive trends, to work with obstacles, and to continue striving toward the goals of the church. We are all reflectors of Jesus. Much as a dour outlook breeds apprehension, so a generous attitude brightens the vision of those around us. So let's celebrate what is working well!

Although it may appear to be paradoxical, celebrating what is right about the church also helps us to harness the energy we need to fix what's wrong. Rejoicing in the many ordinary things that are right will help us to be more prepared to address the issues that need attention. When we recognize the good, we're implicitly acknowledging that solutions do exist for the challenges that lay before the church.

In Paul's letter to the Philippians, his invitation to "rejoice" flies in the face of the world's pervasive attitude of scarcity. Looking on the bright side may sound naive to the cynics of the world. But we are invited to "let [our] requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard [our] heart and [our] minds in Christ Jesus." We are in the world but not of the world, and our abundant God is not fearful.

Making a conscious effort to celebrate and rejoice in ordinary events that are going well can help all of



us become more effective in fulfilling the vision and mission of the church. Together, we can nurture our grateful attitudes so that our commitments to our tasks become more creative and rewarding.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world," said Margaret Meade. "Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Again, I say, rejoice! Let's celebrate the many gifts of Salem, both ordinary and extraordinary, and by God's grace, we will have the energy and creativity to address the challenges we face.

Grace and Peace,

Vicar Jay

THANKSGIVING-CHRISTMAS HUNGER APPEAL

For many years Salem has generously supported the good work of non-profit organizations feeding the hungry. Last year we raised over \$11,000. We hope to equal or top that amount. We'll be supporting the following charities that feed the hungry in Catonsville, or Maryland, the nation and around the world.

- CEA – Catonsville Emergency Assistance
- Maryland Food Bank
- ELCA World Hunger Appeal
- LWR – Lutheran World Relief

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS AND FLOWERS DONATIONS

Please see the enclosed form to donate Christmas poinsettias or flowers to decorate the sanctuary and other areas of the church building.

4TH MONDAY BIBLE STUDY MEETS ON THIRD MONDAY IN DECEMBER

We'll be meeting on December 17, the third Monday, this coming month because of Christmas being on the 4th Monday. Pastor Dave continues to lead a study of the book of Romans. It's a lively hour of stimulating discussion and learning. Please come!

HELPING HANDS

Starting up again under the leadership of Carol Harmon, our new Helping Hands team coordinator. If you are able to help transport someone to a medical appointment occasionally, please contact Carol Harmon on 443-835-5158 to become a part of the "transportation team". Should you find you are in need of occasional transportation to medical appointments, contact Carol for help in locating someone on the team.

SALEM MARKET PLACE NEARLY RAISES RECORD AMOUNT FOR CHARITIES.

Thank you to the many, many, members of the congregation and friends who volunteered their time, energy, brawn, and talents to make the Marketplace a success!! Thank you to everyone who donated items and came out to shop that day! And my personal thanks to Pastor Dave for his advice and recruitment of new leaders!!

I wanted to recognize the wonderful volunteers who stepped up and took on new leadership of two critical areas: Alan Harry (Kitchen) and Edie Hahn (White Elephant). Also, thank you to Char Brooks and Marge and Bob Diss for finding a buyer for the Oriental rug left from last year. Lastly, thanks to those who pitched in to clean up on Sunday afternoon, especially Megan Simmons and her friends and the Gundlach Family.

Special thanks to those who did amazing jobs in these areas:

Silent Auction: (which raised the bulk of the money) Pat Krenzke and Mike Hall (and Bruce Sando for getting so many gift card donations!) and Leslie and Jim Krueger

White Elephant: New leader Edie Hahn and her numerous helpers

Lunch: Led by Chef Extraordinaire Alan Harry, and Don Schwartz, Ray Hamelin, Beth Rodgers, and Bonnie Harry

Book Table: Judy LeGath and Margaret Milleker

Guardians of Eden Raffle: Roberta McNamara

The Salem Stitchcrafters: Stephanie Pelesky and Colette Shoukas

Bake Table: Mary Krebs

Jewelry: Debbie Kourkoules

Fair Trade: Vicky and Ed Whetstone

Artisans: Pastor Ed, Shelly Wolfram, joined by Gilchrist Hospice Care's sister hospice in Tanzania and the Nicaraguan Cultural Alliance in Baltimore

Money Managers: The Giuliani's

Publicity: Norma Hensler-Davis

Basket Promoter: Darla Sando and Mary Krebs

Thanks to everyone's efforts we raised \$ 7586 for this year's charities: Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Lutheran Mission Society and Doctors without Borders.

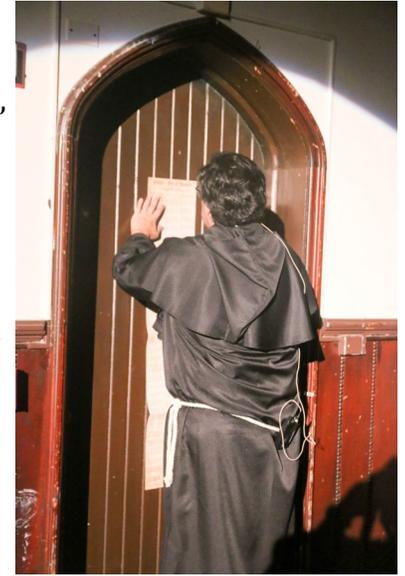
Next year we are hoping for more congregational crafters! It's not too early to start making your unique creations to sell at the 2018 Marketplace!

God's Peace, Julia Graham, Salem Marketplace Chairperson

MARTIN, THE REFORMER CONCLUDES SALEM'S REFORMATION 500 CELEBRATION

Salem's commemoration of Reformation 500 concluded with *Martin, The Reformer*, an original drama written by Guy Davis with Paul Bell. Full performances, directed by Paul Bell with Guy Davis, were held on Saturday, October 28 and Sunday, October 29 with a shortened performance for Sunday School students on October 29 during the Sunday morning education hour.

Early in 2016 Pastor Dave Asendorf approached Davis and Bell with the idea of creating a drama about Martin Luther to be presented as part of the congregation's Reformation 500 observance events. The pair worked diligently to write a play that captured Luther's struggles with his own salvation, his concerns about abuses in the Church of his day, and his realization that ultimately his efforts to focus on God's will had been successful.



Martin, The Reformer included a cast of 25 characters. Davis and Bell were delighted that their production was cast almost entirely with members or friends of Salem, many of whom had never been on stage before. Of special note was Nick Mason, who had never acted on stage, did a superb performance as Martin Luther. The character Wilhelm acts as a narrator throughout the play, and his description of events in the life of Luther assisted audience members, those familiar with Luther's life and those who were learning about him for the first time, fully understand the significance of the events unfolding on stage.

The costuming for *Martin, The Reformer* gave a very polished, professional look. Only three of the actors were dressed in outfits rented from a local costumer. The others wore garments purchased on the Internet at a very reasonable price. These costumes have now been included in the church's permanent collection and will be available for all future dramatic productions at Salem. Davis and Bell are pleased to see this legacy from *Martin* and are equally pleased to report that much of the costuming expense was covered by a grant from Thrivent.

Our 21st Century *Martin* has now traveled much further than the actual 16th Century *Martin* ever did.



Davis and Bell sent a copy of their script to Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Modesto, California in exchange for a copy of their script for *You Were There: The Reformation*, a play in the style of early radio by Michael A. Clarke. A video of *Martin, The Reformer* is available on YouTube via a link on Salem's web site: www.salem-catonville.org.

Coincidentally, the free will offering at the performance raised \$500 for Lutheran Disaster Response during the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. DVDs of the performance are available with the proceeds going to Lutheran Disaster Response. See Guy Davis if you wish to purchase one.

BUY A FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Most Every Weekend 'til Christmas—

Tea, Coffee, Chocolate, Handcrafts in the Narthex

After worship, visit the Fair Trade table and cart for a couple of your Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers. A wonderful selection is available. You may pay with cash or a check. All are fine products at affordable prices. (We sell the items at cost; at no time do our Fair Trade sales serve as a fundraiser for Salem.)

Your purchase allows artisans and farmers in developing countries to receive a fair wage for the fruits of their labor. In turn, the standard of living in the village rises to support schools and medical clinics.

Your purchase may be for yourself or a gift for someone you love. It's not a gift for the craftsman or the farmer. It's just a fair transaction. But it's all wonderfully appropriate at Christmas!

"How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n." And in its wake, so many gifts more.



COOKIE KINDNESS

Do not miss Cookie Kindness! What is it? It is an event where people bake cookies and buy cookies to benefit Lutheran World Relief.

Cookies are \$3 for a small bag and \$5 for a large bag.

But we need cookies for people to buy, so please sign up on the poster in the Narthex. Then join us after the early service and before the late service to purchase your bag(s) of cookies. If we have enough cookies, we will sell after the late service too. Questions? Please contact Sandy McNair at smcnair100@gmail.com or Christie Lassen at cplassen@gmail.com.



SALEM'S BOOK GROUP

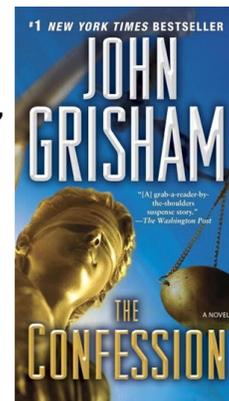
Salem's Book Group meets September to June on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 in the Upper Room. All are welcomed.

The Confession by John Grisham, January 8th

For every innocent man sent to prison, there is a guilty one left on the outside. He doesn't understand how the police and prosecutors got the wrong man, and he certainly doesn't care. He just can't believe his good luck. Time passes and he realizes that the mistake will not be corrected: the authorities believe in their case and are determined to get a conviction. He may even watch the trial of the person wrongly accused of his crime. He is relieved when the verdict is guilty. He laughs when the police and prosecutors congratulate themselves. He is content to allow an innocent person to go to prison, to serve hard time, even to be executed.

Travis Boyette is such a man. In 1998, in the small East Texas city of Sloan, he abducted, raped, and strangled a popular high school cheerleader. He buried her body so that it would never be found, then watched in amazement as police and prosecutors arrested and convicted Donté Drumm, a local football star, and marched him off to death row.

Now nine years have passed. Travis has just been paroled in Kansas for a different crime; Donté is four days away from his execution. Travis suffers from an inoperable brain tumor. For the first time in his miserable life, he decides to do what's right and confess. But how can a guilty man convince lawyers, judges, and politicians that they're about to execute an innocent man?



Additional books include:

February 12th – The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman by Ernest J. Gaines

March 12th – World War I by various authors

April 9th – Purple Hibiscus: A Novel by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

AROUND THE PARISH

- Daniel Collins is the new chairperson of the Evangelism Committee.
- Seminarian Amy Asendorf and fellow seminarian Mathew Berger announced their engagement to marry. Amy and Mathew are planning a October 2018 wedding at Salem.

Our Salem community is in need of:

- Food Delivery Person – once a week, on a day between Monday and Thursday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, to deliver Salem's food donations to CEA, 25 Bloomsbury in Catonsville. See Pastor Dave.
- Altar Guild Team members – Please see Mary Krebs.

“LEADING LADIES” PRESENTED BY SALEM PLAYERS

Salem Players is celebrating their 40th anniversary this year. In November, Salem Players presented “Leading Ladies”, a play by Ken Ludwig. The plot of “Leading Ladies” involves the crazy hijinks of two struggling, male actors who travel and perform Shakespearean plays and are desperate to get their hands on money to support their plays. They learn about a rich, old woman who has just died and her family is in search of her two missing nieces who stand to inherit two-thirds of her \$30 million estate. The two men dress as women in an attempt to trick the old woman’s family into believing that they are the long lost nieces. This plot is based on the theme of the Shakespearean play “Twelfth Night” but it also brings to mind the 1959 Marilyn Monroe film “Some Like it Hot” or the 1993 Robin Williams movie “Mrs. Doubtfire.” And the level of comedy performed by the male leads in “Leading Ladies” was just as hysterical and enjoyable.

Supported by a greatly talented cast, these two leading “men”, Jim Gerhardt and Lenny Taube performed the parts of long lost nieces Stephanie and Maxine so convincingly and with great physicality that the audience was pushed to laugh out loud on a regular basis. Their incredible abilities to switch back and forth between their male and female characters made them even more endearing. The dressing crew of Anita Lane and Sara Toscano did a tremendous job of keeping up with their lightning-fast costume changes.

Ashley Gerhardt, who recently appeared as Peter Pan in last May’s Salem Players production, played Meg, the dear niece of the rich, old woman. Meg has an undying love of theatre and desire to be on stage. However, her fiancé, the money-grubbing Reverend Duncan Wooley, played by Mike Levin is staunchly opposed to theatrics and is immediately suspicious of the two leading ladies when they come on the scene. Other supporting characters include Louis Miles and Katie Frey along with Marge Ricci who plays the rich, old woman and Tim Evans as her doctor are all wonderfully oblivious of the cross-dressing men.

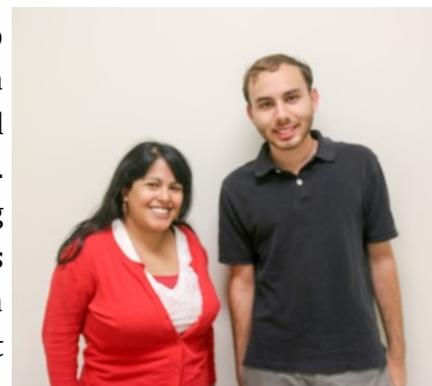
Scott Graham’s direction of the cast opened them up to a wild journey of discovery and hilarious romantic mix-ups. Stage Manager Fran Huber and assistant Berlyn Huber-Wells handled the scene changes very well and Amanda Yerkey and Marleigh Toscano supported the lighting and sound design of the show. It was a joy to watch from beginning to end.

Salem Players’ next productions include “The Trial of the Catonsville Nine” in the spring of 2018 and Annie in the summer. We wish Salem Players great success in their next 40 years!



SALEM EMBRACES YOUNG LEADERSHIP

Salem is one of the few, if not only, established ELCA churches to have two young adults as church leaders. The Church Council in September unanimously elected Christy Hensler-Davis, 27, and Philip Isaiah, 20, to be President and Vice President, respectively. The two leaders also add ethnic diversity with Christy being Hispanic and Philip being half Egyptian. Like many of Salem's congregation, they are not lifelong Lutherans but come to Salem from other faith backgrounds: Christy from the United Methodist Church and Philip from the Presbyterian Church. Christy is a nanny/tutor with plans to become a Spanish teacher. Phillip is studying Cultural Anthropology and Political Science at UMBC.



The two leaders plan to bring fresh eyes and creative ideas to bridge the age gap and to encourage more young people to join and become active in the church. Christy commented, "One of my goals is to have the Church Council and the Congregation to become even more involved in the community. Young adults are often interested in service projects to help others." For example, a joint service project between Salem members and the nearby fire station could serve to bring people together and, perhaps, provide some evangelism. Fortunately, Salem is not one of the "we've never done it this way" churches and is open to new ideas.

Christy and Philip also want the Church Council to be more active and visible to the Congregation. The first approach will be to use the display case to highlight the spiritual gifts that each council member brings to Salem. A new annual activity with the youth and Sunday School can help build relationships with the future leaders of the church.

HISTORICAL OLD SALEM NEWS

Pastor Dave and Vicar Jay led our All Saint Service at the Old Salem Church on a rainy afternoon, November 5th. Louise Rau accompanied our hymn singing on the 1860 hand pumped bellow organ and it was beautiful music throughout the church. Many thanks to Louise for stepping in and playing for us – her first time at Old Salem and it was wonderful. Jim Reuter, as always, pumped the organ for us.

On January 17th at 6:30 p.m., some of the directors will be planning the 2018 calendar of events for Old Salem. Right now, we have two events planned – Saturday, March 10th for the Annual Craft Fair & Flea Market {with Council's approval} and a bus trip on Wednesday, July 25th, for a delicious crab feast at the Kentmorr Restaurant and Crab House in Romancoke {directly across the Bay Bridge on the Chesapeake Bay}. If you have any suggestions for trips and/or events, please contact Sharon Stanton, 410-744-8724 or leave a note in the Old Salem mailbox located across the hall from the Nurses' Office.

THE ARTS COMMITTEE

The Arts Committee is very thankful for two events that happened recently on the 2nd floor of the education building and one that happened outside Bethany Hall.

First: A stalwart team of strong men (Don Schwartz, Bob Diss, Lowell Rau, Nick Mason, and Rusty Schaefer) moved the huge oriental rug that had been on display in the Katie Luther Room for several weeks. Why? Because the rug was sold to some very generous doctors who plan to move it to their new home in Florida. They have asked that their donation for the rug go directly to "Doctors without Borders", and Salem Market Place organizers have agreed. Thanks to all for stepping up to this challenge.



Second: Our Fall 2 show, Nicaragua: "Beauty Revealed" has opened at the Agape Gallery, and some of the delightful paintings and cornhusk mosaics have already been sold. Thanks to all who contributed cookies and drinks for the reception on Nov. 12. The Nicaraguan Cultural Alliance, directed in this area by Barbara Larcom, is happy to support these talented artists by bringing their art here to the US. Please visit the show and enjoy the sparkling colors and everyday themes of life in Nicaragua. The show will be on display until Jan 7, 2018.

Third: A group of dedicated artisans of the Mosaic Mural came together in October to put a coat of sealer on the mural. This sealer will help the grout to be protected from rain and freezing conditions over the winter, and will add to the longevity of the largest piece of artwork that belongs to Salem. Thanks to Tricia Morgan for organizing the workday and supplying all the tools and materials necessary to finish the job! And thanks to all the dedicated workers who finished the job in record time! What a treasure of talent and generosity we have here at Salem!

ACCESS CARDS

Hopefully everyone has heard that Salem is converting to the use of Access Cards instead of keys for entry into the church building in the evenings and on weekends (but not when there is a worship service). If you are on a committee or attend other functions at the church building and are a church member, you can probably get an access card to allow you to enter church without ringing the bell for entry. If you feel you are one of those people, please email SalemSecurity@salem-catonsville.org or call the church office to schedule a time to pick up your card.

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP TASK FORCE CHOOSES TWO COMMITMENTS

This past Sunday we heard it in worship-- our Lord saying to those who cared for people they didn't know, people different from themselves, people regarded as lost and least, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." But soon he said more. "You saw me: the homeless and hungry, the nearby immigrant or distant refugee, all the life-challenged, unentitled and disadvantaged people. I realize you didn't know it was me. But it was me. And you savored your privileges, gave your self-centered thanksgiving. But you didn't care. You did not welcome me."

It's heavy, I know. Vicar Jay preached that faith is not just a way of thinking about God, but it requires commitment and action. As G. M. Hopkins states in a sonnet: "Each ... crying *What I do is me. For that I came.*" (The italics are his.)

What is new is that we are setting aside our plans to sponsor a new refugee family from the time of arrival, since the prospect is uncertain and seems distant. We are instead working to assist two families who are already here.

We continue our commitment to assist the cousin of Lirije Alaj, our church sexton, who was chosen in the immigration lottery to emigrate from Kosovo. Her family has an appointment at the US Embassy in Pristina this week, after which they'll prepare to move. We expect them to arrive by March. They will come relative-sponsored by the Alajs (whom we sponsored in 2000). The Alaj family will provide the major portion of their mentoring. We will assist by furnishing an apartment, finding employment, and early financial aid. With your good help, we have most of what we'll need for their apartment. When it's closer to the time of their arrival, we will give an alert for anything still needed.

We have committed to serve as the primary support for a Syrian family nearby. The agency-sponsored (not LIRS) family arrived over a year ago and is living in Irvington. Their primary needs are for mentoring, language, advocacy at school, and increased social relationships with Americans. In these latter months, they have been helped by Syrians who came long before, and by persons from various organizations and churches. We are meeting with these individuals this week. Some will continue their help, and some shift to other families. We will serve as the primary organization and give the effort organization and oversight along with our personal involvement. We are excited, and have been restructuring ourselves into new groups for this active ministry.

At this point we are asking your assistance in two ways. We need individuals who are willing to assist with transportation, such as taking the wife to a doctor's appointment when the husband is at work, or out for groceries. For the present, contact me to volunteer, along with times when you would generally be available.

Secondly, we need to renew our appeal for your financial support. For the offering plate, use a Pew Envelope and mark it "Refugee Fund". When you mail a check to the church, please be sure to also direct it to the Refugee Fund.

In our next newsletter, we will introduce this new family. In this season of Advent, with its holy hush of expectation and faithfulness, we encourage you to include refugees in your prayers and financial charity, and be ready to welcome our Lord. Even in the stranger.

Pastor Whetstone, chair

GREETERS and SHOWCASE PROVIDERS

Many thanks to all of you who are willing to serve as Greeters at our Sunday worship services. It's a wonderful way to welcome visitors, newer members as well as members who have attended Salem for many years. Of course, I am always seeking more members who are willing to serve about once every three {3} months. If you are interested in meeting and greeting at either service, please drop a note in my Old Salem mailbox across the 1st floor hall from the Nurses' office. Would especially like volunteers for the 8:15 service, but would love to have more 11 o'clock members too!

Showcase thanks go out to Ed Whetstone for his wonderful Reformation Showcase recently done in October. The Church Council displayed some of their "favorite things" in November. Now showing are some of the beautiful wood carvings done by Larry Kohlenstein.

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 -- <http://www.salem-catonville.org>.

We'll also do our best to have an announcement on the answering machine.

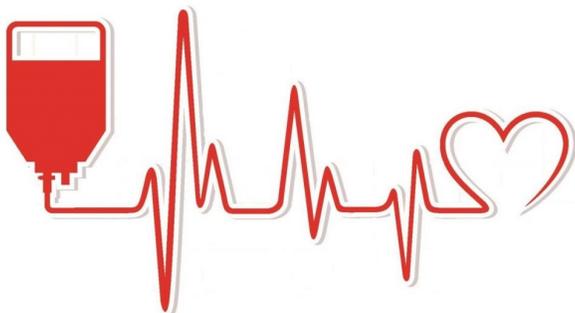
For other days, and other meetings and activities, please call the person in charge. Generally if schools are closed, meetings that evening are canceled.



BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, January 27, 2018

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



SALEM LEGACY CIRCLE CONTINUES TO GROW

The Salem Legacy Circle, folks who have included Salem in their estate planning, continues to grow. Our newest members:

Pete and Jane Stolte

Thank you to Pet and Jane and all those who have faithfully remembered Salem. If you would like to be included please contact Pastor Asendorf.

DECEMBER YOUTH NEWS

Two Youth Drop-ins: Friday December, 1st and Friday, December 15th from 7-10pm



NEW YEARS CELEBRATION WITH YOUNGER CHURCH MEMBERS.

The youth group is hosting a New Years' Celebration on Friday, December 29th from 6:00-9:00 PM. There will be games, a movie, a Piñata, and a New Years' countdown concluding with a prayer breakfast. All church members in Kindergarten thru 5th grade are invited to join us.

SOUPER SUNDAYS.

Salem Youth Group will be selling homemade soups and breads between services on the following Sundays:

Sunday, December 10th and Sunday, December 17th



LOST AND FOUND

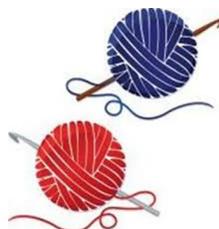
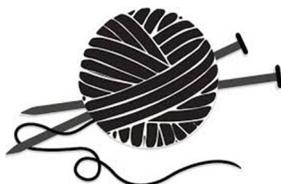
An antique Martin Luther Bible in German was missing from the props after the last performance of Martin, the Reformer. If found, please notify Guy Davis, guyhddavisphd@gmail.com or the Office.

NEWS FROM THE STITCHCRAFTERS

December 14 – Stitchcrafters meet to stitch at 10 a.m.; annual Christmas luncheon (for 'stitchers' past, present and future at noon) Ship's Café

December 21 and 28 – Stitchcrafters will not meet

January 4 – A new year! Looking for a new hobby or skill in the new year? Hoping to join a congenial group with charitable goals? Maybe it's time to drop in on the Stitchcrafters, Wittenberg Room, most every Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon. Special treat: We 'non-crocheters' will be learning how to make a scraps scarf on January 4. Sooo much faster than knitting!



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11/7/17

Salem Friends,
 Thank you for the expressions
 of sympathy that I received
 on the death of my mother.
 Your cards, kind words, prayers
 and hugs were very comforting.
 God bless you all,
 Janet Van Bant

Hi Friends,
 It's been nine long years
 since I left my beloved Salem
 and Catonsville and I still miss
 you all. Your all still in my
 prayers every night. I look
 forward to receiving my Monarch
 each month to keep up with
 all the news from Salem and
 all the good works you have
 done and your many new members.
 We are all doing well here in
 Alabama and I am looking forward
 to seeing my grand daughter Natalie
 and her husband and new baby
 for Thanksgiving. The baby is four
 months old and is my first great
 grandchild. They live in Florida.
 I enjoy attending Assumption
 Lutheran Church here and Pastor Bernie
 and the congregation are so nice
 and welcoming. Pastor Bernie is
 79 years old but still gives wonderful
 sermons and is greatly loved by
 his congregation. I had a wonderful
 Thanksgiving. Love,
 Betty

Pastor Bernie & Friends at Salem,

Praying that each
 of God's gracious gifts
 will shine bright
 in your life
 at Thanksgiving
 and always.

God's Peace & Love,
 Sincerely,
 Betty Buchanan

God
 Celebrating
 Blessings
 Faith Grace
 Communities
 Together, We're
Thanksgiving
 Abundantly
 Gifts Lives Interconnected
 Sharing
 Christ-Centered

Dear Pastor Dave, November, 2017
 Salem Church

A visit to the home
 we pray we may indeed
 move to, if my health
 improves, was such a
 Blessing to me and
 our Family, Pastor Dave.
 Your thoughtfulness
 in speaking to me at
 length in spite of a
 farther destination was
 the greatest blessing
 of all. I very much
 appreciated the reading
 of scripture and

May God Bless You!
 and
 Thank you so much!
 your taking the time
 also to give me
 holy communion
 Thanks to you and
 our wonderful Salem
 church family for all
 their cards and prayers.
 Sincerely always
 and with thankfulness,
 Judy & Greg Robb and family

THANK YOU

Dear Salem Lutheran Stitchcrafters,

On behalf of the Baltimore International Seafarers' Center and our Seafarers International House colleague Pastor Bob Schmitt, heartfelt thanks for the 100 beautiful Christmas at Sea boxes. This is truly the hardest time of year for seafarers. Even the best paid crews often tell us that they have no time to shop for anything related to Christmas. And for the many seafarers who aren't earning much, or who are stretching their salaries to support large extended families back home, the contents are especially treasured. Either way, it means a great deal to know that they are being remembered and prayed for.

This is a busy time of year, so we doubly appreciate the gift of your time as well as the money spent on this project. Blessings on your Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas!

Gratefully,
Mary



(The Rev.) Mary
Davisson, Director
Baltimore International
Seafarers' Center

Dear Salem Family,
Many thanks for your prayers, your calls, emails, and visits since I took a tumble on my bike and broke my leg earlier this month. Ray and I are so grateful for our loving Salem family as well as the overwhelming grace of God that is ever present with us. By His grace, I am healing and look forward to seeing you soon. I am so grateful for the outpouring of your love. Blessings, Carolyn Moore

Thank You

Thanks to the Salem Youth Group!!

The soup was really delicious! I bought both the Chicken and the Italian Wedding Soup. Many thanks also to whoever thought of this project! —Margaret Milleker

Dear Salem Family, 10-24-17
Thank you very much for the phone calls, cards and beautiful flowers. Your thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated. I feel blessed to be part a wonderful Salem family.

Sincerely,
Tom Vasold

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Towson University Foodshare program. Your 300 dollars was used to purchase tickets which will greatly help students who cannot afford to purchase them for themselves. It is truly a privilege to be able to help students and we are so grateful that you care and support this ministry.
Pastor Laura and Students



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$300.00 and for your support of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*.

In February 2014, we launched this five-year effort with the goal to do more, together. Already, through the campaign, we are growing our communities of faith, forming new leaders, welcoming our neighbors, overcoming malaria, confronting hunger and poverty, accompanying our global churches and expanding ministries with youth, young adults and people with disabilities. The generosity of ELCA members, like you, is bringing new life to the church here at home and around the world.

In Christ,

The Rev. Ron Glusenkamp
Director, *The Campaign for the ELCA*

United Lutheran Seminary

GETTYSBURG + PHILADELPHIA

Amount received: \$1,000.00 (Check #12222)

Gift purpose: United Lutheran Seminary Fund

"Vision and mission are so central to the life of God's people that without vision we perish and without mission we lose our way."

– Henri Nouwen

Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

The members of the incoming class here at the seminary perfectly embody this quote from Nouwen. Every class has it's own sense of purpose, but these special men and women are some of the most enthusiastic and focused individuals to set foot on this campus. They are people of vision. They have a clear sense of mission.

A big part of what allows them to focus on their seminary experience is the knowledge that their tuition is being paid in full thanks to the prayers and generosity of our donors.

God's peace be with you,

Rev. Dr. Angela Zimmann
Vice President of Advancement

What a generous & faithful gift. Thank you so much, dear friends!

*Thank you for your partnership and support in ministry!
-Martin Otto Zimmann*



Lutheran Volunteer Corps

BUILDING COMMUNITY, WORKING FOR JUSTICE, LIVING SIMPLY AND SUSTAINABLY

Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift to LVC!

I was raised in a Protestant Christian church, and one of the most meaningful scriptures to me over the last couple of years comes from 1 John 3:18. The Apostle John writes, "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." I am so thankful to have this opportunity through Lutheran Volunteer Corps to explore what it means to love with both truth and action. And it is all thanks to the support of donors like you.

We are so grateful for your gift of \$1,000.00 to LVC, received on 11/8/2017.

Thank you!

Erin Perry
Communications & Development Associate
Minneapolis, MN
LVC Volunteer, 2017-2018

Thank you so much for your gift!

SALEM ACTIVITY CALENDAR

December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Worship-8:15/11:00 am 9:30 ADVENT Family Event	27 1pm Fourth Monday Bible Study 4pm Yoga 7pm Fourth Monday Bible Study	28 5pm Chair Yoga 6pm Synod Youth 7pm Bell Choir 7pm Intern Committee	29 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	30 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7pm Salem Choir	1 Dec Youth Drop In	2 December 5pm Worship
FALL ART SHOW 2						
3 1 st Sunday of Advent Fair Trade Weekend Worship-8:15/11 am Sunday School 9:30am Luncheon 12:30pm St Dysmas 3pm	4 4pm Yoga 6:30pm Guardians of Eden 7pm Prayer Shawl Group	5 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Bells 7pm Social Ministry	6 CHARLESTOWN 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7:30pm Advent Midweek Worship	7 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir 7:30pm CEA	8	9 5pm Worship
FALL ART SHOW 2						
10 2 nd Sunday of Advent SOUPER SUNDAY Worship-8:15/11 am Sunday School 9:30am Salem Brass 7pm Advent Vespers 7:30pm	11 4pm Yoga 7pm Lazarus Caucus 7:30pm Salem Book Group	12 5pm Chair Yoga 6pm Technology 7pm Bells	13 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7:30pm Advent Midweek Worship	14 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7pm Salem Choir	15 Youth Drop In	16 5pm Worship
FALL ART SHOW 2						
17 3 rd Sunday of Advent SOUPER SUNDAY Worship-8:15/11:00 am 9:30 Sunday School 5pm Confirmation Class	18 4pm Yoga 6:30 Synod Assembly Planning 7pm Communications	19 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Bell Choir 7pm Council	20 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7:30pm Advent Midweek Worship	21 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7pm Salem Choir	22	23 Narrator Rehearsal 5pm Worship
FALL ART SHOW 2						
24 4 th Sunday of Advent 10am Worship NO Sunday School CHRISTMAS EVE 5pm Family Worship 7:30pm Worship 10pm Worship	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 10am Worship	26 OFFICE CLOSED 7pm Intern Committee	27 <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; background-color: #90EE90; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">The church office will have random staffing but e-mail and answering machine messages will be monitored.</div>	28	29 OFFICE CLOSED 5pm Youth New Year	30 5pm Worship ----- 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE Worship-8:15/11:00 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ----- NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED

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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE**December 2017**

- Dec 2 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- Dec 3 First Sunday of Advent
8:15 am and 11a.m, Holy Communion
12:30 Covered Dish
- Dec 6 Midweek Advent Worship
- Dec 9 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- Dec 10 Second Sunday of Advent
8:15 am and 11:00am, Holy Communion
9:35 Sunday School
Advent Vespers 7:30pm
- Dec 13 Charlestown 11am
Midweek Advent Worship
- Dec 16 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- Dec 17 Third Sunday of Advent
8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion
9:35 Sunday School
- Dec 20 Midweek Advent Worship
- Dec 23 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- Dec 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent
10:00a.m. Holy Communion
NO Sunday School

Christmas Eve

- 5pm Christmas Eve Worship—
—Children's pageant
7:30pm Christmas Eve Worship
10pm Christmas Eve Worship

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**UPCOMING DATES****Advent Events**

Wednesday, December 6 7:30pm

Sunday, December 10 7:30pm
Advent Vespers

Wednesday, December 13 7:30pm

Wednesday, December 20 7:30pm

Looking ahead!**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE****December 24**

- 10am!** Sunday Worship—Advent 4
5pm Christmas Eve Worship—Children's pageant
7:30pm Christmas Eve Worship
10pm Christmas Eve Worship

December 25

- 10am Christmas Day Worship
Lessons and Carols

December 31

- Worship at 8:15 and 11am
No Sunday School

WORSHIP SCHEDULE - CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY - 2017/2018**December 13 Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**

11:30 a.m., Holy Communion Pastor David Asendorf

January 10 Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom

11:30 a.m., Holy Communion Gail Wilson, ossd

February 14 Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom

11:30 a.m., Holy Communion Pastor Bob Schmitt

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2017

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly Total
		First	Second			
October Sub-total	84	316	477	35	Italy-Germany Trip/Free Ride	912
Week of Oct 28/29	19	68	134			221
October Total	103	384	611	35		1133
Week of Nov 4/5	16	80	128	17	Old Salem All Saints	241
Week of Nov 11/12	23	94	128			245
Week of Nov 18/19	14	86	138			238
Week of Nov 25/26	52	69	154			275
November Total	105	329	548			999

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

TREASURER REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2017

GENERAL FUND	
Budget to Date	\$418,910.00
Beginning Balance	\$22,705.41
Expenses to Date	(\$370,812.12)
Receipts to Date	\$427,741.58
Ending Balance	\$79,634.87
R.S.V.P.	
Beginning Balance	\$86,481.30
Receipts to Date	\$34,228.00
Disbursements to Date	(\$62,672.34)
Balance in Fund	\$58,036.96

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 either of our two networks connections:



SalemBethanyHall
SalemReformationHall

The password for both connections is **SalemChurch**.

If you have any questions about our network please contact Technology Committee Chairperson, Amy Pflug at amy.pflug@verizon.net.

PRAYERS

Help me to journey beyond the familiar
and into the unknown.
Give me the faith to leave old ways
and break fresh ground with You.
Christ of the mysteries, I trust You
to be stronger than each storm within me.
I will trust in the darkness and know
that my times, even now, are in Your hand.
Tune my spirit to the music of heaven,
and somehow, make my obedience count for You.
- Prayer of St. Brendan

"O Lord, I pray that your children may come to feel
your presence and be immersed in your deep,
warm, affective love. And to me, O Lord, your
stumbling friend, show your mercy. Amen" - Henri
Nouwen



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 Sue O'Connor via
telephone at (410) 869-0242, or via email at
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OFFICIAL ACTS



AT THE FONT

"We pray you...keep our children in the covenant of their baptism and enable their parents to rear them in a life of faith and godliness."

Jesse Carr Godwin	November 12, 2017
Nathan Anthony Eisgruber	November 19, 2017
Charlotte Rae Mooneyhan	November 25, 2017

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