



THE MONARCH



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Advent Vespers, December 8

Potluck Supper 6 p.m.

Vespers 7:30 p.m.

Advent Cantata, December 15

8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. services

Christmas Eve Worship, December 24

2 p.m.

5 p.m., Children's Pageant

7:30 p.m., Salem Ringers

10 p.m., Salem Choir

Christmas Day Worship, December 25, 10 a.m.

Inside This Issue:

Children's Ministry/Adult Forum	2
Salem Young Adults	4
Historic Old Salem	5
Stamps for LWR	6
Eagle Project	7
Book Group	8
Scholarship	9
Mosaic Rededication	10
Vivaldi's Gloria	11
Quilt Show	12
Calendar	13
Thank You!	16-17

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

On Sunday, November 24th, our Sunday school children began preparing for the Christmas Pageant taking place at the 5 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. *The A, B, C's of Christmas* is the title of the pageant this year, led by Lisa Yerkey. Everyone worked on the A, B, C, etc. posters, each describing an aspect of the Nativity Story.

Sunday, December 1st, the First Sunday in Advent, found us working on individual Advent Wreaths which families could use in their own homes during this Season. We'll be studying what Advent is, what it means to us as Christians, and how we are preparing ourselves for Jesus' birth on Christmas Day. Each Sunday will have a different activity centered around Advent, i.e., Cards for Salem's Homebound Members, an Advent word search, and the Great Christmas Sketch-off on Sunday, December 15th. On Sunday, the 22nd, we will have Pageant Rehearsal.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Sunday School classes on December 29th.

We are looking forward to getting back together on January 5th, learning about the Battle of Jericho. Everyone is invited to join us in Bethany Hall any (or every) Sunday at 9:30 am.

And many, many thanks to Eileen Merriman for leading us through our first semester, with the help of so many volunteers, as well as thanking Zoë Dell and Peggy Dell for working with our 3, 4, and 5 year old students.

The Children's Home Giving Tree is up in the Narthex. Tags were placed on it containing names and wish requests from children residing at the Children's Home on Bloomsbury Avenue. This has been a Sunday School project for many years, led by Sue Gdovin and her husband, Pete Salmon. If you have taken a tag, or two/three, from the tree, please make every effort to return **your UNWRAPPED gift with the child's tag attached on Sunday, December 15th and place it under the tree.**

ADVENT ADULT FORUM – STORYTELLING

Join us each Sunday in Advent (December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd) for an adult forum series all about storytelling! On December 1st, we welcomed Rev. Jason Chesnut (ANKOS Films and The Slate Project) who is part of the International Network of Biblical Storytellers. Rev. Chesnut told us a bit about our Christian legacy as “a story people,” and highlighted the importance of powerful stories to our faith. On the 8th, 15th, and 22nd, Pastor Sarah will lead a series of talks and workshops encouraging us to identify our own important stories of faith. We will spend time thinking about our own faith journeys and practice sharing our stories with one another.

Add your part of Salem's story!

Beginning in Advent, you will notice that there is a new interactive installation in the narthex. In connection with the adult forum series on storytelling, there will be a communal timeline of “Salem's Story” on the wall next to the elevator. Salem's story does not exist without YOU, so everyone is invited to add to the timeline. Think about important events in your life that are connected with Salem – it could be your own baptism or the baptism of your child or grandchild, it could be your wedding, confirmation, the funeral of a loved one, a production of Salem Players that you were in, or even the year you first began attending Salem. Whether you've been here for decades or just recently visited for the first time, YOU are a part of Salem's story! Please consider adding to the timeline in the weeks to come.

FOURTH MONDAY BIBLE STUDY—DECEMBER 23

We will meet on December 23 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Katie Luther Room on the 2nd floor. This will be a one-time look at “The Didache” — “The Training” a late first or second century document written for new Christians. See Pastor Dave for more information.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Church Council adopted a budget for 2020 to submit to the Salem congregation for approval. The Congregational meeting will be held on Saturday December 7th and Sunday, December 8th, ten minutes before the worship service begins.
 - Consensus was easily reached to ask all groups that would be using the building during non-building hours to make sure there is an entrance door monitor to ensure security.
-

DON'T SPEND THE HOLIDAYS ALONE

So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and **especially for those of the family of faith.** – Gal. 6:10

Are you without personal family, or without plans this Christmas? Marty Falls, a newer member of Salem, is looking for Salem family members with whom to gather in warm fellowship to celebrate the incarnation of our Lord and the season of Yuletide. Those with family or plans are equally welcome! We can meet at Salem, or (more comfortably) at someone's home or a local restaurant, any day/time agreeable to all, Dec 21-29. Let's discuss! You can call Marty at 410-796-2339 or write him at martinfalls24@gmail.com.

MARKETPLACE SUCCESSFUL

They say it takes a village... a Salem Lutheran Church Village! We would like to thank everyone who helped to make Marketplace such a successful and joyful event.

Approximately \$7,100.00 was raised this year for our charities: the Salem Scholarship Fund, Project Jump Start and the Nature Conservancy.

A special thanks to: our Salem chefs, Debbie and John Brohawn, Beth Rodgers and Treen Null to Mel and Dee Trimble for leading the Silent Auction;
 to Edie Hahn for leading the White Elephant Sale;
 to Karen Amy for leading the Book Sale;
 to Mary Krebs for leading the Bake Table;
 to the Salem Stitchcrafters for leading the knitting boutique;
 to Norma, Guy and Christie Davis for advertising;
 and as always to Ray, Penne and Gary Giuliani and Dave Trump for being the Tellers.

We can't even begin to mention all the volunteers and all who contributed in so many ways to make such a successful Marketplace. We are thankful to our Salem family who are always willing to help and participate in this event.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR SARAH ABOUT SALEM YOUNG ADULTS

For the past 4 months, the young adults of Salem (ages 18-34) have been gathering on the first Friday of every month. The shape of each gathering is different – sometimes there’s hymn singing, sometimes Bible study, sometimes a service project, and sometimes just a space to hang out and be together in someone’s home. But there are a few things that are consistent each time we come together: there’s always food of some kind, there’s always fellowship, and there’s always prayer. And if I know one thing for sure, it’s that where there is food, fellowship, and prayer, there is the Spirit of God working in and among God’s people. This young adult group is still very new – we’re still getting to know one another and just starting to build trust. We’re still figuring out what our place is in Salem’s larger story. But each time we gather, I see folks bonding over shared struggles at work or school, sharing about their lives, and making connections with one another. And that fills me with so much joy. Of course, I’m a little biased, so I asked a few members of the group to share their own thoughts and experiences of the young adult group:



“The young adult group at Salem has given me comfort in knowing I have a community that I can gather with in faith and love. I am so grateful for a wholesome group and friendship. I look forward to each one I can attend!” – Kimberly Mason

“I have enjoyed the friendship and fellowship of Salem’s young adult group. I’ve been introduced to some wonderful people that I may not have otherwise met. My connection to Salem has grown thanks to the opportunity to explore my faith and share experiences with this great group.” – Ryan Fredriksson

“Being part of the young adult ministry at Salem has had a meaningful impact on my life. It gives one a sense of family, love, and growth. Everyone part of this ministry is in some type of growing/evolving phase of their lives. From recent marriages to starting a new family or buying a new home. Everyone is growing and moving towards something new while still making time for the Lord our God. When we meet it’s all love, fellowship and happiness. I love being part of the young adult ministry and I’m looking forward to more time togetherness with my Christian family.” - Morrinah Kwekeh

“I love being a part of young adult group. Prior to the start of the group I never knew where I fit into the church family. I was a little nervous at first, but Sarah has made it so much fun. I first started attending the events when we took a hike in the Patapsco woods. I was able to meet so many new people that I have a lot in common with. I look forward to our monthly meetings because I will be around friends participating in service, fellowship or a bible study.” - Zoë Dell



As you can see, the seeds of community, faith, and love have been planted and are beginning to take root among Salem’s young adults. Please consider holding this group in your prayers, and don’t hesitate to introduce yourself to a young adult you may not know when you see them in worship!

In Christ’s Peace,

Pastor Sarah

HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

It's now here... Saturday, December 14th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. everyone, including your family, friends, and neighbors are invited to a Christmas Open House at Old Salem, with Christmas music from Salem Brass around noon. Louise Rau will share Christmas music too, on the 1860 hand pumped bellows organ, which we recently had serviced by Columbia Organ Works. Refreshments of course will be served and a special guest visitor will greet our children and the young {or old} at heart.....SANTA himself! This event is open to ALL and we hope you will stop by to see Salem's original worship site decorated for the holidays and hear some beautiful music!



UPCOMING BUS TRIPS: Plan now to join us on Saturday, February 22nd for our next bus trip to see **WICKED** at the Hippodrome Theatre. It's a Matinee at 2 p.m. {doors open at 12:30 p.m.}...we'll plan to depart from the SW Park and Ride lot around noon. Thirty balcony seats are reserved {have more than half reserved}; they are aisle seats close to the center balcony area. No worries about driving to downtown Baltimore on your own and trying to find parking. **Cost which includes ticket and bus transportation is \$120 per person. (30 TICKETS ONLY) Reservations and money is due December 18th.**

SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER – "QUEEN ESTHER" Wednesday, May 13th 2020 7:30 am -5:30 pm Lunch at Hershey Farms {family style}. Meet at SW Park & Ride Lot Show at 11 a.m. Lunch at 2 p.m. Cost \$115 per person {**ONLY 40 TICKETS**} Reservations/Money due by April 1st, 2020 **For both bus trips, contact Sharon Stanton 854-744-8724 for reservations.**

And way into the summertime.. Reservations have been made for our Annual bus trip to the Kentmorr Restaurant in Stevensville MD (eastern shore) for a delicious crab feast on Thursday, July 23rd (daytime). More details to follow.

SHOWCASE

Guy Davis and Karen Amy have displayed photos and memorabilia from their respective African trips. Quite fascinating! For several weeks in December, Larry Kohlenstein will share his beautiful wood works. Following Larry, Pastor Dave is the next display, taking us through the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany seasons. Thank you to all for sharing your wonderful collections.



SAVE YOUR STAMPS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF!

Timely news for all the Christmas mail!

All my life I helped to save stamps for the National Lutheran Home in Washington, DC. My Grandmother Whetstone lived there the last dozen years of her life. As we announced earlier this year, they no longer have that project which they used for physical therapy and as a fundraiser. But I've found a source in Texas—someone who will receive stamps and sell them to dealers for the benefit of LWR.



So please again bring your cancelled stamps to church. One of the bins in the narthex will again be marked "Stamps". As they're no longer used for physical therapy, there's no need to leave 1/3 of the envelope—just an ample margin. And again there is no need for definitive stamps—that is, those that are on sale for long periods of time. Think stamps with the US flag, Liberty Bell, Statue of Liberty. And no use for stamps marked "For Non-Profit Use". I'll sort them out before mailing.

Commemorative stamps are the most marketable. Foreign stamps are welcome, too!

And if you've never helped by saving stamps, now would be a great time to start. LWR thanks you for your support!

Pastor Whetstone

Wednesday Evening Worship in Advent



Please join us each Wednesday night in Advent (December 4th, 11th, and 18th) at 7:30 pm for mid-week Advent worship. We will be using Holden Evening Prayer to center our hearts and minds on the reason for the season. Holden Evening Prayer is a lovely musical liturgy that is beautiful and simple to follow. The service includes prayer, Scripture, and a brief reflection from Pastor Sarah. All in all, the service lasts 30-45 minutes. Join us!

STITCHCRAFTERS SUCCESS

This year the Stitchcrafters entered a mitten tree in the Festival of Trees. Over three dozen pairs of mittens and a dozen candy canes were knitted and put on a 4 foot tree, decorated with lights and a festive hat on top. All trees which are entered are bought and proceeds are given to the Kennedy Krieger Foundation, which helps families and children with disabilities. The Kennedy Krieger Institute is affiliated with Johns Hopkins. This was the first year that a tree was entered by our group, it was titled "Helping Hands." Our tree was awarded the Decorators Award and Honorable Mention overall. The group plans to continue the new tradition each year by entering some type of tree.



“SUIT UP” FOR ERIC LOEWNER’S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT TO BENEFIT HELPING UP MISSION

My name is Eric Loewner, I am a senior at Catonsville High School, an Eagle Candidate with Boy Scout Troop 306 and a lifelong member here at Salem.

As an Eagle Scout candidate, my Eagle Scout project must be a benefit to the local community, which I have personally chosen to help impoverished and homeless men have access to proper clothing for job interviews and for when they re-enter the work force.

I am currently working with Helping Up Mission, a men’s rehabilitation shelter in Baltimore, to collect gently used suits and business attire for their members. Helping Up Mission has a yearlong religious based program in which they help men recover from addiction. At any given time, there are 500 men at their campus in various stages of recovery. As part of their program, the participants are given the opportunity to interview with local businesses.

Starting Sunday, December 8 and continuing through Sunday, December 29, to assist in my project, I will have a collection box in the Narthex to collect men’s suits, ties, dress shirts, dress pants, suit and sport jackets.

I ask that the clothing articles be in good condition, current styles, no stains or tears, no missing buttons, and the zippers must work.

As part of my project, after the collection I will be sorting everything and getting the articles cleaned and delivered to Helping Up Mission in February, so they will have time to distribute the clothing to their residents for their March interviews.

To help with cleaning costs, I will be having a fundraiser at Peace of Pizza on Mellor Ave. on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 from 4 to 8 pm. Part of the sales that night will go towards my fundraising efforts. If you can join us for dine-in or carry-out, let them know at the register it is for Eric’s Eagle Project. I will have a collection box there as well for any additional clothing donations.

Thank you for your time and generosity in my Eagle Scout journey.



COOKIE KINDNESS IS RETURNING

In fact it is expanding to include the Saturday night service.

Sign-up sheets are in the narthex for volunteer bakers who wish to contribute their time and baking talents. Cookies will then be available to purchase.

Cookie Kindness will be held Saturday, December 14th and Sunday, December 15th following all services.

Proceeds will be donated to Lutheran World Relief.

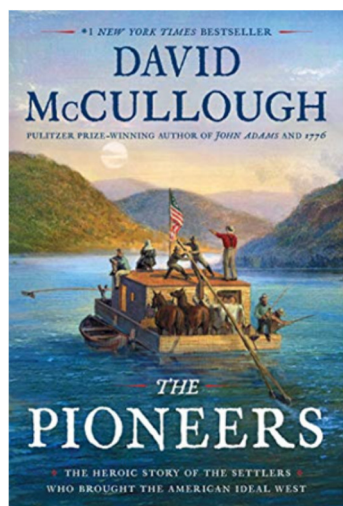
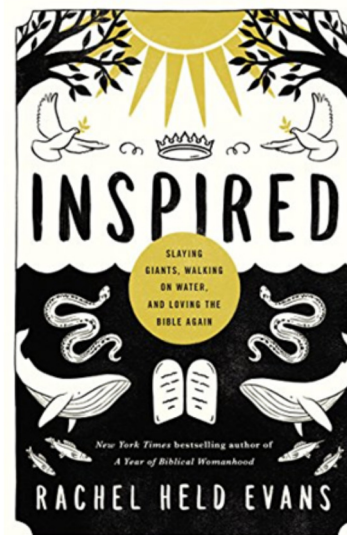


SALEM'S BOOK GROUP

Salem's Book Group meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper room although we skip December. *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans is planned for January 13th with a snow date of June 8th and *The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West* by David McCullough is scheduled for February 10th.

If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, then what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? When Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she began a quest to better understand what the Bible is and how it is meant to be read. What she discovered changed her--and it will change you too.

Drawing on the best in recent scholarship and using her well-honed literary expertise, Evans examines some of our favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations, retelling them through memoir, original poetry, short stories, soliloquies, and even a short screenplay in *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*. Undaunted by the Bible's most difficult passages, Evans wrestles through the process of doubting, imagining, and debating Scripture's mysteries. The Bible, she discovers, is not a static work but is a living, breathing, captivating, and confounding book that is able to equip us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world.



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.

NEW MEMBER

Mrs. Marjorie C. Wright {Margie}

Margie joined Salem September 22nd, after having attended several worship services in previous years, especially at Christmas time. She grew up at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Liberty Road (now Journey of Faith), was baptized and confirmed there. Margie is married and has three sons (now grown) who were also baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. She has one grandchild who is age two and a half. Her family has lived in the Paradise community for many years and she frequently walked from there up through the Frederick Road/Catonsville corridor. She is currently employed by Baltimore County Public Schools and works as an Administrative Secretary to the Principal of Lansdowne High School, having been there for 22 years. She enjoys baking, country music and taking walks through the community, weather permitting. Her main reasons for joining Salem is our "traditional" worship service with the wonderful hymns and of course, Pastor Dave. You will find her on Sunday mornings at the 8:15 a.m. service.

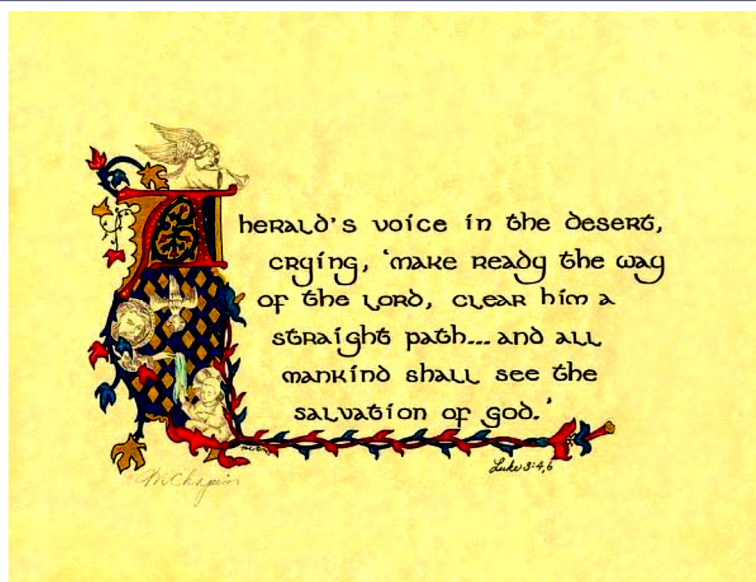
THE 2020 MARNI MCNICHOL SCHOLARSHIP

The Marnie 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>



MOSAIC REDEDICATION

Salem celebrated the rededication weekend for the reredos and the very fine mosaic tile restoration on Sunday, October 20 with a very animated Pot Luck fellowship dinner and talk delivered by Mr. Mark West and Mr. Rick Shelley, the artists who performed the restoration. There were over 60 folks who attended the dinner and slide presentation with lecture. The attendees were from the Baltimore art community and Salem members. Pastor Dave kicked off the festivities with the doxology and a warm and fun evening of fellowship, food, and information about the restoration of tiles by experts Mr. West and Mr. Shelley ensued. The mosaics were last cleaned 39 years ago and were sorely in need of cleaning and repair. The attendees learned much about the wonderful art pieces of Salem, to include the Tiffany stained glass pieces, the Tiffany glass tiles, and past contributors to Salem's art.

After the talk and slide presentation, Mr. West and Mr. Shelley invited the audience to review pieces of the mosaic tile walls, and Mr. Shelley also demonstrated the process of cutting tiles and glass and how mosaic pieces are created. These two gentlemen were most generous with their time and talents, donating a number of hours of work without compensation so that the project could be completed.

For those who were not able to attend or those who would like to view the presentation once again, the following video link can be accessed: <https://youtu.be/AbEPXIObUZ0>.

Many thanks to all hands who helped with the filming (Joey Morgan), photography (Guy Davis), security (Amy Pflug), set up and clean up (Debbie Kourkoules and Mary Krebs), and the historical background (Judy LeGath and Pastor Dave) for this wonderful event. Special thanks to Lowell Rau who repositioned the light on Gabriel by jutting it out 12 inches based on the recommendation of Mr. West and Mr. Shelley. Special thanks to Judy LeGath, who wrote several articles for the Monarch, coordinated with Pastor Dave, and corresponded with Dean Hankinson, the grandson of the artist who created the mosaics.

A very special expression of appreciation also goes to Lee and Linda Reich for their generous \$1,000 donation to help fund the project.

GREEK ISLES CRUISE AND EUROPE INCLUDING THE PASSION PLAY OF OBERAMMERGAU

There is one opening for the trip next year to the Passion Play in Oberammergau. The trip is being led by Pastor Whetstone and Pastor Asendorf. Beginning June 24th, the visits will be made to Athens, Mykonos, Ephesus, Crete, Santorini, Corinth, Munich, and Salzburg. The cost is \$4799. See Pastor Ed or Pastor Dave for more information.



VIVALDI'S *GLORIA* TO BE PRESENTED ON DECEMBER 15th

At this time of year, Salem members are preparing for the upcoming Christmas celebration. The presentation of Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria* at both worship services on December 15 promises to be an inspiring addition to these preparations.

Mary Miller, Salem choir members, Salem musicians, and several guest artists are rehearsing regularly to make this sermon-in-music a most meaningful experience for all who attend. In addition to the Salem Senior Choir, the following musicians will perform as the instrumental ensemble:

Oboe-Emily D'Avella
 Trumpet-Michael Fitch
 Violin 1- Kathy Pressly, Sarah Baxter
 Violin 2- Nick Sungenis, Mairead Alexander
 Viola - Allison Sawyer
 Cello - Jack Morgan, Art Monroe



Vivaldi's inspiration for this cantata came from the message that the angels announced to the shepherds in the fields: "Glory to God in the highest" (Luke 2:14). This beloved Bible passage also appears in the large stained-glass window on the east side of the sanctuary. Look for this image in the panel on the far left (and as the illustration for this article).

Salem members are known for generously sharing their spiritual gifts with others. December 15 will offer yet an additional opportunity for sharing. Members are urged to invite friends, relatives, and neighbors to worship with us on this day, and those who regularly worship on Saturday should feel most welcome to return for the cantata portion of a Sunday service.

God chose to announce the birth of Jesus through the music of the angels. We continue to experience God's joyful messages in music.

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."

Carol Harmon

November 29, 2019

QUILT SHOW IN AGAPE GALLERY

The days are shorter and the nights are colder. But Salem can keep you warm: A hot drink (see Pr. Ed's Fair Trade table), a good read (check out the Salem book club), and... a quilt? From now until January 5, the Agape Gallery presents *Pieced Warmth*, an exhibition of 20 quilts by members of the Village Quilters Guild. And three of the quilts are the work of two members of Salem.

Jane Stolte's "Bold Bargello" is an in-your-face arrangement of 21 different fabrics ("pretty complicated," according to Jane), that came together at a quilting retreat. "It was a challenge." On the other hand, her "Mysterious Winter" is the result of an online "mystery quilt" and is shown side-by-side to "A Christmas Story" (same pattern, different quilters and fabric selections).



Salemite Rene Stiebing is well represented with "Kimono," made using remnants of Asian fabrics and reflecting her lifelong interest in Asian art (who knew?). Rene said that Jane had the fabric for the kimonos, but that she spied the neutral cotton batik on a quilters' "free table" and knew it was "perfect."

A good mix of traditional quilt patterns and those not-so-much, subdued colors and vibrant hues, large quilts and small: there is a good mix. "East Meets West" is centered around a vintage handkerchief depicting Buddhist temples and gods. Another documents memories of a visit to Germany. "I Spy" is sure to evoke a smile (particularly to the young at heart), while

"Paradise Patchers: In Memoriam" pays tribute to quilters who have not been forgotten. One has a purposeful "mistake," because only God is perfect.

The Agape Gallery is located in the upstairs hallway and this time spills into the Katie Luther Room. Although some of their members' work has been exhibited here before, this is the first show dedicated exclusively to the Village Quilters Guild, approximately 100 women of varying experience and skills. The Guild meets on the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., September through June, at the FOP Lodge. Meetings include a speaker's talk, show-and-tell, and potluck luncheon; there is a holiday party and June tea. Dues are nominal, and visitors, for just \$3, are welcome, even if only for inspiration. Special events include contributions to a variety of charitable projects. On the Salem front, just saying, Rene is the president, and Jane is the secretary.

The Agape Gallery is open to the public on Saturdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and on Sundays from 8 a.m. to noon. Climb the stairs or take the elevator. Four of the quilts are for sale (holiday gifts?). A binder with accompanying exhibition notes by the artists makes the quilts come alive.



SALEM ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 December Youth Souper Sunday Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages! Vespers Potluck 6p.m. Salem Brass 7 p.m. Advent Vespers 7:30p.m.	9 4pm Yoga 7pm Lazarus Caucus	10 5pm Chair Yoga 6:15pm Tech Comm.	11 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Salem Player Board 7:30pm Midweek Advent Worship	12 10am Stitchcrafters 6 pm St. David's Choir 7:30 Salem Choir 7:30 CEA	13	14 Cookie Kindness 9am Vivaldi Rehearsal 11am Old Salem Event 5pm Worship
Fall Art Show II						
15 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages! 9:30 Choir	16 4pm Yoga 7pm Communications 7pm Prayer Stitches	17 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Council 7pm Salem Ringers	18 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7:30pm Midweek Advent Worship	19 10am Stitchcrafters and Luncheon 6 pm St. David's Choir 7:30 Salem Choir	20	21 5pm Worship
Fall Art Show II						
22 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages! 9:30 Choir 5pm Confirmation	23 4pm Yoga 1pm Fourth Monday Bible 7pm Fourth Monday Bible	24 Christmas EVE 2pm Worship 5pm Worship 7:30pm Worship 10pm Worship	25 Christmas DAY	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 5pm Worship 6pm Jingle and Mingle
Fall Art Show II						
29 Worship-8:15/11 am Jingle and Mingle	30 4pm Yoga	31 NEW YEARS EVE OFFICE CLOSED	1 January NEW YEARS DAY	2 10am Stitchcrafters 6 pm St. David's Choir 7:30 Salem Choir	3 Catonsville Garden Club	4 5pm Worship
Fall Art Show II						
5 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages!	6 4pm Yoga	7 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Ringers	8 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	9 9am Enneagram 10am Stitchcrafters	10	11 5pm Worship
Fall Art Show II						

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 NOVEMBER 2019

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
November 2/3	23	88	189	12	Old Salem All Saints	312
November 9/10	30	74	101			205
November 16/17	20	79	139			238
November 23/24	30	78	100	69	Thanksgiving Eve	277
Nov. Sub-Total	103	319	529	81		1022

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

TREASURER REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2019

GENERAL FUND	
Budget to Date	\$434,975.00
Beginning Balance	\$39,444.43
Expenses to Date	(\$433,588.07)
Receipts to Date	\$429,061.88
Ending Balance	\$34,918.24
R.S.V.P.	
Beginning Balance	\$58,457.28
Receipts to Date	\$30,608.58
Disbursements to Date	(\$21,389.36)
Balance in Fund	\$67,676.50

**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 December 2019

December 7 Saturday Evening Worship
5:00 p.m., Holy Communion

December 8 Second Sunday of Advent
8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages

December 11 Advent Worship 7:30p.m.

December 14 Saturday Evening Worship
5:00 p.m., Holy Communion

December 15 Third Sunday of Advent
8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages

December 18 Advent Worship 7:30 p.m.

December 21 Saturday Evening Worship
5:00 p.m., Holy Communion

December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages

December 24 Christmas Eve Worship
2p.m.
5p.m. Family Worship
7:30p.m.
10:00p.m.

December 25 Christmas Worship 10a.m.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE - CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY

December 11, 2019 **Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**
11:30 a.m., Holy Communion — Pastor Sarah Garret Krey

January 8, 2020 **Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**
11:30 a.m., Holy Communion — Vicar John Deason

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

THANK YOU



Holiday Season 2019

Dear Pastor Dave and all Our Friends at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,



This past year we served 426 different clients in individual, couple and family counseling, and we served more than 50 clients in our Social Learning groups.

Our outcome data shows 95% of the children and teens who participated in family counseling experienced significant improvement in such areas as peer relationships, behavior at home, or school success.



We are grateful for your support that made it possible to serve so many clients so well this past year. Your recent gift of \$1,000 gave us pause and we realized how wonderful it is to be in a community that cares for those that may need care the most. Thank you for remembering us with your gift. Your community friendship to Lighthouse encourages us as we begin our 48th year of serving the mental health and family wellness needs of Catonsville and the surrounding area.

The Lighthouse Family



THANK YOU!

Lutheran Campus Ministry

On behalf of the board, staff and residents of Baltimore Outreach Services, we wish you and your loved ones a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Thank You!



Dear Salem Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for your support of Lutheran Campus Ministry at UMD. It's because of churches like yours that we are able to thrive in our ministry.

Thank you,
Lutheran Campus Ministry @ UMD

Dear Pastor Dave & Salem Family,
I am writing on behalf of my sister, Laurie. Back in July, Laurie was a patient at JHH. She underwent major surgery. Your prayers lifted her up greatly.

Thank you for covering Laurie with all of your thoughts & prayers!
Christ's Joy, Marcia



Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that eleven years have passed since I had to move from Cottonville and leave my beloved Salem Lutheran Church. But you can be sure that you all in my thoughts and prayers every day.

I'm sorry I haven't been in touch more often but my health has been going down hill for the past two years. I will be 92 years old in January so I guess it can be expected. I'm what you call "ancient" now, but I do get depressed at times that I am unable to be more active like I used to be.

I attend Resurrection Lutheran Church here and Pastor Dennis Amosage and the congregation are so kind, friendly & welcoming. Stay well and be happy. Betty

Pastor Dave + Friends at Salem,

Thanksgiving's very special,
a time that's set apart
for gratitude, for memories,
for speaking from the heart...
a time for sharing feelings,
saying things we seldom say,
a time to wish you all the best
that life can bring your way.

May the Lord watch over
you and keep you all in
his loving care.

Love,
Betty Buchanan



Dear Congregation of Salem Lutheran Church,

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks for your contribution of \$60.00 to Augsburg's Sharing and Caring Christmas project.

Yours in Christ,

Kevin Webb

Volunteer Services Coordinator

Dear Ms. Lane and Ms. Caronna (Anita and Lauren),

To all involved in the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church/First Evangelical Lutheran Church Westside Lunch Making Project...YOU ARE FANTASTIC!

You progressed from lunch making novices to experts! Everything, (donations, sandwich making, assembling, packing and clean up), was done with such enthusiasm!

When I went to Westside a gentlemen told me he was amazed...after all, who would give over an hour of their Sunday evening to do something for all of them!?! I told him about all of you and your caring/sharing Spirit...He shook his head, smiled, and he, along with all the Men, asked that I thank all of you so very much!

So, thank you for taking the time to reach out to those in need, especially the gentle men at Westside.

A sincere "Bless You" Ms. Anita Lane and Ms Lauren Caronna for facilitating this project and for everyone who helped out in all phases of the lunch making process...especially Pastor Dave!

Thank you to ALL for being excellent examples of God's Love! I hope you have a Thanks-filled Thanksgiving!

God bless!
Eileen Leaman

cc: Rev. David K. Asendorf, Pastor - Salem Lutheran ✓



Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you! We truly appreciate your gift of \$2,834 in congregational benevolence, given to Mar-Lu-Ridge. On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff, I would like to convey my thanks and appreciation for this gift in support of our outdoor ministry. This gift was split between general operations and the Ryan House fund.

You are making a difference. We appreciate your prayers and ongoing support!

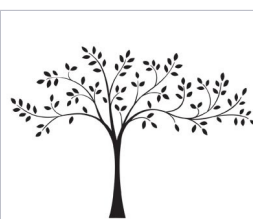
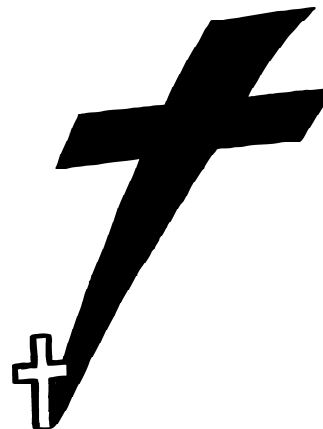
Thank you again for your gift.

God's peace,

Sarah Lefler
Executive Director

PARISH LEADERS

Altar Guild: Mary Krebs
 Archive Committee: Judy LeGath
 Arts Committee: Charlotte Brooks
 Book Group: Guy Davis, Linda Wayland
 Child Protection Committee: Linda Fleischer
 Children's Ministry Committee: Sharon Stanton
 Christian Fellowship Committee: Darla Sando, Pam Wilsey
 Communications Committee: Guy Davis
 Evangelism Committee: Edie Hahn
 Finance Committee: Vacant
 Guardians of Eden: Norma Hensler-Davis
 Health Resources: Beth Rodgers, Lynda Bell
 Historical Old Salem: Sharon Stanton
 Memorial and Bequests: Paul W. Krabitz
 Mutual Ministry (Pastor Asendorf): Julie Kempton
 Nursery Committee: Lois Grempler
 Personnel Committee: Scott Graham
 Prayer Tree Coordinators: Karen Amy, Barbara Beem
 Property: Rusty Schaefer
 Salem Players: Lisa Yerkey
 Scholarship: Ed Orser
 Social Ministry: Mary Kay Willing
 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

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church Office
Telephone: (410) 747-0720

Pastor David K. Asendorf
pastordave@salem-catonsville.org

Pastor Sarah Garrett Krey
pastorsarah@salem-catonsville.org

Pastor Emeritus: G. Edward Whetstone
edward-victoria@verizon.net

Director of Youth and Young Adult
Ministry: Anita Lane
phrogdiva@verizon.net

Director of Music: Mary Miller
marymiller359@gmail.com

Saturday Worship Musician:
Alex Tragert
alextragert@salem-catonsville.org

Office Manager: Robin Schaefer
robinschaefer@salem-catonsville.org

Sextons: Lirije Alaj, Letty Monahan

CHURCH COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

President: Sharon Stanton

Vice-President: Sharon Schueler

Secretary: Eileen Merriman

Financial Secretary: Beth Massey

Treasurer: Sally Kopp/ Tom Vasold

Congregation Connector: Guy Davis

CHURCH COUNCIL

Michael Birkmeyer
Walt Fleischer
Norma Hensler-Davis
Milt Dorsch
Morrinah Kwekeh
Eileen Merriman

David Paton
Sharon Schueler
Sharon Stanton
Pam Wilsey
Ken Wolfram

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE AND CONTRIBUTING STAFF

Guy Davis, Chair
Karen Amy
Barbara Beem
Meg Bower
Dan and Emily D'Avella
Peggy Dell
Steve Kopp
Mary Carroll-Mason
Carolyn Moore
Sharon Stanton
Bethann Snyder
Ed Whetstone
Ken Wolfram

Contributing Photographers
Meg Bower
Guy Davis
Larry Kohlenstein
Robin Schaefer

Proofreading
Lois Grempler
Sue O'Connor
Ken Wolfram

NEXT MONARCH PUBLICATION

January 5, 2020
(Article submission deadline is
Friday, December 27, 2019)

If you are interested in participating on the Communications Committee, or contributing as a *ad-hoc* writer or photographer, please contact our committee chairperson.



Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church strives to be a Christ-centered, caring community experiencing God's grace and sharing God's goodness with all people.

905 Frederick Road
Catonsville, MD 21228-4517
(410) 747-0720
office@salem-catonsville.org

We are on the Web!
www.salem-catonsville.org



www.facebook.com/salemlutheranchurch.catonsville



Evangelical Lutheran Church In America
www.elca.org



Delaware-Maryland Synod
<http://demdsynod.org/>

SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

905 Frederick Rd.
Catonsville, MD 21228-4517

Change Service Requested
TIME VALUE