



THE MONARCH

SALEM ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday, December 17

9:30 a.m. Children's Pageant (Reformation Hall)

Sunday, December 24 (Holy Communion at all services)

10 a.m. Advent 4 (not a Christmas Eve Service) (no 8:15 and 11:00 service!)

2 p.m. Christmas Eve – Contemporary with Salem Saturday Singers

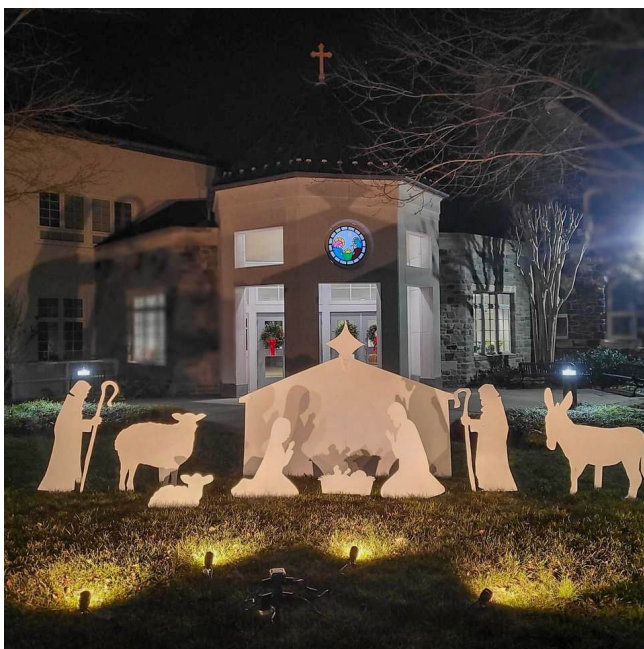
5 p.m. Family and Children Service (No Adult Sermon) with St. David's Choir

7:30 p.m. Traditional with Salem Ringers

10 p.m. Traditional with Salem Choir

Monday, December 25 10:00a.m. Lessons and Carols 10 a.m.

Sunday, December 31 10 a.m. Tradition Service with Holy Communion
(no 8:15 and 11:00 service!)



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SALEM MARKETPLACE SETS ANOTHER RECORD IN 2023

This year's Salem Marketplace was another **huge** success and the four charities designated this year (Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, Baltimore Area Aftercare, The Peru Fund, Mar-Lu-Ridge) benefited greatly. This year's record amount was \$11,018.20.

The breakdown is as follows:

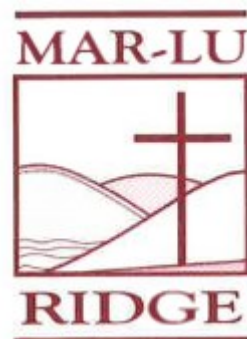
Baltimore Area
Aftercare
Program (BAAP)

Kitchen	\$ 926.00
Jewelry	\$ 248.00
White elephant	\$ 2346.95
Books	\$ 313.50
Bake table	\$ 412.75
Craft tables	\$ 341.00
Silent Auction	\$ 5350.00
Other	\$ 1345.00
Total before expenses	-\$11,283.20
Kitchen expenses -	-265.00

Perú Fund

BOTTOM LINE

\$11,018.20



Special thanks to the many people who worked so hard to make it all possible.

Silent Auction led by **Pat and Tim Jennings** and **Dee and Mel Trimble**

White Elephant led by **Edie Hahn** with help from, Sue O'Connor, Stephanie Arnold, Penny Appler, Dave Trump, Maria Englebrecht, Julia Graham, Beth Rodgers, Pastor Carolyn and Min Park, Pastor Dave, Salem Players, Kathie Zink.

Luncheon led by **Tom Nash** with help from Beth Rodgers, Treen Null, Ray Hamelin, Stacey Glenn, Sharon Stanton and a contribution from Salsa Grill and the Jennings.

Books led by **Karen Amy** with help from Guy Davis, Shelley and Ken Wolfram, Barbara Beem and granddaughter Ruby, Jim Kempton, Nick Mason, Meagan Simmons, Pastor Dave, Pastor Carolyn and Bill Hauserman.

Jewelry led by **Vicky Whetstone**

Baked Goods led by **Cor-Rae Petri and Sue O'Connor** – plus all the people who baked the yummy treats

Fair Trade with **Jim Kempton**

Craft tables with **Julia Graham, Mary Krebs**, 2 outside vendors

Publicity - **Norma Hensler-Davis**

Penne, Ray and Gary Giuliani as Keepers of the Treasury.

And many thanks to those who helped with set-up and putting away tables (in addition to many folks already mentioned above): Tom Vasold, Duane Linsenhardt, Rob Pushman, Dave Trump, Ray Giuliani, Sara Tuscano, Damien Gibbons, Rusty Schaeffer, Bill Hauserman and Brendan Graham. If we have forgotten anyone, we apologize!

And many thanks to **Robin Schaefer** for keeping things sorted out and on track before, during and afterwards!!

THANK YOU ALL for your help in making this event such a success!

Julia Graham and Karen Amy, Co-Chairs

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2023

It's that time again! As is our long-held tradition, we are once again sponsoring The Children's Home of Catonsville for Christmas. The 48 children who live there are separated from their families, and many come to the home without any personal belongings. Our wish is to share our love and show them we care. We would like to provide Christmas gifts for as many of the children as we can. The Home has an online registry which makes the purchase and direct delivery of gifts very easy. It can be accessed via: thechildrenshome.net/holiday/

If you would rather not use a computer, look for the gift tags on our Christmas tree in the narthex. Gifts can be directly delivered to the home, purchased and taken there on the designated drop-off dates, OR purchased and brought to church by Sunday December 17 at noon. More details can be found on flyers near the Christmas Giving tree in the narthex!

AWARD FROM THE CHILDRENS HOME

On November 3rd, Mary Ann and Earl Ruley hosted a party at their home to celebrate two years of delivering food to the Childrens Home three days a week. Also attending the party was Christy Page (Donor and Community Engagement Director of the Children's Home) who presented Salem with an award to thank us for this ministry.

Mary Ann has been the organizer for this effort. Below are the volunteers who do the deliveries.

Nancy Asendorf

Carolyn Moore

Joey Morgan

Carolyn and Joey have been delivering since the inception of the program!

Ken Scarlatelli

Willow Scarlatelli, Patrice sometimes helps Ken and Willow

Ed and Vicky Whetstone

Kathie Zink, her wife Brenda and their neighbor Anne

Bill Hauserman (helping out on a temporary basis)

Help is still needed for this Friday morning slot beginning Jan 12.





THANK YOU to all of those who came out and supported our fall production of *Nunsense*. The show was seen by nearly 300 people, and did earn a small profit, so we are able to tithe over \$100 back to Salem's general fund.

Have you noticed the stained glass that was recently added to Reformation Hall? We've had some questions about it, so thought we'd give you a little more insight to our group.

WHO? /WHEN? It all began in 1977, with an idea hatched in a Church Council meeting to pull the congregation out of the doldrums during that year without a pastor. President Don McBrien, keenly aware of **Pat Burgemeister's** theatrical experience and talents, asked her to gather folks to put on a show, specifically one involving people of all ages. Her first collaborators were her husband, **Bill**, and her dear friend **Charlotte Douthat**. In the early years Bill designed and built the sets using a college textbook as a guide. There was practically nothing about the productions Pat didn't talk over with Charlotte. Then, there was Charlotte's daughter, **Lisa**, a recent college grad gaily appearing in musical theater around Baltimore. While the first show was in rehearsal the new pastor (**Ed Whetstone**) was called. Ed starred in our second production, along with Charlotte, and even directed a show, soon afterward. These five are remembered as our founders.



Through the years more and more people were engaged in the enterprise. Looking back through our programs, the number of people involved with Salem Players numbers in the hundreds. When Pat moved to Florida, **Claire Graham** led our group until her death in 2012. At that time we realized that in order to sustain our existence, we needed to organize and become less of a monarchy. We now have a board of core members to carry on the planning and production of our shows. We created by-laws defining our commitment to Salem, and an updated logo incorporating Salem's bell tower was designed by Scott Yerkey, (replacing the original one designed by Jack Austin in 1978).

WHAT? Our first show was a royalty-free temperance play from the early 1900s, reset in an ice cream parlor with an ice cream addict as its main character. The cast ranged in age from 4 to 57, and featured a can-can! In that new and exciting season, it stood out as a highlight and a huge success. There was clearly momentum for more.

By the 2nd show, the programs proudly announced "Presented by the Salem Players". Productions were far simpler in those early years: a much worn stage curtain, simple scenery, furniture from around the building, costumes invariably gathered from members' closets, the audience sitting on metal chairs. Until the renovation in 1997 there was no air conditioning and the only access to the hall was through the nave, up from the youth room or doors on Newburg Avenue.

The repertoire grew. Full scale musicals by Gilbert & Sullivan and Rogers & Hammerstein, classics like *Arsenic & Old Lace* and *the Philadelphia Story*, as well as some original content by local playwrights were produced.

Now it's 46 years and 60+ plays, multiple Strawberry Festivals and Variety Shows later. Productions have become increasingly outstanding and Salem Players' performances have come to match community theatre anywhere in the Baltimore area. Salem's Drama Camp, initiated and directed for years by Don Schwartz, rose from this mission, as well.

WHY? We are rooted in our Salem family, and our Christian beliefs. Without Salem, there would be no Salem Players. Early on, Pastor Ed drafted a Mission Statement describing our aspirations for Salem Players. It was adopted, and appears in each program. It remains our purpose and we hope it will continue for years to come.

Through the medium of drama, in service to the congregation and community, the Salem Players will endeavor to both entertain and explore the human condition in celebration and contemplation of God's grace. In its activities, Salem Players will use the benefits of common discipline and inter-generational fellowship as a channel for those whose artistic talent, varied skills, and good nature draws them to join in the creative challenge and redeeming joy of a theatrical production. All to the Glory of God!

We strive to provide fellowship and entertainment for Salem and the Catonsville community in two shows per year, along with support for cantatas, dramatic biblical readings, and other celebrations at Salem. During Covid, when live theater was impossible, we wrote and produced *The Ladies in Waiting of Christmas* for YouTube distribution to members.

Beyond presenting excellent theater, Pat's vision for Salem Players endures. Salem Players tithes the profits from each play to Salem. We have upgraded the Reformation Hall stage lighting and sound systems which are available for use by other Salem activities and occasionally for outside fundraisers. During the hall's renovation, we had the stage floor professionally refinished. For the past several years we have also supported the Marketplace and the Drama Camp by providing a full scholarship to the camp in the silent auction.

WHERE? Of course, it's Salem, the church building, AND the congregation.

We are planning now for 2024, and would welcome your input at saleplayers@salem-catonsville.org. JOIN US!



DEVOTIONS

As we flip our calendars from 2023 to 2024, many of us also find ourselves procuring new guidebooks for our personal devotions. But what to do with those materials that served us well during this past year?

There's a collection box for that!

Look for the marked box in Salem's foyer to "recycle" your "used" devotional guides. And the Community of St. Dysmas thanks you.

SAVE THE DATE

We will be decorating Salem for Christmas on Dec. 17, following the 11:00 service. We need volunteers to help set up and decorate trees, set up nativity sets, and hang garland from the chancel and choir loft. There are jobs for everyone, so please come and lend a hand. Any questions, contact Shelley Wolfram at kswolfram@gmail.com, or 410-379-8179.

TO ALL THE GREETERS, FLOWER STEWARDS AND SHOWCASE DISPLAYERS

Many thanks to all the volunteers who have served this past year as **greeters** at Salem's 8:15a.m. and 11a.m. Sunday worship services and also at special worship services, i.e., Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve too. Having a smiling face meet and greet us as we go into worship is wonderful. Your help especially in greeting newer members and/or visitors to Salem is very much appreciated and helpful to those who are not as familiar with our building. I hope you will continue to serve as a greeter as you are able. But know too, there is always room for many more volunteers to serve and you are more than welcome to do so.

A big thank you to the **dedicated Flower Stewards** who serve once every three months to deliver the Altar Flowers. The arrangements are prepared for delivery by the Altar Guild members following the 11 a.m. Sunday service to our home bound and/or sick members. The delivered flowers are very much appreciated by the recipients.

Showcase displays throughout the past year have been as follows: **January**-Dottie Bobart and Margaret Walker/"Ring in the New Year with Bells"; **February**-Tom Vasold/His Unique Neckties; **March**-Pastor Dave Asendorf/Maryland Theme; **April**-Guardians of Eden {Norma Hensler-Davis & Carole Rau}/Celebrate Earth Day; **May**-Salem Players' Dr Dolittle {1st half} and Pastor Carolyn Lawrence/Icons {2nd half} and into June; **July**-Carolyn Vasold/Beatrix Potter collection; **August**-Norma Hensler-Davis/Guardians of Eden; **September**-Pastor Ed Whetstone/Book collection {some from the 1800's}; **October**-Salem Players' Nonsense; **November**-Sue Gdovin/Scholarship Committee; and finishing out 2023 in **December**-Norma Hensler-Davis-The Byers' Carolers.

If you'd like to serve as a greeter and/or are interested in helping out with the Flower Steward ministry as a substitute steward, and/or would like to share a monthly showcase in the Narthex, please contact Sharon Stanton at memsha7311@gmail.com, or call her on 410-744-8724 or leave a note with your name, contact info and which month for the showcase in the Historic Old Salem mailbox outside the church office. Thank you.

ADULT FORUM FOR DECEMBER

December 3 and December 10 - Pastor Carolyn and her reflections on the Camino

December 17 - Christmas Celebrations around the world

December 24 and 31 - no adult forum.



HISTORICAL OLD SALEM NEWS

Upcoming events to mark on your calendars and be a part of:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH FROM 11 a.m. TO 1 p.m.

Annual Christmas Open House @ Old Salem, 701 Ingleside Avenue

Special visitor from the North Pole will arrive to meet with young and old alike. Come share your Christmas wishes with him. Also, Salem Brass will be there to celebrate the season with Christmas music. It's a wonderful event for all and we hope to see you. Parking available directly across the street or in the St. Johns' Business Park parking lot beside/behind the cemetery.

Everyone is welcome and yes we will have refreshments. **EVENT IS FREE**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR the return of our inside Craft Fair/Flea Market on **Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Lots of good food, a bake table and raffles too. We hosted this inside event for over 25 years until COVID hit. Then for the next two years, we moved the event outside as a Yard Sale with vendors on Salem's parking lot in May.

In addition to the inside March event, we will again host our outside event on:

Saturday, May 4th, 2024 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Seeking vendors for the March 2nd date at this time {if interested contact Sharon}

We always welcome new Board members. Join our Board to help preserve Salem's original worship site built in 1849 located at 701 Ingleside Avenue. As Salem will be celebrating its 175th Anniversary throughout 2024 with special events, programs and worship services, your help is requested. We plan to host a number of events/programs at Old Salem itself. The Board meets 4 times a year – the third Wednesday of February, May, August and November at Salem Newburg at 7 pm. Attendance at our Old Salem events for Founders Day is always the first Sunday in June, the Open House and Program is always on the third Sunday in September at 2 pm, the All Saints Service at 2 pm is always on the first Sunday in November and the annual Christmas Open House is always the second Saturday in December. Come join us. It's a great group of people working hard to preserve Salem's original worship site.

Contact Sharon Stanton - memsha7311@gmail.com or call 410-744-8724 for more information and/or to make reservations.

THANKS TO TIM AND PAT JENNINGS FOR OUR THANKSGIVING DECORATIONS



SYNOD MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT – NOVEMBER 17TH – 19TH

Aiden Pfluger, Michael Moore, and Pastor Carolyn Lawrence attended the middle school Synod Event at Potomac Park Retreat and Conference Center, Falling Waters, WVA, over the weekend of November 17th. They joined with middle school youth from other congregations in the DE/MD Synod and had a wonderful, but busy retreat weekend.

The theme for the weekend was CREATE – created/creator/creating/creation. They discussed how we are created in God’s image; wonderfully created by a God who knows us deeper than we know ourselves. The young people met in small group sessions throughout the weekend to discover “What does that mean to them?; How can they better understand our Creator?” The youth also met in large group settings to share worship, music and games all centering around this theme. They completed the assembly of school kits for Lutheran World Relief as the service project. They experienced dorm life in a building which allowed groups to split genders among the rooms and still have a common area for devotionals and fellowship. The dorm style rooms were arranged with bunk beds, a private lavatory and shower facilities with a second sink and vanity in the main room with mirrors making it convenient for the youth all needing the mirror. There was a lot of fellowship time and some free time too as Aiden and Michael perfected their mini golf skills on the 9 hole course on the conference center grounds. All in all, it was a wonderful weekend experience for them and now they are looking forward to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2024 where they will gather together with about 30,000 other youth across the country.



Children's Ministry

In November we had a lesson on light and the children did several science activities with lights. We had a service project making beautiful Thanksgiving cards to send to our homebound members. We finished the month making Advent wreaths and our own candle to put in the wreath. There was no Sunday School on Thanksgiving. When we return on December 3rd will be getting ready for our Sunday School Pageant "The 12 Days of Christmas". The pageant will be held on Sunday, December 17th in the Nave at 9:30 a.m. The pageant is open to everyone in the congregation. We hope you will be able to come and watch our Sunday School Stars.



OFFICIAL ACTS(See page 11 for **AT THE FONT**)**AT THE GRAVE**

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

Bryan Scott Ray *	11/03/2023
Helga Irene Cabral*	11/08/2023
Richard Hiteshew*	11/11/2023
Betty Durham	11/17/2023
Rosemarie Schulz*	11/21/2023
Warren "Ray" Schreiner*	11/25/2023
Joesph "Joe" Durkin	11/29/2023

**Not a Salem member*

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- At the request of the Salem Scholarship Committee ; \$10,000 was transferred from the Bequest Fund to the Salem Scholarship Fund.
- Reviewed and approved the Draft 2024 Salem Budget to be presented to the congregation for adoption at the 12/2&3 Congregational Meeting.

Around the Parish

Joseph "Joe" Durken was laid to rest on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at Loudon Park Cemetery. Joe may be Salem's last living member who served in US Armed Forces in WWII. Joe enlisted in the US Navy as a 18 year old High School junior. His ship was steaming to the Pacific for the expected invasion of Japan when the war ended. Joe along with many others finished his high school education after the war (along with his friend Bill Smith, Ida's husband) and went on to work for 35 years for NSA. Joe and his wife Betty who died in 2021

FAITH AND FILM SERIES

Salem will be starting a new movie series in January called the 'Faith & Film Series' about celebrating life and inspiring each of us through the power of story. Consider the power of story to remind each of us of the importance of faith, hope and love. Consider the potential for the world to be a better place. And consider the possibility that films change people and people change the world. The community is invited to attend with all films scheduled for Fridays at 7pm with closed captions in Reformation Hall. Two films in January will kick off the series:

HIDDEN FIGURES Friday, January 12, 2024 | 7:00 PM

HIDDEN FIGURES is the incredible untold story of Katherine G. Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson – three brilliant African-American women working at NASA, who served as the brains behind one the of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race, and galvanized the world. The visionary trip crossed all gender and race lines to inspire generations to dream big. Rotten Tomatoes 93% rating for both critics & audiences. *"Junior high and high school classes across the country should take field trips to see this movie."* Richard Roeper, Chicago Sun-Times. *"A very satisfying movie, with historical significance, and it is great to see these women finally get their due. Heartwarming and inspiring."* New York Times. Released in 2017. [Rated: PG – 127 minutes](#)

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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."

November 4, 2023 Malcolm Leonard Dustin Egloff



*Thank you so very much
for your kindness.*

Dear Salem

*Thank you so much for the
prayer, cards and flowers
received during my recent
accident and recovery,
Sincerely,
Wayne Flein*

Thank you so much to Pastor Dave and anyone else involved in selecting me to receive the flowers from the Altar this week. They are lovely and make a beautiful display on my bookcase. Also my thanks to Mary for bringing them to me.

Your kindness is much appreciated.

Phillis King



Thank You!



*To the Salem Congregation:
Many thanks for all of
your wonderful support and
love after my surgery.
Thank you for the cards,
the prayers, the delicious
meals, the flowers and all
of the caring love.
I'm so glad to be part
of the Salem family,
Norma*

CHRISTMAS GARDEN SPONSORSHIP

In keeping with our Christmas decorating tradition, Salem is seeking sponsors for our annual Christmas Garden displayed in the sanctuary from Christmas Eve through the Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord.

Salem offers several sponsorship opportunities in order to cover the cost of trees, greenery, flowers and delivery fees. Your sponsorship may be offered in memory or in honor of a loved one, or in celebration of a special event. The names of the sponsor and their tributes will be published in the Christmas Eve worship service bulletin. All flowers will be delivered to the sick or homebound.

Payments may be made via cash or check. Checks should be made payable to Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church. Please submit your payment, along with the completed sponsorship form located on the opposite side of this page, to the church Office Manager. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT THIS FORM OR PAYMENTS IN THE OFFERING PLATE.**

CHRISTMAS GARDEN SPONSORSHIP FORM Due December 15, 2023

Please complete the following form and submit this with your cash or check payment, payable to Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church. Forms and payments may be placed in envelopes and left in the church mail box of Office Manager, Robin Schaefer; or, sent via U.S. mail to Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 905 Frederick Road, Catonsville, MD 21228 ATTN: Robin Schaefer. Please contact the church office at (410) 747-0720, if you have any questions.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

This gift is given to the glory of God and...

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

In celebration of _____

Please find enclosed

____ \$10.00 to be used toward the purchase of Christmas trees or wreathes

____ \$15.00 to be used toward the purchase of poinsettia for the Christmas Garden that will be donated to a sick or homebound member.

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Livestream	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
Nov 4/5	46	64	91	7 (Old Salem)	13/29	208
Nov 11/12	11	65	80		10/34	191
Nov 18/19	33	60	107		5/33	238
Nov 22				62	Thanksgiving Eve 21	83
Nov 25/26	21	50	78		10/31	190
Totals	111	239	356	69	186	910

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday



NO PHISHING
Don't take the bait!

Occasionally we hear about members receiving an email from one of the Pastors asking for gift cards or for us to pay a bill, etc.; because 'they are in a meeting' (or whatever) and 'can't take care of this right now.' This is ALWAYS a scheme to get something from you by someone else and this is NEVER from Salem's Pastors. Please, if you are contacted by anyone asking for money or gift cards and they say it is an emergency; contact us yourself first. Please don't take the bait in their phishing scheme!

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 throughout the building. The password for all connections is **Salem-Church**.

If you have any questions about our network please contact the Technology Committee Chairperson, Steve Kopp, at salemtech@salem-catonsville.org.



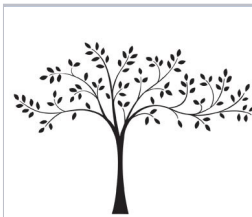
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AVAILABLE FOR GIVING

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.



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 Property: Rusty Schaefer
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 Scholarship: Sue Gdovin
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 Ushers: Mary Krebs, Ray Hamelin
 Youth Ministry Committee: vacant
 Worship Life: Jane Stolte



SALEM PRAYER TREE

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

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WONDER

Friday, January 19, 2024 | 7:00 PM

Based on the New York Times bestseller, **WONDER** tells the inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman. Born with facial differences that, up until now, have prevented him from going to a mainstream school, Auggie becomes the most unlikely of heroes when he enters the local fifth grade. As his family, his new classmates, and the larger community all struggle to find their compassion and acceptance, Auggie's extraordinary journey will unite them all and prove you can't blend in when you were born to stand out. Starring Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson and Jason Tremblay, this film has a 91% favorable audience response on Rotten Tomatoes. *"Starring a terrific Jacob Tremblay as a bullied boy with facial deformities and Julia Roberts as his mom, this drama based on the award-winning R. J. Palacio book that nearly everyone has read and wept over has surprising dimension and delicacy."* Peter Travers, Rolling Stone Magazine. Released in November 2017. **Rated: PG - 108 minutes**

Other films soon to be scheduled include the Family Night Film showing of the Disney animated feature, **WISH**, and **ARE YOU THERE GOD, IT'S ME, MARGARET**. Please watch the church bulletins and Monarch for additional details and titles.

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