

HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

Friday, December 6th – American Music Theater Christmas Show bus trip is full. We'll depart from the Southwest Park & Ride lot located on South Rolling Road near the Rt 195 exit to the Airport. We leave promptly at 9:00 am returning approximately at 7:30 pm. Lunch will be 11:30 am at Hershey Farm Restaurant for a family style lunch including fried chicken, ham, mashed potatoes, two vegetables, rolls/butter, non-alcoholic drinks, pie and ice cream for dessert. Our seats are in Row Q and R, mezzanine section right in the center {great seats}. Questions, please contact Sharon Stanton at memsha7311@gmail.com

Christmas will be here before we realize it. We look forward to starting the holiday celebration with our Annual Christmas Open House at Old Salem on Saturday, December 14th from 11 am to 1 pm. The church is decorated in the old-fashioned style as it may have been in the late 1800's. Hoping to have Salem Brass return again with their delightful Christmas music and of course Santa will be there to meet and greet young and young-at-heart alike. Stop by – Christmas cookies and hot chocolate are always a special treat during this open house!

Returning again on Saturday, March 8th, 2025 from 9 am to 1 pm – Old Salem will host our Annual Craft Fair/Flea Market event in Bethany Hall. Vendors and shoppers alike mark your calendars now to join in this fun and successful event that raises preservation funds for Salem's original worship site built in 1849.

AND --- WE ARE ON THE ROAD AGAIN: "NOAH" @ Sight & Sound Theater – Friday, March 28, 2025; family style lunch at Hershey Farm Restaurant serving three entrees, veggies, plus more. \$175 pp inclusive {thank inflation} but not due until February 2025. Thinking about going; let me know; I've started a list {45 tickets}.

If you are interested in joining the Old Salem Board of Directors or would just like to see what it's all about, our next Board meeting is Wednesday, November 20th at 7 pm in the Katie Luther Room at Salem Newburg. Everyone is welcome so please think about attending the meeting or joining the Board. We meet 4 times a year and host programs, events and bus trips throughout the year to raise funds to help in the preservation of Salem's original worship site built in 1849 located at 701 Ingleside Avenue, Catonsville.

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

What's in the Showcase

Many thanks to Duane Linsenhardt for his fascinating showcase "Life at Salem in the Sixties". His collection, mostly from his parents, through those years is unbelievable. If you've been at Salem for many years, I'm sure you will recognize many of the names on the bulletins and letters.

Next up in September is Nick Mason sharing what to look forward to in Adult Forum this year. Adult Forum meets in the Katie Luther room, 2nd floor, every Sunday at 9:30 am. Lots to learn and hear about. The Forum is open to everyone.

175th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Just a brief update: Hard to believe we are more than ½ way through our 175th anniversary celebration. Wonderful group {and thanks to Christy Hensler-Davis and Pastor Carolyn for organizing the entry in the 4th of July Parade with special thanks to all the walkers that participated that hot, hot July 4th day} marching in the parade. Plan to attend the spectacular "Salem – The Musical" production on Friday, September 13 and Saturday, September 14th at 7:30 pm and Sunday, September 15th at 2 pm in Reformation Hall. It's definitely a "walk through" the life and times of our beloved Salem Church from it's original formation to the present. Mary Miller and many wonderful singers are working hard on the November 10th very special concert at 2 pm here at Salem. And then the culmination of all the year's events at The Lodge for dinner and a program on Sunday, November 17th from 5 – 9 pm. We look back through the years and then plan forward with the results of the "Year of Listening" interviews. A wonderful time to celebrate and thank God for all our blessings of a strong and lasting congregation through these past 175 years and pray that Salem will continue to grow and thrive in the many years to come. More details about ticket sales for the dinner will be forthcoming in the weeks of September.

If you haven't gotten an Anniversary T-shirt yet, now's the time to purchase one at \$10 each and the tote bags are just great for knitting supplies, library books, groceries, going on vacation or whatever other use you can imagine at only \$5 each. Sales will start up again on Sundays in the Narthex. Additional larger sizes have been purchased and are now available, so don't hesitate to pick one up. The cost of the t's and totes simply cover what it cost to purchase them; there not for profit.