



THE MONARCH

Christmas Eve AT SALEM CHURCH

2pm

Afternoon
Service

5pm

Youth and
Family
Service

7:30pm

Hand bell
Service

10pm

Senior Choir
Service

And join us
10am on
Christmas
Day!

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SALEM CELEBRATES 175 YEARS OF MINISTRY





REFLECTIONS ON SALEM'S HISTORY DURING SALEM'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Early Days by Judy LeGath

The story of Salem's founding begins with a group of local German immigrant farmers. Having left Germany to move beyond the unstable political and economic conditions of the 1830s and 1840s, they did not leave behind their love of God or their reverence for their Lutheran heritage. Having no Lutheran church to attend here, they worshipped at the newly formed St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. They missed their own traditional German language worship but were encouraged when Adolfus Frost, originally from Germany, joined St. Timothy's clergy team.

His offer to conduct services in German was warmly welcomed, but when Frost was reassigned to a post in New Jersey, these services ended. But help was on the way. And once again it came from a connection at St. Timothy's.

In 1848, a wealthy Baltimore couple, Gustav and Frances Lurman, bought a 600-acre farm in Catonsville to serve as a summer home. Gustav himself was a German immigrant and had established a highly successful import-export business in Baltimore. The Lurmans were Episcopalians and surely must have become acquainted with our founding families at St. Timothy's.

Recognizing their understandable desire for a church of their own, Lurman called a meeting for September 30, 1849 to be held at the home of Paulus and Anna Reich. On this day, our congregation was founded, and a name was selected. They called their new church Salem.

The early life of the church was filled with much activity. Their first task was to build a house of worship. Gustav Lurman with his own \$300 purchased a lot on Ingleside Avenue and soon after donated an additional \$500 of his own money to help pay for building supplies. Members of the congregation joined in the work of constructing the stone building, which was dedicated on Sunday, June 16, 1850. Soon a decision was made to use the churchyard as a graveyard, called "God's Acre," and to replace the schoolhouse that had been on the property at the time of purchase. They hired a teacher who instructed in both English and German and had as an additional duty ringing the school bell.

Salem's first pastor was Charles A. Brockman. Popular at first, he fell out of favor with some in the congregation, possibly due to emotional stress coming from the death of his wife and two children over a three-year period. He was succeeded by Dr. George W. Ebeling in 1854.

Dr. Ebeling's pastorate included steady growth and significant change. By the end of the 19th century, Salem's membership had doubled from its 1849 beginning, and the congregation looked beyond its original German ethnic orientation. As early as 1858, Sunday afternoon English language services were offered, in 1895 Sunday School instruction in English only was initiated, and at Dr. Ebeling's death in 1901, all worship in German was discontinued. The development of Frederick Road as the community center of activity was also apparent to the congregation. In 1901 Salem began to hold Sunday evening services in English at Library Hall, a meeting and multipurpose facility on Frederick Road. At this time, Salem's group for women of the church, organized with the German name Damen Vereins, scheduled a series of dinners to raise funds for a new downtown location.

Salem's History 1901-1953 by Ed Whetstone

By the grace of God, that second and third generation of our Salem ancestors were stirred by a new vision. There were no longer any services in German and soon no country lane either. Like their parents who forged a new church home in this new land, the next generations envisioned their church transplanted into the mainstream of American life. They launched a monumental effort making plans, raising capital, and spending

two years worshipping in Library Hall in the village till their new home was ready. They extended a call to a young seminarian, Martin Luther Enders, who was ordained and installed as they began worship in their newly dedicated building in 1903.

I've often tried to imagine what that must have been like for the congregants that first Sunday in the building we know so well. Those folk who crowded into the little country chapel first entering the comparatively spacious "New Salem", a nave several times as large. It must have been altogether breathtaking.

Its appearance was not as now. The chancel everywhere was dark oak—altar, reredos paneling, pulpit and railing. It would be several decades till all the stained-glass windows were installed.

But the primary story, of course, was not the furniture and walls. That story is the congregational life that bloomed and abounded now in the center of Catonsville. Once a rural waystation, it was now a bustling little town with trolleys riding the rails to and from the thriving port city of Balto.

A new era dawned for Salem. Membership steadily swelled. Pastor John Bowers was called in 1911 and would serve Salem for 36 years. Parish organizations were established for men and women, people of all ages. There was the Sunday School, Ladies' Aid Society, Men's Brotherhood, Women's Missionary Society, Salem Missionary Helpers, World Friendship Society, and Luther League for the young folk. A great portion of the members centered their week's activities and their sense of belonging in the parish life of Salem. These groups flourished, most all of them into the next half-century.

Such vibrant activity prompted a variety of improvements. A parsonage was built behind the church in 1911 along with a stable. In 1917 the back of the church was extended to enlarge space for the Sunday School in 1917. That same year the basement was dug deeper to provide a kitchen and rooms for meetings and dinners. Some of us can remember how the large space was partitioned with folding wooden doors so it could be opened as a large hall.

Changes were apparent in their worship too. In 1906 the Jesus' Ascension was marvelously painted over the altar. A pipe organ built by the Moller Organ Company in Hagerstown was installed in 1929, at that time the largest and most widely acclaimed pipe organ company in the world. In 1932 the chancel was renovated in a Byzantine style with the oak paneling and furnishings of the chancel replaced by mosaics, marble and brass.

Following Dr. Bowers' retirement in 1947, Pr. Wilbur Newby was called as our sole pastor. Salem, like most all churches in the US was on the cusp of a boom in membership and attendance. In our centennial year of 1949 Salem listed 1249 members, 954 of them confirmed and 534 communing members. Growth continued. Churchgoing in the 1950s was at its zenith. Never before so many, nor so large apportion of the population. And never since.

A Sunday School wing was inevitable. Ground was broken and the new building dedicated in 1955. Soon enrollment in Sunday School was 570, children and adults.

Even so, there were changes and challenges already in motion. Catonsville's distinct identity as a small town was losing hold and increasingly the community was pulled into the much larger orbit of the Baltimore metropolitan area. Its increasing population was less tethered here, as it attracted commuters who worked in Baltimore and Washington, and as others moved here from the city, only then to settle farther out.

The times, as was recently sung on Salem's stage, they was a changin'.

Renovation Talk 1997 to Present by Ray Guiliani

I suspect that when many of us think of Salem's Renovation, we focus on the actual demolition and construction that took place in 1996 and 1997.

But there was a very lengthy period prior to that where an enormous amount of preparatory work took place. As part of that effort, we considered how to make our church more accessible, versatile and useful.

The result was the setting of 5 primary goals for our updated building.

They were:

A more welcoming entry from the parking lot. The old entrance was small, hidden and certainly unwelcoming. Inside, it was cramped and unsafe with a downward staircase precariously close to the entry door. With the change, access to Reformation Hall from the entry would now be possible for the first time.

Greater accessibility throughout the building. The new elevator would give easy access to all 3 levels. A ramp to Bethany Hall and the kitchen, and a bridge to the choir loft would ease movement to those busy areas.

More flexible meeting and classroom space. The number of rooms would be increased and sizes would vary to accommodate more community groups, Salem meetings and our Sunday School. Restrooms in the lower level would make this space much more useful and “friendly.”

An expanded Narthex that could provide a greater opportunity for fellowship. The new space would triple the size of the old gathering area and increase opportunities for a variety of functions. Today we use this large area for fellowship before and after services and other events, i.e., Marketplace, Fair Trade sales, food collections, sign-up sheets, displays and more.

Air conditioning for the sanctuary, Reformation Hall and the church offices. For Salem’s staff and those of us who attended services, meetings, receptions, plays and volunteered in the summer, the air conditioning would be, and still is, a welcome relief from the heat and humidity.

So, the 1996/1997 Renovation reconfigured, modernized and enhanced our church, but our renovation budget didn’t allow for us to do all the necessary improvements and updates at the time. Some projects needed to be put on hold. And, as the years passed, other new projects became necessary, too.

For years, our RSVP Fund has made numerous, important, large projects possible. (By the way, RSVP stands for Renew, Sustain, Venture and Proclaim. This fund was established after the Renovation.) Using RSVP, we have been able to fund the following projects because of your generous contributions.

These are in no particular order:

Create an Associate Pastor’s office, an office for the pastors of St. Dysmas, and an archives room.

Air-condition additional spaces in the building.

Repair, clean, and refurbish the mosaic tile in the sanctuary.

Repaint the sanctuary.

Renovate the first-floor bathrooms.

Install new energy efficient windows in all of the education building.

Install energy efficient boilers for our heating system.

Clean and repoint all of the exterior stone work.

Repair and recover the exterior stained-glass windows.

Put a long-lasting new roof on the entire building.

Also, a little-known fun fact: In addition to the physical improvements to our building, money from the RSVP Fund also helped launch the call of Salem’s first Associate Pastor, Pastor Dave.

Dear Salem friends,

On behalf of the Community of St. Dymas, your incarcerated siblings in faith, and Pr. Melody and myself, congratulations and blessings on 175 years of living out the gospel.

What a joy it's been to be part of the 175th anniversary celebration! As Bishop Gohl quoted at the anniversary dinner, "Salem is the doing-est church." Hearing the presenters at the anniversary dinner relate the history and reach of Salem was an affirmation of what I already know: Salem takes to heart Jesus' mandate to feed the hungry, heal the sick, welcome the stranger and visit those in prison.

The Community of Dymas knows this first hand—not only by the office space, material, and financial support you give us so generously, but by the embrace with which you envelop us. We are a part of Salem and we are so grateful to have a home with you.

May God continue to bless you as you move into the future.

Pastor Susan

Pastor Melody

175th ANNIVERSARY MEMORABILIA

If you haven't gotten your Anniversary T-shirt OR the wonderful huge tote bags yet, now's the time to purchase a shirt 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. 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. They are not being sold for profit just for memories of an exciting and eventful 175th anniversary year. Contact Sharon on Sundays and/or memsha7311@gmail.com to make your purchases. Hurry before we are sold out!

SALEM INTRODUCES STRATEGIC GOALS

- Engaging Community through Monthly Meal at Salem
 - Explore having a free monthly meal to promote fellowship and alleviate loneliness and hunger in the community.
- Improving Heating & A/C in Bethany Hall
 - An installation of splits will benefit our Sunday School and the many various community groups who utilize our hall.
- Creating a Mural to beautify Church and Enhance Community Engagement
 - A new group will be formed to oversee a mural project on the West side of Salem's building.
- Revamping Salem's Website
 - Salem's Tech and Communications Committees will work to redesign and update our website to make it more accessible and appealing to Salem members and community.
- Forming New Group Task Force
 - A new task force will be formed to consider formation of additional small groups within the Salem congregation.
- Revitalizing Youth Ministry through Formation Co Op
 - Salem will implement new partnerships and goals that arise from through our involvement with the ELCA Formation Co Op.
- Reducing Salem's Carbon Footprint
- Salem's Guardians of Eden will explore ways to reduce energy consumption at Salem and promote environmentally friendly practices throughout the congregation.

CHILDREN MINISTRY

We ended October learning about Martin Luther and Reformation. The children watched a short film and made a fortress with blocks. During November we read the parable of the mustard seed. We talked about serving and followed with the students planting seeds to remind us of God's growing love. Our service project was making Thanksgiving cards for our homebound members and we ended the month making Advent Wreaths. The month of December will have us practicing for our pageant which will be on December 15th at 9:30 between services. Everyone is welcome to join us in enjoying the children's pageant.



FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF CHRISTMAS DECORATING!

We will be decorating Salem on Sunday, Dec. 22, following the late service. We will be setting up trees and nativity sets, arranging poinsettias, and hanging garland on the nave and choir loft. There will be jobs for all ages. Especially needed are a couple of adventurous types who enjoy climbing ladders. Treats are available for all who help. (And for you travelers who can't help us decorate, we will be taking everything down on Jan. 4.)

WHAT'S IN THE SHOWCASE

Many thanks to Christy Hensler-Davis for her whimsical "Cacti on my Mind" showcase in November. Christy and Steven have traveled to a number of national parks, some out West, adding to her collection.

Bob Diss is sharing a beautiful stained-glass collection that he created throughout December. It will be a wonderful way to bring in the Advent season. Please check it out!

And Dottie Bobart will ring in 2025 with all her "snowmen" in January.

SALEM MARKETPLACE SETS ANOTHER RECORD!

This year's Salem Marketplace was another huge success and the three charities designated this year (Lighthouse, Baltimore's Promise, and Mar-Lu-Ridge) benefited greatly. We set a new record of \$11,103 mostly due to an increase from the Silent Auction, which had 170 items this year!! It seemed like we also had record attendance, so thanks to everyone who came to shop, brought along friends and neighbors, and helped spread the word.

None of it happened easily and special thanks are needed for the many people who made it possible:

Silent Auction led by Pat and Tim Jennings, Mel Trimble, and Bruce and Darla Sando

White Elephant led by Edie Hahn, with help from Megan Simmons, Sean Kolb, Sue O'Connor, Mary Kay Willing, Beth Rodgers, Debbie Brohawn, Mary Krebs, Stephanie Arnold, Kathie Zink, Carole Rau, Greg and Paula Reisz, Pastor Carolyn, Min Park, Barb and Michael Netzer, and Dave Trump. Their work was preceded by the Herculean task of moving a whole room of stuff upstairs taken on by Mary Miller, Dan Miller and friend Kevin.

Luncheon led by Kitty Collins with help from Beverly Schlenker, Treen Null, Ray Hamelin, and Beth Rodgers.

Books led by Karen Amy with help from Ken & Shelley Wolfram, Sue O'Connor, Ed Whetstone, Lisa Yerkey, Lindsay Fitch, Beth Rodgers, Tim Van Sant, Guy Davis, Nick Mason, Suzanne Middleton, Jim Kempton, Barbara Beem, William Hauserman, Pastor Carolyn, and Pastor Dave.

Jewelry led by Vicky Whetstone with Linda Fleischer's help.

Baked Goods were sold by Robin Schaefer and Sue O'Connor.

Fair Trade Jim Kempton.

Craft tables recruitment by Sharon Stanton.

Publicity by Norma Hensler-Davis and Pastor Carolyn (social media).

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): Duane Linsenhardt, Jim Reuter, Matty Fitch, Mary Krebs, Sharon Rossi, Donna Sullivan, Nick and Mary Carroll Mason.

If we have forgotten anyone, we apologize! And many thanks to Jeff Tsai and Pastor Dave 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!

P.S. This is Julia's last year as a chair. If you might be interested in helping coordinate this rewarding event, please talk to Pastor Dave or Julia.

Julia Graham and Dee Trimble, Co-Chairs

For those who are curious, here's the breakdown by area:

\$5861 Silent Auction

\$2383 White Elephant

\$821 Books

\$409 Bake Table

\$601 Kitchen

\$627 Jewelry

\$225 Crafters

\$175 Miscellaneous (including \$100 donation)

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2024

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 36 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 mailed directly to the Home, purchased and taken there on the designated drop-off dates, OR purchased and brought to church by Sunday December 15 at noon. More details can be found on flyers near the Christmas Giving tree in the narthex. Thank you for your continued support!

Many thanks to Sue Gdovin for sponsoring this project.

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum is concluding its study of the book - *The Bible Doesn't Say That - 40 Mistranslations, Misconceptions, and Other Misunderstandings*, by biblical scholar Joel Hoffman.

December 1 - Lutheran World Relief presentation

December 8. - Chapter 32 Marriage and Chapter 33 Divorce

December 15 - no adult forum for Christmas Pageant

December 22 - Chapter 36 Justice and Chapter 38 Killing

HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

Christmas is on its way and before you know it, it will be December 25 and we'll celebrate Jesus' birth. But at Old Salem, 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! Everyone is invited!

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, January 15, 2025 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.

IMMIGRANT/CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF OUR REFUGEE FAMILIES

I've been asked if we need to be concerned for the refugee families we've resettled here these last few years. The **al Fahad family** from Syria became American citizens a couple years ago. And last year they received their American passports with hopes to visit family in Jordan and Syria in the not too distant future.

The **Duranni family** was granted Asylum Status a year ago, along with an extension of their work permits. Having arrived here in 2022, they will be eligible to apply for their Green Cards in March, 2027.

All the families we resettled earlier are, of course, now US citizens.

Unfortunately, too many immigrants, legal as well as undocumented, are sometimes treated with hostility, even longtime citizens from developing countries. Jesus, who commanded us to see him in the face of "the stranger" calls us to a holy hospitality. As a congregation given birth by immigrants 175 years ago, we've even more reason to be especially conscientious in our witness. Let's pray God will give us grace to pay attention to those around us, and seek opportunity to make evident our welcome.

Pr. Ed Whetstone

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL DATA

November	
General Fund	
Receipts to Date	523,980.73
Expenses to Date	561,647.77
Difference	(37,667.04)
Budget to Date	554,114.00
R.S.V.P	
Receipts to Date	34,800.00
Disbursement to Date	(10,496.54)
Difference	24,303.46



Ride-Along and Deliver Meals

Find out what it's like to deliver meals with Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland! Join a current volunteer on a ride-along so you can get a scope of what it's like to volunteer before having to commit.

For more information, please contact volunteer@mowcm.org

MEALS ON WHEELS

My parents delivered meals in Michigan for many years, so when Scott and I looked for a way to help during the pandemic, Meals on Wheels was where we turned. We have been delivering once a week ever since. They are always looking for more drivers, so we encourage you to take a look. They offer a Ride Along program and we invite you to join us sometime soon to see how it works. It only takes about an hour and it would be a great way to support the community this giving season. Please let me know if you're interested. Contact the office to get in touch.

Beth Massey



**LUTHERAN
SOCIAL SERVICES**
National Capital Area



RESOURCE CENTER DONATION NEEDS!

CURRENT HIGHEST NEEDS

- Men's Clothing**
- Youth 3T- Size 12 Clothing**
- Kids Toothpaste
- Can Openers**
- Queen Blankets**
- Baby Shampoo/Wash
- Nail Clippers
- Infant Car Seats**
- Booster Car Seats**

PERSONAL/ HYGINE ITEMS:

- Toilet Paper
- Menstrual Pads
- Tampons
- Shampoo
- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Lip Balm
- Toothpaste-Adult
- Toothpaste-Children's
- Floss
- Toothbrushes-Adult
- Toothbrushes-Children
- Nail Clippers
- Razors
- Hair Combs/Brushes
- First Aid Kits
- Condoms
- Thermometers
- Multipurpose Cleaner
- Dish Soap
- Sponges/Scrubbers
- Laundry Detergent
- Clothing-of all sizes

HOME/KITCHEN ITEMS:

- Twin Blankets **
- Queen Blankets **
- Twin Sheets**
- Queen Sheets**
- Pillowcases
- Pillows
- Bath Towels
- Hand Towels
- Brooms/Dustpans
- Mugs/Cups **
- Plates **
- Bowls **
- Pot & Pan Sets**
- Large Stockpots **
- Cooking Spoons **
- Measuring Cups **
- Measuring Spoons **
- Can Openers **
- Silverware Sets **
- Tea Pots/Kettles **

INFANT/CHILDRENS ITEMS:

- Pack-N-Plays **
- Strollers **
- Infant Car Seats **
- Booster Seats**
- Baby Blankets **
- Bottles
- Body Wash
- Washcloths
- Lotion
- Diaper Powder
- Pacifiers
- Wipes
- Diapers- All Sizes
- Pull-Ups- All Sizes
- Toys **
- Books **
- Backpacks
- Lunchboxes

For questions, please email ResourceCenter@lssnca.org

*Items marked with "***" may be used but MUST be in like-new condition and cleaned prior to donation. Clothing MUST be free of stains or tears!*



Thank You!

October 25, 2024

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
905 Frederick Rd
Catonsville, MD 21228-4517

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your organization's recent gift of \$3,841.03 to Lutheran World Relief! When you love your neighbors with your generous gifts to LWR, you change lives in amazing ways.

For Walaa Ali al Ali, a Syrian refugee living in Lebanon, your love arrived in the form of a beehive. As the primary breadwinner for her family — including her mother, her developmentally disabled brother, a niece and a nephew — she struggled to find work amid Lebanon's economic crisis. Her family was safe from the war in Syria, but they didn't have access to adequate food or basic medical care.

Through LWR, Walaa enrolled in a livelihoods program for refugees and received all the training and supplies she needed to start a business as a beekeeper. With the money she earned, she also planted a vegetable garden to help feed her family. Now she's earning enough to keep her family afloat, and she's even training other women how to produce and sell honey.

Thank you for saving and transforming lives by loving your neighbors like Walaa!

We'd love to show you more examples of your gift in action. Please visit www.lwr.org and sign up to receive the latest updates. If you have any questions, please contact us at 800.597.5972 or lwr@lwr.org.

Thank you again, and God bless you!

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Speckhard".

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard (ret.)
President and CEO

As required by the IRS, this receipt confirms that Lutheran World Relief has given you no goods or services in return for your charitable contribution of \$3,841.03-LWR.



Delaware-Maryland Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

November 2024

Salem Lutheran Church
905 Frederick Rd
Catonsville MD 21228-4580

Dear Siblings in Christ at Salem Lutheran Church,

Grace and peace to you in this season of thanksgiving and hope.

On behalf of the Delaware-Maryland Synod, I want to thank you for your generous and increased Mission Support this fiscal year. Your faithful giving is a beautiful example of the church working together to live out God's mission in the world. Your contributions help us reach people and communities with the Gospel and extend Christ's love in tangible ways.

As we near the end of this fiscal year, we encourage you to continue your generous support so that we can end the year strong. As you begin preparing your 2025 budget, we invite you to prayerfully consider continuing this spirit of generosity into the new year, helping us strengthen and expand our shared ministry.

Your commitment is a blessing, and I am deeply grateful for your partnership. May God bless your congregation and guide you in all that you do.

In Christ,

Pastor Micah Krey
Assistant to the Bishop for Generosity
Delaware-Maryland Synod, ELCA

*It was so lovely to be
with you all for the 175th!
Thank you for your continued
hospitality and generosity to
our Synod and community!
—Micah*

PASTOR DAVE
AND SALEM FAMILY
WE APPRECIATE THE SALEM FAMILY
FOR ITS CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR
BRINGING HOPE TO ROSE WHO NEED OUR
SUPPORT. FOR THE PAST 22 YRS OF MY
RECOVERY SALEM LUTHERAN HAS BEEN MY
SAFE PLACE TO CONTINUE TO GET STRONG
AND SHARE THE MESSAGE OF HOPE.
THANK YOU.
MARTY POPP

Thank
You!

Dear Salem church family,
The UMBC Retriever Essentials and International Students Connect Club
want to thank everyone who donated coats and other winter clothing
for needy students at UMBC.

Sincerely, Nancy Parlette and the ISC club members.

11/21/24

TO THE SALEM CONGREGATION -

I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR
FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT OVER THE PAST WEEKS.
YOUR ENCOURAGING WORDS AND CARDS REMIND
ME HOW LUCKY I AM TO HAVE ALL OF YOU
IN MY LIFE. GOD IS GOOD.

PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR PRAYES AS I STILL
HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL IN JESUS NAME
AMEN

Thank You!

MEL. TRIMBLE

Dec 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:15am - Early Service 9:30am - Adult Forum 9:30am - Salem Choir 9:30am - Sunday School 11am - Late Service 5pm - Confirmation 7pm - AA Meeting	2 4pm - Yoga 7pm - AA Women's Group 7pm - Centering Prayer 7pm - Guardians of Eden 7pm - Prayer Stitchers 7:30pm - Nar-Anon 7:30pm - Overeater's	3 9am - Catonsville Garden 12:30pm - Music Practice 4pm - Girl Scout Troop 4:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 7pm - Heart of Maryland 7pm - Tuesday Night 7:15pm - Salem Bell Choir	4 6am - AA Meeting 8am - Men's Prayer 9am - Catonsville Garden 10am - Salem Quilters 4pm - Chair Yoga 5:30pm - AA Meeting 6:30pm - Girl Scout Troop	5 8am - Business Group 10am - Stitchcrafters 6pm - St. David's Choir 7pm - Trombone Practice 7:30pm - Salem	6 12pm - AA Group 5:30pm - Girl Scout Troop	7 5pm - Contemporary Worship Service
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OFFICIAL ACTS

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.”

<i>Louis Bernard "Bernie" Hoffman*</i>	<i>11/25/2024</i>
<i>Gertrude Marie Sieck*</i>	<i>12/2/2024</i>

AT THE WEDDING ALTAR

<i>Cyera Taylor and Reza Haghpanah</i>	<i>11/27/2024</i>
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AT THE BAPTISMAL FONT

<i>Autumn Lynne Mcklveen</i>	<i>11/17/2024</i>
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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Approved the Property Committee request for \$10,000 to improve the performance of the elevator.
- Approved the Finance Committee’s recommended budget for 2025. Will submit to the congregation for approval.

SALEM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 12/08/2024

- The 2025 Salem Church Council Budget passed 126 yes, 0 no.
- The following were elected to Church Council: Guy Davis, Matthew Fairchild, Carolyn Moore, Michael Petry, Janet Van Sant

PARISH LEADERS

Altar Guild: Mary Krebs	Mutual Ministry (Pastor Asendorf): Vacant
Archive Committee: Judy LeGath	Mutual Ministry (Pastor Lawrence): Sharon Stanton
Arts Committee: Vacant	Prayer Tree Coordinators: Karen Amy, Barbara Beem
Child Protection Committee: Linda Fleischer	Property: Rusty Schaefer
Children’s Ministry Committee: Eileen Merriman, Zoë Dell	Salem Players: Lisa Yerkey
Christian Fellowship Committee: Darla Sando, Pam Wilsey	Scholarship: Sue Gdovin
Communications Committee: Guy Davis, Karen Amy	Social Ministry: Mary Kay Willing
Evangelism Committee: Nicki Fatherly	Stewardship Committee: John Brohawn
Finance Committee: Ken Wolfram	Technology Support Committee: Lisa Yerkey
Guardians of Eden: Ken Scarlatelli, Sharon Schueler	Ushers: Mary Krebs, Ray Hamelin
Health Resources: Beth Rodgers, Lynda Bell	Youth Ministry Committee: Melissa Miller and Veronica Merriman
Historic Old Salem: Sharon Stanton	Worship Life: Jane Stolte
Memorial and Bequests: Paul W. Krabitz	

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2024

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Livestream	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
Nov 2/3	28	55	88	17**	13/15	216
Nov 9/10	26	52	97	20***	6/19	220
Nov 16/17	30	82	109		9/17	247
Nov 23/24	34	55	104		3/10	287
Nov 27 Thanksgiving Eve				67	14	
Nov 30/Dec 1	25	57	97		6/10	195

* Week reflects Saturday through Friday

** Festival of All Saints Service at Old Salem

*** Anniversary Concert



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 **SalemChurch**.

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

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.



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Vice-President: Ray Giuliani

Secretary: Becky Bass

Financial Secretary: Beth Massey

Assistant Financial Secretary: Linda Fleischer

Treasurer: Ray Hamelin

Assistant Treasurer: Jane Stolte

CHURCH COUNCIL

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Ron Bruce	Nick Mason
Tom Brzezinski	Veronica Merriman
Emily D’Avella	Lisa Yerkey
Ray Giuliani	

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