



THE MONARCH

PR. DAVE'S LEGACY

At the last Church Council Meeting in May, I shared that the congregation is very healthy during a time when unfortunately, so many congregations around us are struggling. Since 2005, six congregations in our Baltimore West Conference have closed. Thankfully, we are in the enviable position of enjoying a very stable worship attendance with an average of 180 folks in person each week and 40 participating online. Our congregation membership was 500 in 2005 and is 507 today. We are in excellent shape financially, our commitment to the Catonsville community remains strong and our generosity to the Synod and the ELCA, and a host of other ministries, is outstanding. For many years we have given away about 25% of the monies received each year. Bishop Gohl has said several times that is truly remarkable. Salem's solid situation in 2025 is because of your faithfulness and generosity. Our congregation is comprised of so many people who know the meaning of discipleship: faithfulness, generosity and loving service. Salem, and the wider Church, are stronger for it.

Our significant growing edge in the years to come will be to invite younger families to become part of our faith community. Under Pastor Carolyn's leadership, Salem is now involved in a cutting-edge Youth Formation Cooperative sponsored by the ECLA through a grant of the Lily Foundation. I encourage your support of this important endeavor.

Finally, I hope I will be able to say my good-byes to you at the June 7 dinner at the FOP Lodge or at one of my last worship services on June 22 or June 29. However, if you are unable to be at one of these events, please know how blessed I have been to be your Vicar, Associate Pastor and Pastor these past twenty years. Nancy and I will miss all of you very much. You will always be in our prayers. And know, too, that Salem's best days are ahead.

God's Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Dave



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Some of Pastor Dave's Numbers Since January 1, 2007

Since his official call on January 1, 2007, here are some of the more significant numbers:

Baptisms	161
Confirmed	96
Marriages	64
Salem Funerals	132
Non-Salem Funerals	267
New Disciples Received	476



2025 DE-MD SYNOD CONFERENCE AWARDS FOR LAY MINISTRY

Salem's very own Guy Davis received a Lay Ministry Award from the Delaware-Maryland Synod on May 4 at the Annual Celebration and Awards Program held at Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster, MD. The award was presented by Bishop Bill Gohl and the citation reads:

"Guy's the guy at Salem who makes a difference! He truly embodies lay ministry at Salem. He is involved in some facts of ministry, but most notable communications. He was Salem's webmaster for many years; stepping down this past December. He is also on the Communications Committee for the DE-MD Synod, pioneering video interviews of members as an online evangelism tool. In addition to his stellar communications work, Guy is a member of the Salem Church Council and has served as Salem Church Council president in the past. He has served as the head of the



Profile Committee for the last three pastoral vacancies, effectively surveying the congregation to create a genuine reflection of Salem for the Ministry Site Profile. But what makes Guy a truly exemplary lay leader is his spirituality. Guy is an avid reader of Scripture; he has a sustained and deep love of God's Word. He is also a proud Lutheran; even going so far as to write and perform in a play of Luther's life for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation! In casual conversation, in committee meetings, and in all communication, Guy's love of Christ shines through."

Congratulations Guy!

SALEM SCHOLARSHIP 2025 AWARDEES

The Salem Scholarship program was established in 1992 for the purpose of helping support our Salem young people pursue higher education. This year's high school seniors receiving Salem Scholarships are Jacob Gundlach and Samantha Shepherd.

Jacob Gundlach graduated from Catonsville High School on May 30. This fall he will be attending the Milwaukee School of Engineering to pursue a degree in software engineering. While at Catonsville High, Jacob enjoyed being a part of the Project Lead the Way Engineering Program and was a member of several honor societies, including the National Honor Society. His extracurricular activities included volunteering as a STEM Buddy at the Catonsville Library and Boy Scouts. Currently completing his Eagle Scout project, Jacob has also held leadership positions and participated in community service as part of his troop.

Samantha Shepherd graduated from Mount de Sales Academy on May 24. She plans to attend Gettysburg College in the fall to pursue a degree in history. While at Mount de Sales, Samantha was a member of several honor societies, including the National Honor Society. Her extracurricular activities included soccer, swimming, and dance. She has also been a Girl Scout since first grade, and in her 12 years of service has participated in multiple service projects and earned many awards, including the "10 year pin," the Bronze and Silver Awards, and the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award.

Congratulations, Jacob and Samantha! We wish you both much success.

-The Salem Scholarship Committee

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS!

It's time to begin thinking about renewing your Salem scholarship! The Salem Scholarship Committee welcomes applications for annual renewals from Salem Scholarship winners. Applications for Renewal are posted on the Salem web site under "For Salem Disciples". They can be completed once your final grades are in, and are due for by July 31. For further information, contact the church office or the committee chair, Sue Gdovin, at gdovin409@gmail.com

LITURGY AND REAL LIFE

Melanie Gibbons

In an adult forum conversation in early May, a reference was made to some of the language we use in our worship liturgy and its deep relevance to our lives. And someone made the comment/confession that they often don't think through the words that carefully during the service, and there were many murmurs of agreement about that point (including my own). It was a very brief moment in the wider conversation of the forum, but it struck me, because I think most of us would confess similarly, if pressed.

I grew up in the Lutheran church, so liturgy was formative for me in my experience of worship and has always been part of my life. Even so – perhaps especially so – it's easy for it to blend into the background, and for the words to become rote. And I've come to believe that even when that happens, the Spirit is still putting those words to work in our hearts and lives.

When we started attending Salem, I remember speaking to some new friends about their experience here. They had both been raised in different traditions, and when they first visited they were struck by how much of the liturgy was drawn directly from Scripture. I found that interesting – you'd think I would have known that, but honestly it wasn't something that anyone talked much about as I was growing up. Or maybe I just wasn't listening!

The first time I remember being truly aware of the meaning of the liturgy in my faith life was when I went away to college. I attended various churches with friends who had established relationships with those congregations, and it was beautiful and interesting to experience many different traditions. And then one day I met a classmate who was attending a little ELCA mission congregation in town – under a bar and beside a tattoo parlor in a nondescript shopping center – and went with her one week. When Pastor Meredith sang the communion liturgy, I was surprised to find myself quietly weeping – I felt like I'd come home. And I stayed in that congregation for the next four years as they grew and moved to a larger space. That community truly was my home away from home. (Damien and I even got married there!)

And then there was the time that I had an opportunity to travel to Tanzania when I worked for Lutheran World Relief. We attended a Lutheran church service there, which was entirely in Swahili. And though the language was unfamiliar to me, I always knew where we were in the rhythms of the liturgy and felt very present and connected. That's the power of liturgy across global traditions.

At various points in my life, phrases – spoken or sung – from the liturgy have popped up when least expected. I remember a period of discernment years ago that was very difficult for me, and at some point in that process I began waking up in the morning with the words of the Kyrie on repeat in my head: "In peace, let us pray to the Lord...for the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord..." And it did give me peace. I felt God's peace that passes all understanding descending on my Spirit, easing my anxiety, and helping me think more clearly. This morning ritual went on for maybe three or four weeks, at which point I suppose I must have made a decision, because one day I realized the soundtrack hadn't played for a few days.

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Most recently, as the strain of our current political situation has weighed on me, a different piece of the liturgy has often come to mind, unbidden, from the end of the Confession: "...forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name." These words call me to repentance, remind me that I'm not in charge (whew!), and also call me to **delight** – this has been a life-giving reminder in these times.

In Parker Palmer's book *On the Brink of Everything*, he quotes a Hasidic tale that goes like this:

A disciple asks the rebbe: "Why does Torah tell us to 'place these words upon your hearts'? Why does it not tell us to place these holy words in our hearts?" The rebbe answers: "It is because as we are, our hearts are closed, and we cannot place the holy words in our hearts. So we place them on top of our hearts. And there they stay until, one day, the heart breaks and the words fall in."

Our liturgical tradition is one way we place God's word on our hearts. As we live, and as our hearts break, the words fall in, nourishing us and giving us life.

Should we strive to be more present and intentional in worship? Of course. Will every element of the service strike our spirits every week? Not likely. And that's okay. The Spirit knows where we each are week to week and meets us there. Even in what seem like more passive moments, like our liturgy, the Spirit is at work. Thanks be to God for that!

SALEM FINANCIALS

April

General Fund

Receipts to Date	233,514.47
Expenses to Date	229,193.44
Difference	4,321.03

Budget to Date	209,700.00
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R.S.V.P

Receipts to Date	14,261.00
Disbursement to Date	16,858.06
Difference	2,597.06
Balance to Date	111,193.67

NEW DISCIPLES JOIN SALEM

Angela Anderson-Cobb is a new member from St. Philip's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Baltimore. She brings to us many years of musical experience, and has sung in church choirs since she can remember. Angela also likes to read, write and crochet. She has been a lifelong Lutheran and two of her daughters were members of the LYO. Her daughters also went to Vacation Bible School at Salem. She has also been a teacher at St. David's Episcopal Church.

Corey Elliott Cobb is the 13-year-old son of Angela Anderson-Cobb and is in 7th grade. He enjoys gaming, art and writing and is currently one of our confirmands with Pastor Carolyn. He likes to go by the name "El".

Both Angela and her son feel that Salem is truly their home. We welcome them!



As a child, I spent a lot of time in the Miller home taking piano lessons with Mary and playing with the youngest child, Holly. Being an only child, Holly, Dan, and Mike were quite the introduction to having siblings. My memories of time spent with them are full of laughter and love.

About five years ago, I ran into **Dan Miller** and had the pleasure of meeting his then-girlfriend **Natalie**. Together they embody all of that joy and love I remember from my childhood. Here's what you need to know about one of Salem's sweetest families.

The two grew up in Catonsville. Natalie was baptized Catholic and went to St. Agnes Catholic School. They both attended Catonsville High and were friends while at school. After high school, Natalie moved to St. John in the Virgin Islands and the two remained in touch. In 2015 Dan went to visit her and they began dating. They were married in 2019 and have two beautiful children, **Kevin** and **Michelle**.

When not working for Howard County, you'll find this couple outside. Dan enjoys fishing, hunting and running. Natalie's hobbies are gardening, hiking, dancing and also fishing.

Thanks to our organist Mary and some close friends, Natalie and Dan started bringing their little ones to Sunday school about two years ago. They thoroughly enjoy the program and at the 11 o'clock service the family sits towards the back of the sanctuary. Dan is also interested in helping with our grounds maintenance and fixing things around the building.

The two find that Salem fits the structure and faith they desire. Their hope is to continue learning about their faith, right alongside their wonderful children. Welcome to Salem, Miller family!

--- Christy Hensler-Davis



THE HISTORY OF EQUAL EXCHANGE (PART 2)

Written By Greta Merrick

Farmer partners

In those early years, the founders didn't know how to find small-scale farmers to trade with under the enlightened terms that they had envisioned. They spent much of their time trying to identify democratically run farmer groups, understand the internal structure of farmer co-ops, and determine product quality. There was a dramatic learning curve in many areas, including their fluency in Spanish.

Slowly, but steadily, Equal Exchange located farmer groups and added coffees from cooperatives in Latin America and Africa. By 1991 Equal Exchange had become part of the European Fair Trade network — aligning with groups that were at least a decade ahead of what was happening in the U.S. That movement in Europe was growing rapidly and counterparts there helped the company establish links with farmer cooperatives worldwide.

Tea also seemed like a step in the right direction. First, it was a commodity consumed by millions and second, it was a natural complement to coffee. The founders were already in close contact with representatives from a village movement in Sri Lanka, and by 1987 Equal Exchange brought in its first high-quality black tea. After confronting many obstacles, including a civil war in Sri Lanka, this initial effort eventually failed—only to be followed 10 years later by a successful tea line from India. Today, in an industry dominated by plantations, Equal Exchange is working to establish markets for small-scale tea farmers from India, Sri Lanka, and South Africa.

A growing worker co-op

Around 1991, Equal Exchange established itself as a Fair Trade specialty coffee company, offering loyal food co-op customers a store bin system with a full line of beans, decaf coffee, different roasts, and flavored coffees. By the end of the year what had once been the "pipe dream" of reaching \$1 million in sales had become a reality.

By 1994, Equal Exchange was a worker-owned cooperative with 20 members—with departments, managers, and a growing number of outside investors. A pivotal early investment by the Adrian Dominican Sisters helped to alert others that this undertaking, however risky, might be worthy of outside financial support.

Another exciting chapter in our history started in 1996, when Equal Exchange joined with Lutheran World Relief in a pathbreaking collaboration to launch what has now become our Interfaith Program. This major initiative helped Equal Exchange create partnerships with communities of faith throughout the U.S. Over the next seven years more than 10,000 congregations across the U.S. began using our Fair Trade coffee.

The idea of Fair Trade had caught on among a small but growing segment of American consumers during this same period. In 1998, a system of Fair Trade product certification was launched in the U.S. This was also the year that an Equal Exchange office opened in Oregon to support the growth of West Coast sales.

Cocoa and chocolate join the mix

In 2001, we polled our Interfaith partners to determine what new Fair Trade products would inspire them. The response from congregations could be summed up in a single word: "cocoa." With this in mind, we put together a hot cocoa mix that met our standards of quality and social responsibility — a partnership between cocoa, sugar, and dairy cooperatives.

Our hot cocoa mix has helped us reach out to a different group of farmers and has provided options for people who want to be certain that their cocoa is not being harvested by slave or child labor. It has allowed children in the U.S. to participate in promoting Fair Trade along with their parents. *(continued)*

A year after successfully launching the hot cocoa mix, we added baking cocoa powder.

The next logical step was to introduce Fair Trade chocolate bars, which we did in 2004. Three varieties of Equal Exchange bars meant working with ingredients sourced from around the world. The chocolate bars met with an enthusiastic reception by Equal Exchange supporters of all ages. Through the bars, we have brought our work with cocoa farmers to the next level — and provided consumers with an alternative to West African chocolate tainted by slavery.

Over 30 years and counting

Today, Equal Exchange is a thriving model of Fair Trade that has exceeded our founders' original vision. With over 30 years of experience behind us — a history replete with successes, failures, innovative partnerships, exciting new products, and inspiring stories — we are nevertheless humbled by just how far we still need to go. Not so long ago, the specialty coffee industry dismissed our vision of more equitable relationships with farmers as unrealistic. Today there are some 400 coffee companies purchasing at least a small portion of their coffee under Fair Trade terms.

But the growth of Fair Trade has not come without profound challenges. The acceptance of large plantations and corporations such as Nestlé into the Fair Trade labeling system calls into question the very underpinnings of the certification system of which we are a part. And even with our successes, most small-scale farmers around the world remain impoverished and at the mercy of volatile and complex commodity systems.

Over the next few decades, Equal Exchange needs to engage and collaborate with like-minded partners and stakeholders throughout the Fair Trade system if we are to continue to transform how business is done. Our vision includes breaking new ground by bringing Fair Trade home—by fostering direct relationships with family farmers here in the United States. Our collective achievements of the past 30 years prove that we can create change beyond our wildest dreams.

SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR FAIR TRADE CART

The schedule for the Fair-Trade Cart is changing starting in June to take advantage of advertisement opportunities in the Monarch. Starting in June, the Fair-Trade Cart will be available at the following times:

- After the service on the second Saturday of the month (e.g., June 14th)
- After the first service on the second Sunday of the month (e.g., June 8th)

Before and after the second service on the second Sunday of the month (e.g., June 8th)

Please note that sales for Sunday mornings and Saturday afternoons may not occur on the same weekend, as the second Saturday may occur after the second Sunday (e.g., June).



SALEM PLAYERS AUDITIONS



Salem Players will hold auditions for the fall musical **70, Girls, 70** on Thursday June 5, and Friday June 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. All roles, leads and ensemble, are open. Please come prepared to sing a song of your choosing, an accompanist will be provided.

Music and lyrics are by Kander & Ebb also known for *Cabaret* and *Chicago* and are based on the 1958 play *Breath of Spring* by Peter Coke. **70, Girls, 70** features a host of great musical comedy roles for older actors. When their Upper West Side retirement hotel, the New Sussex Arms, is slated to be sold to developers, a group of larcenous old folks begins stealing and reselling furs from various New York City stores in order to buy the building for themselves. The show's tuneful score includes "Coffee in A Cardboard Cup," "Go Visit Your Grandmother" and "Yes."

E-CYCLING DATE FOR SALEM

Clean out the garage, and bring your electronic junk! Salem Technology Committee will be hosting an electronics recycling day on Saturday **June 21 from 10 a.m. to Noon.**

Junkluggers will bring their truck to the church parking lot to collect computers, monitors, Christmas lights, cell phones, tablets, small appliances, **"anything with a plug or battery."** Working or not working, these items will be recycled responsibly.

GUARDIANS OF EDEN NEWS

Reservations for another Hart-Miller Island tour have been made. New date is **Tuesday, September 30th from 9 a.m. to noon.** The event is free and carpooling with meeting at Salem will be our mode of transport. Contact Norma at henslerdavis@gmail.com if you'd like to sign up. Space is limited as the group travels by modest sized boat to the Island itself.

As GOE does not meet in July or August, please note that our next committee meeting will be **Monay, September 8th at 7 p.m.** as Labor Day falls on the first Monday of September. Our regular meeting date is the first Monday of the month, however it is changed for September. We meet in the Katie Luther Room which has been reserved through Jeff, our Office Admin, on the Salem calendar.

Ken Scarlatelli and Sharon Schueler are Co-Chairs of the GOE committee. Ken also serves on the Board of the nonprofit Serenity Ridge Conservation Area and Arboretum. Reach out to them should you have questions or would like to become a part of the committee.

HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

Bus trip to Suicide Bridge still has a few openings; if interested in attending, please contact me soon to reserve your seat. The steamed crabs are delicious as well as the Maryland crab soup, fried chicken, clam strips, corn on the cob, cole slaw and dessert. Date is Wednesday, August 6th; cost of the trip is \$110 all inclusive. Deadline for reservations and payment is July 1st.

Want to see beautiful gardens that were originally developed and maintained by Pierre duPont {1870-1954} on a farm that he purchased to save the historic trees there from being sold as just lumber? Then travel with Old Salem to **Longwood Gardens on Friday, September 26th**. Our very own personal tour guide, **Tim Jennings**, will take us through the duPont home which still stands within the Gardens, the Conservatory, and the magnificent Fountain Show Display. Lunch is on your own at the Garden Cafe' for a nominal fee. After leaving Longwood, we'll make a short stop on the way home to the Amish Markets and Gardens. Cost is \$90 inclusive for the bus transportation and the entrance fee to the Gardens. Only 40 spaces available. Reservations and payment due by August 23rd.

And **HOLD THE DATE PLEASE** for our Christmas bus trip on **Wednesday, December 3rd** to the Riverside Center for the Performing Arts in Fredericksburg, Virginia. It's a dinner theater, serving you at your table with a choice of entrees before enjoying the wonderful "White Christmas" play. This is a perfect start for our Christmas celebrations. Have reserved 40 tickets @ \$130 per person; price includes dinner, show, tax, gratuity and transportation. Monies due November 3rd; but taking reservations now.

NOTE: Our annual Christmas Open House originally scheduled for Saturday, December 13th has been cancelled this year in lieu of our Christmas bus trip.

If you are interested in joining the Old Salem Board of Directors or would just like some additional information, please let me know. We welcome everyone to join us. It's not a strenuous responsibility and the members are a wonderful group of people {some Salem and some community members} working together to maintain the Old Salem Church and surrounding cemetery located at 701 Ingleside Avenue.

Our **next Board meeting is Wednesday, August 20th at 7 p.m. at Salem Church in the Katie Luther Room**, 905 Frederick Road. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

WHAT'S IN THE SHOWCASE

Robin and Rusty Schaefer shared their Mug collection throughout May and what a collection it is. A number of them are souvenirs from their train and cruise travels across America.

Hope you had an opportunity to check them out. Thank you, Robin and Rusty, for the fascinating showcase.

Guy Davis highlights his beautiful photos sharing his and Norma's travels all over the globe in June. He brings to life the wonderful experiences he and Norma have enjoyed through the years. Thank you, Guy.

Want to do a showcase? Any committee-share what your group does or any individual with your own wonderful collection? **Need volunteers for August or September.** If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sharon-memsha7311@gmail.com or leave a note with your name and showcase date and idea in the Historic Old Salem mailbox outside the main church office. I'll contact you.

MAY CHILDREN MINISTRY

The theme for May was Evangelism and Sharing how to be good disciples. We started with talking about joy and how to spread joy. The children did a craft of gluing Fruit Loops to the word joy. We had a lesson on Love; we talked about who loves us, who we love, and how to show love. We finished the year with a service project of Birthday Boxes to donate to CEA. We are happy to announce through all of the congregation's generous donations we were able to donate 172 boxes.





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April 2025

Pastor David K. Asendorf
Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Catonsville, MD 21228-4517

Dear Pastor Asendorf:

On behalf of our Board of Directors, volunteers, staff, and most importantly, those we serve, please accept my deepest gratitude for the thoughtful donation of \$1,300.00 received on 3/11/2025 in support of Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland.

Because of generous donors like you and our more than 2,000 dedicated volunteers, we deliver over 4,500 meals a day to older adults who rely on us for nourishment, social support, and peace of mind.

Your contribution not only provides meal delivery, but it also ensures access to the other safety net support services that make us *'more than a meal'™* – services such as pet food delivery, home repairs and safety modifications, and regular wellness checks.

As the older adult community continues to grow, our services are more important now than ever. Despite the many challenges of today, we remain determined to fulfill our mission to keep homebound aging and disabled adults living safely and independently at home. As we look toward the future, with you by our side, we are confident in our ability to serve.

Thank you again for your kind support. We accept it as confirmation that you share our vision for a community in which aging is defined by health, dignity, independence, and self-determination.

For more information on our services and the impact your gift makes, please visit www.mealsonwheelsmd.org.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie Archer-Smith".

Stephanie Archer-Smith
Executive Director and CEO

Thank You!



Dear people of Salem,
As Lutheran World Relief celebrates our 80th anniversary this year, I reflect on congregations like you who make this work possible. We are so grateful for your ongoing generosity and love you share with our neighbors in need around the world.

In gratitude,
Emma Wagner

**THANK
YOU**



Thank You!

April 23, 2025

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

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your congregation's gift of \$6,032.89. I am so grateful for your generous support of Lutheran World Relief! It is because of caring congregations like yours that Lutheran World Relief has been able to serve our hurting world for 80 years, and it is because of your compassion that our ministry together will continue helping children and families who need it most.

I pray that one day, our work together will no longer be needed. I pray that one day, all our neighbors near and far will live in a world free of poverty, injustice and suffering. Until that day, I am grateful to count on your church to answer the call to help people in their time of need. It is no exaggeration to say your generosity truly saves lives and makes a brighter future possible.

Our team loves hearing from you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 800 597 5972 or at congregations@lwr.org. You'll also find inspiring stories and videos to share with your church at lwr.org/congregations. And of course, please connect with us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates on your impact.

Yours always in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel Speckhard".

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard
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 \$6,032.89-LWR.



May 20, 2025

Rev David Asendorf
Salem Lutheran Church
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Dear Pastor Dave & Congregation,

Thank you for your donation of \$1,429.00. Catonsville Emergency Assistance continues to serve our neighbors because of the generosity of donors like you!

Your gift will help us meet the challenge of steady growth as an increasing number of neighbors continue to seek our help. We exist to ensure that local families have a place to come when they need food, utility, and eviction assistance. In the past year, we served nearly 700 people in 294 households. As a partner of the Maryland Food Bank, we distributed over 106,000 pounds of fresh and shelf-stable food as well.

Thank you for your commitment to our mission of **Neighbors Helping Neighbors!**

With heartfelt gratitude,



Caitlin Kirby
Executive Director

*Thank you so
much for your
continued support!
All the Best -
CK*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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.

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AT THE BAPTISMAL FONT

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ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2024

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Livestream	Weekly* Total
		First	Second		
Apr 26/27	32	51	89	8/39	219
May 3/4	15	70	107	6/31	229
May 10/11	19	71	123	13/30	256
May 17/18	24	70	97	17/24	232
May 24/25	20	82	85	10/27	224

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

Livestream data are not available. A future Monarch edition will provide this information.



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 salemttech@saalem-catonsville.org.

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