



THE MONARCH

FIRST SALEM COMMUNITY MEAL—OCTOBER 2ND AT 6:00 PM

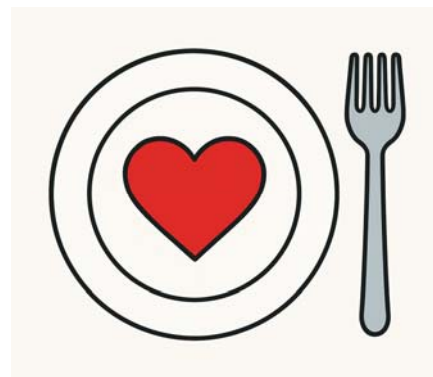
Breaking Bread—Building Community

Join us for our first community meal where we hope to build relationships within and beyond Salem's walls through a monthly dinner together.

As this is our first meal, we're requesting folks sign up in the narthex to let the planners know how many mouths to feed. Feel free to invite friends along too. You can also help out in a variety of ways—by signing up to be a greeter, cook, set up, clean up, servers, and even as a shopper!

Our first planned meal:

- hot dogs
- baked beans and potato chips
- mac & cheese
- vegetarian chili
- Iced tea, water, and juices for drinks and assorted cookies for dessert



Whether you're hungry for food or friendship, you're welcome at our table.

More than just a meal, this is a place to belong.

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PASTORAL MUSINGS

Any new beginning is a time of adjustment and exploration. It is a time to introduce yourself and to become acquainted with the individuals and workings of a new place. I have always looked forward to new starts as it provides a time to explore a new situation and to adjust the perceptions that others will form of you. My start at Salem came with little warning or ability to prepare so I sort of just showed up and hoped for the best. Well, I can say with all honesty it has been a true joy to be a part of the Salem community. This congregation is a welcoming, gracious, supportive and mission-oriented place. There is an atmosphere of respect and care for each other and the community not always present in a congregation. Having said this with confidence, I also need to say there is always room for deeper connections and ministry. This is a time to dream about what lies ahead for Salem and how this new future opens up possibilities. I am hopeful you will share such dreams and thoughts with me and others. There are some ideas I also have and will work with Pastor Carolyn and leadership to explore. These ideas are not so much to change anything as to add to the richness and depth of experiences that could be offered. I will share these with you as I again hope you will share yours.

Faith is an active and growing phenomenon of life. If faith stagnates it loses its energy and power so exploring new experiences and spirituality helps keep faith alive. This does not mean there is not great and active faith at Salem at present because there is. I am suggesting this could be a time to deepen our faith and understanding of witnessing to our faith in this battered world. You will be hearing more on this soon.

I also ask for your prayers for myself, Pastor Carolyn, Jeff, Mary and Joey (our staff at Salem) as we work to enhance the spirit of this congregation and to serve God by serving you. I also ask for your prayers for the officers and church council members as they help lead us in this time of transition. And I give thanks for your partnership in the life and ministry of Christ's Church here at Salem.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Stan

WELCOME PASTOR STAN!

On August 24, Salem held a reception for our Interim Senior Pastor Stan Steele. Thanks to the Christian Fellowship Committee for the reception!



Please accept my sincere thanks for the welcome receptions for my arrival at Salem. Special thanks to all who helped to organize, host, prepare and clean up. Salem has shown such great hospitality to my arrival and presence. I am blessed to be here as the Interim Senior Pastor and have the opportunity to be among you to share in this ministry. Salem is a special place full of devoted disciples of Christ who daily express your faith in words and deeds. Again my thanks for your gracious welcome and partnership.

Pastor Stan

SUNDAY SCHOOL 2025 - 2026

Rally Day is September 7th at 9:45 am! Please note the NEW TIME as the early service has shifted to 8:30 am. All families with children between the ages of 3 years old and 5th grade are invited to join us as we kick off the Sunday School year in Bethany Hall (younger siblings are welcome to attend Rally Day!). Our theme this year is **God from A to Z** and we will use stories, crafts and fun activities to explore God and the Bible through the alphabet. **Please complete the online registration form that can be found by scanning the QR code.**

Questions? Email Eileen Merriman at esavage109@yahoo.com or call or text 443-904-0256.

We are also *always* looking for new volunteers or activity ideas! If you are a Sunday School parent or just someone who loves to come up with craft or activity ideas, we would love to hear from you!



YOUTH GROUP FALL 2025

Look forward to another year of faith, fellowship, and fun with youth group! One big change this year—youth group will be meeting every Sunday between services! This will allow for more time together as a group and opportunities to spiritually engage post-confirmation. Grades six and up are welcome to attend and bring a friend!

Upcoming events:

September 12-13 – Kick Off Party and Fall Lock In

Our most requested event by youth! We'll have evening activities and an option to stay the night in the church. [Please sign up with this form](#) (accessible via electronic Monarch).

September 28 – Youth Sunday

Youth lead worship at Salem!

Last but not least, save the date for the synod-wide youth group event on **Nov. 21-23, 2025** at Skycroft Conference Center, Myersville, MD. Salem youth Anna Morgan and Autumn McKlveen will be helping lead this event with the Lutheran Youth Organization. Sign up coming soon!

GUARDIANS OF EDEN NEWS

The Hart-Miller Island tour date is **Tuesday, September 30th from 9 am to noon**. The event is free and car pooling with meeting at Salem will be our mode of transport. Space is limited to 20 persons as the group travels by a modest sized boat to the Island itself. There is a sign up sheet attached to the GOE bulletin board in the first floor hallway and we hope you will plan to go on the trip.

Please note that our next committee meeting will be **Tuesday, September 8th at 7 pm** as Labor Day falls on the first Monday of September. We meet in the Upper Room.

Ken Scarlatelli and Sharon Schueler are Co-Chairs of the GOE committee. Reach out to them should you have questions or would like to become a part of the committee. Ken's email is kenscarlatelli@gmail.com and Sharon's email is sharonpisces57@gmail.com.

LISTENING SESSIONS FOR SENIOR PASTOR PROFILE

It has been several months since we first sent out the questionnaire for the Profile Report for our new Senior Pastor. Pr. Dave has left and Pr. Stan is now serving as our Interim Senior Pastor. The Profile Committee is offering Listening Sessions for you to provide additional input on what you would like to see in our new Senior Pastor. These sessions will be after each worship service on Saturday, September 20 and Sunday, September 21 in the Wittenberg Room. If you prefer, you can leave a note in Guy Davis's mailbox across from the rest rooms, send him an email at guyddavisphd@gmail.com, or complete this [Google Form](#) (accessible on electronic Monarch).

SALEM ANGELS UPDATE

The last Monarch contained an article appealing for volunteers to serve in Salem Angels' ministries in serving at funeral receptions and in providing meals for members who are ill. Fortunately, seven new volunteers who are willing to prepare meals enable Salem Angels to continue providing meals for members who are convalescing due to illness. Thank you, thank you! Customarily we will provide two meals for that person and their immediate household or caregiver.

We regret that we did not receive sufficient response to continue to provide our coordination and serving of funeral receptions, which is typically a five hour commitment. Family members are still welcome to hold funeral receptions in Bethany Hall, but without the assistance of Salem Angels.

Please note that Salem's other receptions will continue, such as when new members join, or for a specific celebration or milestone or simply for social time. Those receptions are coordinated by Christian Fellowship and Social Ministry.

A request for meals may be made by contacting the church office or reaching out to one of us. And, if you feel inspired to join this ministry, we'd be glad to hear from you!

With gratitude for our seven new volunteers,
Darla Sando, Vicky Whetstone and Linda Zielger

REFUGEE TASK FORCE UPDATE

The Refugee task force is taking a brief hiatus since the Durrani family is now independent. The family is doing well, Rohail just planning to attend CCBC while working from home to help support the family. Saba graduated from high school and hopes to attend CCBC in the fall. Masooma is seeking a new position at Baltimore County Public schools cafeteria. Lima is 16 and enjoying summer.

Global Refuge Update:

- August has been 4 years since the Taliban take over of Afghanistan.
- There has been no extension of Parole Status which can result in job and drivers license loss. Global Refuge and others groups urged the administration to extend the process.
- TPS (Temporary Protected Status) can be in addition to Parole, created by Congress in 1990 by Congress, also terminated by the administration. This has been challenged by CASA, a refugee advocacy group.

If you are inclined to help, check the Global Refuge website for specifics and contact your Senators and Representatives.

Thanks, Beth Rodgers

PLANNING NOW FOR MARKETPLACE 2025 – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

Want to volunteer for this year's Marketplace? Come to our next meeting on **Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:45 pm in the Katie Luther Room**. We will be confirming vendors for the Crafts Area in Bethany Hall and for the White Elephant Vendors {with their own table set up} in Reformation Hall. Both areas have a \$25 charge for a table provided by Salem; \$20 if you provide your own table, which must be within a 3' X 8' space.

REMEMBER PLEASE: THE COMMITTEE IS NOT ACCEPTING ANY WHITE ELEPHANT ITEMS AT ALL THIS YEAR. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING IN ANY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOM OR REFORMATION HALL. We want you to get involved and set up your own table and join in the fun that day.

We are looking for volunteers to help set up tables in Reformation Hall, Bethany Hall and in the Narthex for the Silent Auction on Friday, October 31st any time between 9 am and 4 pm or even Saturday morning at 7:30 am. Questions and/or concerns, please contact Pat Jennings {Silent Auction items}, or Dee Trimble or Sharon Stanton, Co-Chairs of this year's Marketplace Event.

GATHER UP YOUR UNWANTED JEWELRY



Isn't it fun to look at sparkly things and bling that's really cheap?! That's what you can do again this year at the jewelry table at Salem's annual Marketplace. So, gather up your unwanted jewelry and donate it to the Marketplace. Starting mid-September, you'll find a large basket on the wooden table just outside the sanctuary marked "Marketplace Jewelry". Feel free to place your goodies in that basket on your way into worship. Or, you may drop off your donations at the church office during business hours.

Please do not donate jewelry that is broken. Also, please keep earrings together as pairs. It's not necessary to put everything in its own individual bag, but it's helpful to keep "like" items together. All jewelry is acceptable – necklaces, bracelets, earrings, rings, pins, charms and watches. Jewelry donations must be donated by Sunday, October 26. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Vicky Whetstone at edward-victoria@verizon.net or text 410-493-6162. Help the jewelry table bring in more money than the bake table!

FINANCIAL DATA

July	
General Fund	
Receipts to Date	358,619.27
Expenses to Date	386,603.45
Difference	27,984.18
Budget to Date	373,440.00
R.S.V.P	
Receipts to Date	22,107.00
Disbursement to Date	18,904.60
Difference	3,202.40

(Carryover balance from 2024: \$30485.05)

SALEM'S MUSIC

I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who may be interested in being a part of our wonderful music program.

If you love to sing or play a brass instrument or ring a bell or two, please consider joining us in such a great way to worship.

Our choirs:

- Adult choir (9th grade and up)
 - We have 2 rehearsals. One on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 and another between services on Sunday mornings. You do not have to come to both. We come together at 9:30 to rehearse together in the choir loft.
- St Davids choir (2nd grade through 8th)
 - This choir meets Thursdays from 6 to 7 in the choir room. We have so much fun and sing once a month at the early service.
- Bell choir (all ages)
 - This choir meets Tuesdays from 7:15 to 8:15. Music reading is a must and we only have 1 place available. So please contact me early if you are interested.
- Salem Brass
 - This choir is led by Michael Fitch. We are in need of a Trombone player but other brass instruments are welcome. This choir plays high Sundays and other services throughout the year.
- Salem Saturday Singers.
 - This group is led by Sid Meier. They play during the Saturday 5:00 p.m. service with rehearsal the hour before.



Our music program has been such a blessing to our congregation and worshipping our God.

Please know that all are welcome. Come and see me or email me if you are interested in joining this blessed way to worship our Lord.

Bless you , Mary Miller

WHAT'S IN THE SHOWCASE

The wonderful and creative Stitchcrafter ladies who meet on Thursday mornings in the Wittenburg room at 10 am displayed their beautiful creations in August. The items were lovely. Many thanks to these ladies who work faithfully all year long to share them with so many organizations, i.e., Seafarer's Christmas-At-Sea Ministry, Baby Blankets to Baltimore's Early Head Start Program and Layette Sweaters to Lutheran World Relief, to name a few. September rolls in as Sue Gdovin and Christy Hensler-Davis provide information about Salem's Scholarship program and welcome in Fall as our youth prepare to go back into the schoolhouses!



Showcase displays have been reserved now for the rest of 2025; however, if you would like to share your committee's projects/events or your own private collection, we are scheduling into 2026. March 2026 is our first Open Date. 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.

FAIR TRADE UPDATE

As was anticipated and mentioned in an earlier Monarch article, the price of fair trade coffee will be increasing. (Increases in fair trade chocolate will not occur until later in the year after it is ordered.) 10-12 oz. bags of regular and decaf coffee will now be \$10, and 16 oz. bags of regular coffee (i.e., Organic Sisters' Blend Coffee) will now be \$11.

The good news regarding fair trade coffee is that the following flavors will be added to the cart in September: Organic French Roast Coffee, 10oz bag, whole bean; Toffee Caramel Coffee, 12oz drip grind; Hazelnut Crème Coffee, 12oz drip grind; and Hazelnut Crème Decaf Coffee, 12oz drip grind. We previously had the latter three on the cart, but they had been sold out until now.

Fair Trade Chocolate, Coffee, Tea, and Cocoa will be available for purchase in the narthex at the following times in September: After the 5pm service on Saturday, 13 September; after the 8:30am service on Sunday, 14 September; and before and after the 11am service on Sunday, 14 September

Thank you in advance for your support of Fair Trade. Please contact Jim Kempton if you like to purchase Fair Trade products outside of the listed times.

EQUAL EXCHANGE'S MODEL: AUTHENTIC FREE TRADE



In 1986, Equal Exchange was founded to 1) challenge the existing trade model, which favors large plantations, agri-business, and multi-national corporations; 2) support small farmers; and 3) connect consumers and producers through information, education, and the exchange of products in the marketplace. With their founding, they joined a growing movement of small farmers, alternative trader organizations (ATOs), religious organizations, and non-profits throughout the world with like-minded principles and objectives. Underlying their work is the belief that only through organization, can small farmers survive and thrive. The cooperative model has been essential for building this model of change.

Standards and practices

Fair Trade is a way of doing business that ultimately aims to keep small farmers as an active part of the world marketplace; it also aims to empower consumers to make purchases that support their values. Fair Trade is a set of business practices voluntarily adopted by the producers and buyers of agricultural commodities and hand-made crafts that are designed to advance many economic, social and environmental goals, including:

- Raising and stabilizing the incomes of small-scale farmers, farm workers, and artisans
- More equitably distributing the economic gains, opportunities and risks associated with the production and sale of these goods
- Increasing the organizational and commercial capacities of producer groups
- Supporting democratically owned and controlled producer organizations
- Promoting labor rights and the right of workers to organize
- Promoting safe and sustainable farming methods and working conditions
- Connecting consumers and producers
- Increasing consumer awareness and engagement with issues affecting producers

The Fair Trade practices that advance these goals typically, but not always, include:

- Direct trade relationships and long term contracts between importers and producer groups
- Sourcing from small-farmer or artisan co-operatives
- Higher than conventional market prices, either through above-market premiums and/or price floors
- The provision of affordable credit
- Adherence to the policies of the International Labor Organization, especially those concerning child and forced labor and the right to collective bargaining
- The prohibition of the use of more dangerous pesticides and herbicides
- Substantial price premiums to produce certified organic crops
- External monitoring, auditing, and certification of these practices by independent third parties

History of Fair Trade

Fair Trade started with individual companies (i.e., ATOs), who made a commitment to work directly with indigenous peoples and to market their products directly to consumers. By cutting out middlemen, ATOs have been able to pay farmers substantially more while offering a competitive product.

Later, organizations, like the World Fair Trade Organization, were formed to communicate ideas about Fair Trade. With the introduction of Fair Trade certification organizations, like TransFair USA, products from around the world started to be certified as fairly traded. In an endeavor to place a world standard on what is fair, these labeling organizations came together and formed the Fairtrade Labelling Organization (FLO).

Deep controversies in the Fair Trade movement have been simmering over the past decade. Fair Trade USA (formerly TransFair USA) has slowly, but steadily, chipped away at principles and values of Fair Trade. They have taken the name Fair Trade USA; they have proceeded to leave the international Fair Trade System (FLO International/FairTrade International), lower standards, eliminate farmers from their governance model, and invite large-scale plantations into coffee and all other commodities. This is not Fair Trade.

Fair Trade is for small farmers and small producers who are democratically organized. If you take democracy out of this model, one has traditional aid, which TransFair USA and the European certifiers are now trying to call Fair Trade.

Equal Exchange appreciates the long-time allies, including Salem, and their ongoing commitment to them, small farmer co-operatives, and authentic Fair Trade. It is because of our commitment that small farmer organizations across the world have achieved the level of success they currently enjoy.

Help support authentic Fair Trade

The easiest way to support authentic Fair Trade is to purchase fairly traded products from small farmers. By supporting Equal Exchange, you join a movement to reclaim the food system – to make it better for farmers, consumers, and the earth. Thank you for your purchases of Fair Trade chocolate, coffee, tea, and cocoa.



70, GIRLS, 70

book by **Fred Ebb and Norman L. Martin**

music by **John Kander**

lyrics by **Fred Ebb**

directed by

Tommy Rinaldi

**October 17,
18, 24, 25**

at 7:30 pm

October 19, 26

at 2:00 pm

tickets:

<https://salemcatonsville.seatyourself.biz>



905 Frederick Road
Catonsville, MD 21228



70, Girls, 70 is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals. www.concordtheatricals.com

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SATURDAY

Save the date: "God's Work, Our Hands" at Salem is set for September 6 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Numerous activities from which to choose are being planned. Projects include cooking, knitting/crocheting, letter writing, weeding, and more. There's a sign-up sheet in the foyer or just show up and join in! If you're unable to participate in this annual day of service at that time, there is another way to be involved. From now until the first weekend in September, donations of non-perishable food to Catonsville Emergency Assistance (CEA) will count as participation. Especially needed are baked beans, oatmeal, cereal, peanut butter, and canned meats/tuna. Leave your donations in the hamper in Salem's foyer. Let's fill the shelves of CEA's pantry!

HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

Had a wonderful bus trip to Suicide Bridge on August 6th. Good time, great company, and absolutely delicious steamed crabs and other food. Perfect day for a cruise up the Choptank River on a paddle wheel boat. If you missed this one, perhaps you'll consider going with Old Salem next year. And for those of you who did attend, hope you'll return again with us.

Old Salem Board members will host our Fall Open House and Program at 701 Ingleside Avenue on Sunday, September 21st at 2 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. We'll host Guy Davis who will share lots of his photos {on a big screen} from Antarctica and Alaska. Come enjoy the afternoon traveling with Guy and Norma. And of course, as always, share the Board's delicious sweet treats. Parking is available across the street in front of the fenced area and also at the Beltway West Corporate Center adjacent to the church's cemetery.

Want to see beautiful gardens that were originally developed and maintained by Pierre du Pont {1870-1954} on a farm that he purchased to save the historic trees there from being sold as just lumber? Travel with Old Salem to Longwood Gardens on Friday, September 26th. Reservations are now limited – 6 available seats left. Our very own personal tour guide, Tim Jennings, will take us to the du Pont home which still stands within the Gardens, the newly reconstructed 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 at the Amish Market and Gardens. Cost is \$90 inclusive for the bus transportation and the Garden's entrance fee. **MONEY IS DUE NOW, PLEASE AND THANK YOU!**

And **HOLD THE DATE** 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" show. This is a perfect start for our Christmas celebrations. Have reserved 29 spots already out of 40 tickets. Cost is \$130 per person which includes dinner, show, tax, gratuity and transportation. Monies due November 3rd. Space is filling up fast, so don't wait to make your reservation.

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 Quarterly Board meeting is Wednesday, November 20th at 7 pm 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 for the bus trips.

ADULT FORUM IN SEPTEMBER

The Adult Forum will kick off on Sunday September 14, with a 4-week discussion led by Earl Ruley on Science and Christian Faith. Presentations will explore how science has transformed our understanding of God's creation and the implications for faith in the 21st century.



Thank You!

August 14, 2025

Salem Lutheran Church
905 Frederick Rd.
Catonsville, MD 21228

Dear Salem Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation of \$1,350.00. 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

Caitlin Kirby
Executive Director

*Thank you
for your congregation's
continuous support of
CEA and our mission.
We are so grateful!
Best -
CK*

Thanks so very much to our Salem church family for prayers, especially for prayers for our extended family out of town, for a dear friend, and for ourselves. We so appreciate all your prayers.

Thanks to Pastor Carolyn for checking in on me and my family. Thanks to our new pastor for the kind introduction.

- Judy and Greg Rotz

Dear Salem Family,

I would like to thank Pastor Stan for the call after my knee surgery (coming home from Physical Therapy), Janet for bringing flowers by after church, a card from Pastor Ed and dear cousin, Sharon for putting on the prayer tree!

It's a long process but I'm improving every day!

*Michele
Nethken*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 1pm - Yoga 7pm - AA Women's Group 7pm - Brass Quintet	2 4pm - Girl Scout Troop 4:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 7pm - Heart of Maryland 7pm - Tuesday Fellowship 7:15pm - Salem Bell Choir	3 6am - AA Meeting 8am - Men's Prayer 10am - Salem Quilters 1pm - Chair Yoga	4 8am - Business Builders 10am - Stitchcrafters 6pm - St. David's Choir 7:30pm - Salem Choir	5 10am - Catonsville Garden 12pm - AA Group	6 1:30pm - Baltimore VE 5pm - Contemporary Worship
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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.

*Charles Raymond Toscano**

08/02/2025

**Not a Salem member*

PARISH LEADERS

Altar Guild: Mary Krebs

Archive Committee: Judy LeGath

Arts Committee: Vacant

Child Protection Committee: Linda Fleischer

Children's Ministry Committee: Eileen Merriman,
Zoë Dell

Christian Fellowship Committee: Darla Sando, Pam
Wilsey

Communications Committee: Guy Davis, Karen Amy

Evangelism Committee: Nicki Fatherly

Finance Committee: Ken Wolfram

Guardians of Eden: Ken Scarlatelli, Sharon Schueler

Health Resources: Beth Rodgers, Lynda Bell

Historic Old Salem: Sharon Stanton

Memorial and Bequests: Paul W. Krabitz

Prayer Tree Coordinators: Karen Amy, Barbara
Beem

Property: Rusty Schaefer

Salem Players: Lisa Yerkey

Scholarship: Sue Gdovin

Social Ministry: Mary Kay Willing

Stewardship Committee: John Brohawn

Technology Support Committee: Lisa Yerkey

Ushers: Mary Krebs, Ray Hamelin

Youth Ministry Committee: Melissa Miller and
Veronica Merriman

Worship Life: Jane Stolte

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Livestream	Weekly* Total
		First	Second		
July 5/6	31	59	95	13/45**	243
July 12/13	21	34	83	8/30	176
July 19/20	25	49	88	9/21	192
July 26/27	23	42	79	13/24	181
Aug 2/3	28	37	79	8/33	185
Aug 9/10	19	38	101	8/26	192
Aug 16/17	33	44	88	8/21	194
Aug 23/24	31	48	101	7/20	207

* The weekly total reflects Saturday through Friday

**On July 6th, both Sunday services were livestreamed. Fourteen people watched the 8:15 service. Thirty-one people watched the 11:00 service.



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.

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