



THE MONARCH

MARY KREBS GIVEN LAY MINISTRY AWARD

On Sunday, April 26, Mary Krebs was honored with an award from the Delaware-Maryland Synod celebrating lay ministry. We at Salem know well the many ways that Mary supports the ministry of Salem, and we are grateful that the synod recognizes her many gifts. From her work on the Altar Guild, Social Ministry Committee, Property Committee, Christian Fellowship Committee, and so much more, Mary serves Christ in word and in deed. She greets everyone with a smile and a hug, sharing Christ’s love and joy with all she meets.

From the awards program: “Mary Krebs is known as ‘Salem’s Angel’. Not only does she love angels and feels God’s holy ones keep watch over her, she is an angel to all she meets. She is always around to give a friendly hug and smile, truly embodying God’s welcome and hospitality. Mary Krebs is at every event and on most committees. If you’ve ever had a meal at Salem, she was the one who set up tables, made

coffee, and greeted you with a joyful smile. Mary Krebs serves most faithfully on the altar guild, where she lovingly prepares Salem’s space for worship. She has a deep and abiding love for God and is truly one who prays unceasingly for her community and her world.”

Congratulations, Mary!



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MERRY MOMENTS: A DAUGHTER'S DRESS UP SERIES

Homemade dresses and costumes by Tricia Morgan

Have machine, will sew! I watched my mother stitch beautiful garments for me that rivaled that of any Barbie doll or Disney princess gown, in my humble opinion. When I was finally interested in making things for myself, I still had a LOT to learn. Not just that 90% of sewing is actually ironing. But also, that you will make mistakes. A LOT of mistakes. Some things will magically just make sense one day (French seams), and some things will haunt you to the point of absolute dread if the word so much as shows up in the pattern notes (zipper). You can't try it once and expect it to be perfect. It's a skill that must be cultivated over time.

I made a few things in college, none of them I ever wore more than once. Mainly because they fell apart before I could (should have used a zipper). I made a few crafty things like pencil bags or bowl cozies to give away to friends. I then started working with the costume department of a couple of theater groups, repairing old costumes or making used costumes fit new actors. I made a few costumes and school project outfits for Samantha, Charlie, and Jack, and dabbled in making garb items to wear to the Maryland Renaissance Fair. I also made a quilt or two with my mother helping me.

After Anna was born, I really wanted to make her baptism gown. And while she was too young to protest, I tried to make a few ruffle dresses for her. Then a few more. Eventually, it became a routine to make a new dress for her every year for Christmas. This show is a culmination of 14 years of dressmaking for my daughter, with a few sprinkles of general costuming thrown in. I made a lot of mistakes. I learned a lot of things, from fancy trims and stitches, to how to make my own designs and customize patterns. Translating glimmering multifaceted ideas into 2-dimensional patterns and then into 3-dimensional garments is fascinating, and I hope everyone tries it at least a thousand times.





NEW INITIATIVE TO ADDRESS LOCAL FOOD INSECURITY: THE BMORE COMMUNITY FRIDGE NETWORK



The Maryland Food Bank now states that one in three Marylanders is presently facing food insecurity. Nowhere is the need greater than in Baltimore City. Many neighborhoods are deemed food deserts for their lack of grocery stores, poor transportation, and unemployment. We've learned of a new effort to help address hunger in the Baltimore area.

There are now 27 refrigerators sitting on street corners, in alleyways, and on parking lots in Baltimore City and 5 more in Baltimore County; some also have a food pantry beside them. At 19 other sites in the city and county are food pantries. These are being stocked on a regular basis by volunteers for needful persons in these communities. To answer the obvious first questions... Yes, the fridge is out in the open. No, there's no one asking for paperwork or monitoring its use. It's free.

It is a growing effort run by volunteers, served by volunteers receiving no funds from the city or any government agency. It's a completely grassroots undertaking. To learn more about it, there's a very informative Baltimore Magazine article online.

Last week, the Social Ministry Community sanctioned the promotion of this project at Salem. A couple months ago Sue O'Connor and a friend heard of the program and began taking food. Last month Vicky and I joined her in the effort. With permission, after the wonderful international receptions which followed our Sunday services on the 19th, several bags of the leftovers were delivered to a refrigerator on S. Pulaski Street in the City. That day we were met by a fortyish woman, hair unkempt, teeth missing, thanking us and with tears admitting she was very hungry, waiting patiently as we emptied our bags. Leaving, we noticed she took from the shelves just enough for herself.

Most often we find the refrigerator empty. Sometimes someone just stands quietly by, waiting. Most people say their thanks, often effusively. Some mention how much they appreciate having something homemade. Some have family at home. Others clearly have no home. Rarely do we see no one.

There are already several simple ways that you could assist.

1. Now, in this period while CEA has paused their food collection, you may use the hamper in the narthex for such items as zip-topped canned goods, fruits, jars of peanut butter, loaves of bread, pop-tarts, cereal, and granola bars. Other groceries, too, but keep in mind that though some food will be taken home to prepare, much of it will likely be eaten on the street.
2. You could also help by bringing zip lock bags or plastic containers brought home from a restaurant meal, or as used by a grocery store. Washed, of course. A marked box in the narthex awaits your donations.
3. We'd be glad for you to come with us to see how this works. Presently, Sue and her friend are going twice a week and Vicky and I once. Ask us! Presently we stock the fridge at 424 S. Pulaski Street, a block from Wilkins Avenue and about a mile past St. Agnes Hospital. Perhaps you'll choose to become a volunteer yourself!
4. You could call one of us and arrange to bring us your leftovers, or make things like soups, sandwiches, casseroles, hot dogs, pizza, mac and cheese for the next restock run. Be creative! Place in one serving containers.
5. You could prayerfully begin considering whether you might become a fridge stocker yourself.



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6. Anybody have a working refrigerator to donate? It's always a need.

In the near future we will consider whether we might designate a shelf or two in the church refrigerator for the project and invite members to bring perishable foods on Sundays.

We're eager to mention that across these several months we have never felt unsafe or intimidated. This program has been in operation since February 2025. To date no volunteer has reported any inappropriate interaction, nor any site vandalism. Certainly the program could be abused. Someone may take more than their share. Someone may take food to sell. But even so it will not be wasted.

During seminary, a pastor from Cambodia preached in our chapel one day. The only thing I recall him saying, and which I cannot forget is, "I know you become weary of people asking for help. You honestly have no idea how weary a person becomes needing to ask."

Ed Whetstone

WORLD REFUGEE DAY AND US FLAG DAY CELEBRATION AND POTLUCK DINNER

Sunday, June 14, 12:30 p.m.

Please join us in Bethany Hall for a celebration with families whom we first knew as refugees and whom we are now glad to know as friends and fellow citizens. This is an event planned by Salem's Refugee and Social Ministry Committees.

While you are encouraged to bring dishes which reflect an ethnic heritage of your family, or simply an ethnic food of which you're fond, any contribution to the serving tables is welcome. In our previous meals, the most popular dishes on the table held cuisine from Kosovo, Syria, and Afghanistan!

Our speaker will be Andrew Steele, Chief Development and Mobilization Officer for Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service). Some of us have known Andrew and his effective refugee ministry efforts for years now (but none so well as our Interim Senior Pastor). An excellent speaker, he will also be our preacher at Salem's services that weekend.

This will also be the Social Ministry Committee's annual fundraiser, inviting your support for Global Refuge's excellent and effective ministry serving refugees and our country since 1939.

Come for the fellowship, fine dining, and celebration! Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex to help us prepare.

TEA FOR TWO? ...OR MAYBE TWENTY-TWO.

The Salem Stitchcrafters are planning to take a few minutes' break from their knitting needles and crochet hooks on Thursday, May 7, to enjoy a Tea Swap. And if you're reading this and perhaps have thought of joining us, this might be the perfect time to check us out.

For nearly thirty years, we have met in the Wittenburg Room most every Thursday, from 10 a.m. to noon. You probably already know the list of charitable projects that we support. We provide our crafters with yarn and tools, patterns and support, as well as caring sisterhood to all. We are a community group and, as always, thank Salem for providing a place for us to gather and a closet in which to store our yarn.

Drop-ins (as well as those who leave early) are always welcome. And if you just want to stop by and chat, that's okay too. On the 7th, bring some teabags to share (or not), as well as your favorite teacup. We will supply the hot water and a friendly welcome.

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE PAST AND FUTURE HAPPENINGS

- ⇒ **Undies Sundays Wrap up** – 5 large bags of NEW underwear, socks, and thermals were delivered the week after Easter to the Westside Shelter for Men (see photo to the right bottom). Shelter employees were DELIGHTED with Salem’s Lenten donation. Looking forward to next year.....
- ⇒ **CEA** – Food collections are on hiatus due to their construction project. Salem is storing food in the basement in the interim. CEA is requesting cash donations instead. Visit their website for details – catonsvillehelp.org/donate/
- ⇒ **Spring Potluck** – For myriad reasons, the event supporting Global Refuge has been postponed to **Sunday, June 14** immediately after the late service. This year’s event will be a joint venture of the Social Ministry and Refugee committees. Look for a detailed article on the preceding page.
- ⇒ **BMore Community Fridge Network** – This is an ongoing grassroots project championed by Sue O'Connor and the Whetstones and serving our underserved neighbors at S Pulaski Street. Keep an eye out for another article in this newsletter and the wicker trunk in the hallway (formerly used for CEA donations) for collections.
- ⇒ **Community Partners Fair** – Save the Date - **Sunday, August 9 or 16** between services.
- ⇒ **God’s Work, Our Hands** – **Saturday, September 12** – Set aside the date now so you can join in!
- ⇒ **Cookie Kindness** – **December 6 or 13**
- ⇒ **Next Meeting** – **Monday, May 18 @ 6 p.m.** – All are invited to bring forward other community organizations or help with the activities in the agenda above.



GREETERS REQUESTED AND NEW PROCEDURE

Still seeking 8:30 a.m. Sunday worship greeters especially but there's always room for more for the 11 a.m. services too. Volunteers needed July 5th both services. Please notify Sharon at memsha7311@gmail.com if you are available to serve. As there has been some problems with emails, please know that the schedule for greeters will be posted on the Servants in Worship Bulletin Board **ONLY**. {Note: It has always been posted there in the past.} No emails will be sent out to everyone. Check the bulletin board; it is in the first-floor hallway between our restrooms. If exchanges need to be made, please work them out, but then let Sharon Stanton know so changes can be reflected for our Office Administrator and for the bulletin board listing. Many thanks to everyone who now volunteers and looking forward to having new members join in.

ALL YOU'VE EVER WISHED TO KNOW ABOUT FINANCIAL GIVING BUT NEVER THOUGHT TO ASK THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Now that I have settled in as Salem's Financial Secretary, I want to share some things I have learned.

- ⇒ When you miss a Sunday service, you needn't put multiple envelopes in the offering with individual checks or cash. Just put one envelope in the offering plate with one check or bills. The total will be deposited on the Sunday it is given as one amount. This will make it easier for you, the tellers, and for me!
- ⇒ It is very helpful to make a financial commitment each year to help plan for our budget. You have the option to pledge for the coming year's General Fund and/or the RSVP Fund (Future Needs for Major Building Improvement, Mission, and Ministry). Your weekly donations will go toward that pledge. You also have the opportunity to contribute to specific funds throughout the year, such as Special Appeals, Lent, Second Coat Fund, and the Thanksgiving-Christmas Hunger Appeal. The amount that you give for a special fund does not count toward your pledge to the General/RSVP. Those will appear on your End-of-Year Statement as special donations. You will see that your statement lists all donations and the fund they support.
- ⇒ You may have noticed some members passing the offering plate without making a contribution. There's a good chance that they are among an increasing number who give online through the Simply Giving program. Those enrolled in this program are assigned their own number but receive no envelopes. In giving to a special appeal or fund, they still may use a green pew envelope or otherwise indicate their ID number or name. I would be glad to explain how you can sign up for this service. There is no cost to you for participation. You can link a bank account or credit card for online payment.
- ⇒ Donations can be made from a retirement account directly to Salem and do not incur income tax liability. Disbursements can be requested from your account directly to Salem. These donations count toward your pledge for the General Fund and RSVP. They will appear on your End-of-Year Statement but are not allowed as a tax deduction.

I am happy to answer any questions you have about your financial support of Salem.

Linda Fleischer

Salem's Financial Secretary

FINANCIAL DATA

March Year to Date

General Fund

Receipts to Date \$162,249.96

Expenses to Date \$172,421.62

Difference **\$10,171.66**

Budget to Date \$171,912.00

R.S.V.P

Receipts to Date \$10,452.00

Disbursement to **\$20,299.62**
Date

Difference **\$9,847.62**

(Carryover balance from 2025: \$17,306.49)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We returned to our “God from A to Z” theme after the Easter celebrations with the letter U for unstoppable. We read the story of Noah’s Ark and talked about Noah’s unstoppable faith in God despite the floods surrounding him. The children made boats out of aluminum foil and added animal crackers to test the strength of their boats, and we played several hilarious rounds of “Noah Says.” We finished out April with the Battle of Jericho to focus on V for victorious. We made noisemakers and used several kinds of blocks build (and knock down!) walls. In our last three weeks we will end our alphabet theme and celebrate all that we have learned about God this year. Our final Sunday of this year will be May 17th.



FAIR TRADE



Are you looking for something special for Mom on Mother's Day? Get her (or anyone else in your family, including you) some fair trade coffee, chocolate, and/or tea. The fair trade cart will be in the Narthex on the following dates and times in May.

After the 5 p.m. service on Saturday, May 2nd

After the 8:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 10th (Mother's Day)

Before and after the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, May 10th.

One of our sources for chocolate bars is SERRV. Previously, they have only handled Divine chocolate bars that contain cocoa beans from Ghana. In the past year, SERRV has added chocolate bars from Elements that contain cocoa beans from Ecuador. On the dates above, samples of two different Elements chocolate bars, Spicy Cayenne Dark Chocolate and Coffee Dark Chocolate, will be available. Please be sure to stop by the cart and let us know whether you would like us to add these chocolate bar flavors to the cart.



HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

The HOS Board of Directors is celebrating our formation 50 years ago in 1976 throughout 2026. Several bus trips and our June 7th Founders' Day Open House and Special Program have been scheduled.

Sunday, June 7th @ 2 p.m. – at Old Salem, 701 Ingleside Avenue. Program organized by Judy LeGath with a member of the Historic Preservation Planning Group for Baltimore County, as our Keynote Speaker to share County Preservation Efforts TODAY. Everyone is invited/refreshments too!

Bus trips scheduled: June 17th – to Cambridge. After a brief rest stop at the Cambridge Visitor Center, we'll meet our guide who joins us on our bus. Traveling to the Harriet Tubman Visitor Center, our guide will share some Dorchester County's history. Following our visit to her Center, we head to Hoopers Island and Old Salty's Restaurant for a seafood lunch. Then off to Layton's Chance Vineyard & Winery for a tour of the winery and some tasty wine slushies. Purchases from their stock can be made to take home with you. We depart from the SW Park & Ride lot on S. Rolling Road at 7:45 a.m. returning approximately 12 hours later. **Cost is \$135 per person inclusive and due by May 17th.**

August 7th - 4th Annual Crabs N' Cruise out of Suicide Bridge Hurlock, Maryland.

Cost is \$120 per person inclusive due July 7th. Menu: steamed crabs, fried chicken, clam strips, Maryland crab soup, corn on the cob, cole slaw, non-alcoholic beverages and dessert. It's a 3-hour cruise on the Chop-tank River near Cambridge while enjoying those delicious Maryland steamed blue crabs. Again, we depart from the SW Park & Ride Lot at 9:30 a.m. and return approximately 6 p.m. dependent on traffic.

BOTH TRIPS INDICATED ABOVE ARE FILLING UP FAST! IF YOU WANT TO GO, PLEASE LET ME KNOW SOON SO I CAN RESERVE A SPOT FOR YOU. THANKS!

Upcoming trips: October 9th - Western Maryland Railroad bus trip; travel by train from Cumberland to Frostburg with lite fare lunch on board; \$165 pp due September 9th

December 9th – American Music Theater “Winter Wonderland” Christmas Show; family style lunch at Hershey Farm Restaurant; \$160 pp inclusive due November 9th

Our next Board of Directors' meeting is Wednesday, May 20th at 7 p.m.; we meet in the Katie Luther room 2nd floor at Salem. Come if you are interested in joining the Board or just want to hear what we do and what we are planning with our preservation efforts at Salem's original worship site built in 1849.

Everyone is welcome. Questions/Reservations:

Contact Sharon at memsha7311@gmail.com or 410-744-8724

SEEKING A NEW FLOWER STEWARD

Still seeking a new flower steward for the following dates: the fourth Sunday in February, the fourth Sunday in May, the fourth Sunday in August and the fourth Sunday in November. Some members in this ministry have served for many years and would like to take a rest, encouraging other Salem members to step up and serve. Arrangements are readied for pick up following Sunday's 11 a.m. worship by Altar Guild members. You can deliver immediately following 11 a.m. worship or some have delivered on Mondays instead. The recipients very much appreciate receiving the arrangements with a brief visit by the Steward. **Won't YOU volunteer to serve?** Please contact Sharon Stanton, memsha7311@gmail.com or leave a note in the Historic Old Salem mailbox, first floor hallway near the restrooms. Thank you!

WHAT'S IN THE SHOWCASE

A big thank you to Janet VanSant for arranging with local artist Katherine Broadwater to share her beautiful "Complexity through Simplicity" art designs not only in our Showcase but in our Agape Gallery during March and some of April.

Finishing out **April**, **Mary Krebs and Elaine Collins** hosted "a get healthy through yoga" with guidelines for those interested in learning more about yoga and its health & physical benefits. Elaine Collins leads our Monday and Wednesday yoga classes here at Salem in Reformation Hall. {Want to join? Contact Penne & Ray Guiliani}

May will feature a private collection owned by Norma Hensler-Davis and **June's** Historic Old Salem's Board of Directors' 50 year anniversary celebration are the showcases in the coming months.

Seeking a display for July.

The wonderful ladies of Salem's Stitchcrafter group who meet every Thursday morning at 10 am in the Wittenberg Room will share their beautiful creations in **August**.

If you would like to share your committee's projects/events or your own private collection, please contact Sharon-memsha7311@gmail.com or leave a note with your name, showcase request date and idea in the Historic Old Salem mailbox outside the main church office.

I'll contact you. Thank you

NATIONAL ROAD YARD SALE

Saturday, May 30th rain or shine

Catonsvillians will once again line Frederick Road from the City line on out through Ellicott City's Main Street and beyond. Here at Salem, we'll set up from **8 a.m. to 12 noon** and table spaces are going fast for a spot on a portion of our parking lot. In addition to a fun day with organized sales, this event showcases the community spirit that makes living in 21228 great.

There's still room for more vendors who want to join this fun day on Salem's lot. We are renting one parking lot space for \$15 on a first come, first serve basis. The table donation fees will be given to Catonsville Emergency Assistance {CEA} supporting them as they help support singles and families in need throughout Catonsville and surrounding communities. Treasure sale profits from your own table are yours to keep. You will need to provide your own table and/or display set up, chairs, snacks and drinks for yourself. Set up closest to the Frederick Road entrance {chain will remain in place} **BUT** not before 7:30 a.m. that morning, please.

If hosting a yard sale table is "not your thing", plan to shop all along Frederick Road as businesses, organizations and families have been contacted to join in and host a table set up in front of their entrances. It's a really great day to meet and greet the wonderful people of Catonsville. Also, it's a great opportunity to clean out your attic or basement making a profit in doing so.

Please note that sales of the following items are prohibited on Salem's lot: weaponry, ammunition, suggestive adult items, and political items. This is a Family Oriented event.

Deadline to register is May 15th. Interested and/or want more info, contact Barbara Beem, barbarambeem@gmail.com or Sharon Stanton, memsha7311@gmail.com. See you there!

ADULT FORUM

May Adult Forum will be led by Pastor Stan who will start with a study of St. Paul who is second only to Jesus as the most important person in the origins of Christianity according to most scholars. Paul is responsible for the spreading of the Church throughout the Roman Empire through his travels and writings. We will take an overview look at Paul's theology, impact on Martin Luther and on today's Church. We will discuss some of Paul's writings but not in the typical sense of a Bible Study that goes through a complete book of the Bible. We will then look at the 'Book of Revelation' on May 24th and May 31st to attempt to unravel the true meaning and interpret the code used by John to confuse the Roman censures. Our time will be some lecture but hopefully more questions and discussion by all who attend.





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THE MOUSE THAT ROARED

directed by
Erin Klarner

May 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 at 7:30 pm
May 17 at 2:00 pm

presented in accordance with
The Dramatic Publishing Company





Thank You!

April 6, 2026

Salem Lutheran Church
905 Frederick Rd.
Catonsville, MD 21228

Dear Congregation,

Thank you for your donation of \$1,650.00. 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

*Salem
Congregation -
Thank you so much
for your continued support
of CEA!
All the Best -
CK*

Salem community,

Thank you very much for giving me a place in this congregation and for making me feel especially welcome. It would be cliché to say it's been a pleasure serving as the office manager here, but the truth is this position rarely felt like work. I felt I was serving God and serving God's people.

My last full official day at Salem will be Friday, May 8th. After that, I will drop by from time to time to assist where I can before and when the new office manager starts.

People have asked what's next for me. In late 2024, I entered the formal discernment process of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland with the hopes of becoming a priest one day. I have Lutheran roots going back to my baptism by Pastors Beth Platz and Dick Graham, but I felt called to pivot. I recently became a postulant, which is a critical milestone in the process. The next step is to do CPE at Frederick Health, which will last from May 11th to early August. In September, I will begin an M.Div. program at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria. At some point during all this, I assume I will complete my Doctor of Ministry degree. On multiple occasions, I have explained how experiences at Salem clarified my sense of call to ordained ministry.

The ELCA and The Episcopal Church are full communion partners. If I end up becoming an Episcopal priest, it is entirely possible that I could return to Salem one day in a supply capacity. In the meantime, I will make sure to keep in touch.

Thank you very much again for a great and spiritually-fulfilling 28 months together.

Jeff

THE COMMUNITY OF ST. DYSMAS

I was in Prison

☞ You Came To Visit Me



Dear Friends in Christ,
 Alleluia! Christ is risen! What a blessing it is to share this good news with our members each year. Your donations and supply preaching opportunities help make this possible. Thank you very much for your faithful support.

In the name of the risen Christ,

The Community of St. Dysmas

THANK YOU



Thank you for your kindness and support during this difficult time. Your thoughtful messages and gestures have meant a great deal to our family. We truly appreciate your support as we remember and honor Todd.

Megan, Mary Kay, and the Metcalfe Family

Dear Salem Family,
 Thanks SO much for the out-pouring of cards, kind words, "collage" of notes, and prayers offered. Your thoughtfulness has been greatly appreciated. Am sincerely hoping to find a faith community "reminiscent" of Salem as I continue my faith journey! Love you all! - Mary Kay Willing



Salem Family.
 Thank you for your continued support, allowing us to carry the message of hope.
 Marty Popp
 Courage to Change Group.

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OFFICIAL ACTS

Council news:

- Carl Kreps has been appointed to fill a vacancy on council
- The pastors, Pastor Ed, Vicky Whetstone, and Carolyn Moore will attend Synod Assembly. If you would like to attend, please contact the pastors!
- Salem is considering an audit and looking into possibly hiring bookkeeping services.

PARISH LEADERS

Altar Guild: Mary Krebs

Archive Committee: Judy LeGath

Arts Committee: Tricia Morgan

Child Protection Committee: Linda Fleischer

Children's Ministry Committee: Eileen Merriman,
Zoë Dell

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ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR APRIL 2026

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Livestream	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
Apr. 2				40/58**	5/24	558
Apr. 3				48/67**	12/18	
Apr. 4/5	60	120	182		22/25/24***	433
Apr. 11/12	23	57	79		7/36	202
Apr. 18/19	37	44	95		11/43	230
Apr. 25/26	29	58	81		13/29	210

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

**Maundy Thursday (April 2nd) and Good Friday (April 3rd) worship services were held at 2:00 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. All four services were livestreamed.

*** Both Easter services were livestreamed.



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!

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

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