



THE MONARCH

HISTORIC OLD SALEM CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!

In the summer of 1980, Salem members could look with pride on the completion of an extensive and historically accurate restoration of its original church home, the building we now call Old Salem. Constructed by its original immigrant families who came from Germany, the church offered its members the opportunity to experience Lutheran worship in their native language as well as the blessings of a loving Christian fellowship.

From these modest beginnings, Salem's membership expanded, and in 50 years outgrew the little church on Ingleside Avenue. In the fall of 1903, they moved into their new home on Frederick Road. With a limited annual budget of \$300 for its care, the church Property Committee maintained the original structure and surrounding cemetery. Even with the assistance of several volunteers who gave many hours of time to its care, the little building would need additional attention.

By the mid 1970s, Salem was taking a serious look at how it would allocate its resources. The now seventy- year-old church and twenty- year-old education building were both in need of extensive maintenance. The 1970s were also a time when social issues were much on the minds of many Salem members who wanted to expand the congregation's outreach in social ministry areas and fund these efforts properly. Some Salem members suggested that simply tearing down the old building would help with expenses.

Fortunately, Salem was given the solution to this challenge as the creation of an independent organization originally called Friends of Old Salem comprised of community members concerned about the preservation of the original church and some Salem congregation members came together. Their main objective was to maintain the church and graveyard as a community historic site that could attract financial support outside the congregation.



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As a part of that effort Old Salem was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places and was accepted. Its new historic status allowed Old Salem to be awarded a number of grants, including a generous one from the State of Maryland.

Work began on the historic preservation of the building in 1976 and four years later was completed. Old Salem was now ready to begin its new role in the life of the congregation. In the course of the restoration project, the independent group evolved into Historic Old Salem, Inc., approved by the congregation in 1976. As it did from its beginning, Historic Old Salem, a tax-exempt organization, raises funds in a variety of ways and maintains the building and cemetery. It schedules several yearly events and oversees outside rental events such as concerts and weddings.

CONGRATULATIONS VERONICA MERRIMAN

Congratulations to Salem's Veronica Merriman - winner of this year's \$10,000 Grand Prize for the Marni McNichol Scholarship. Veronica Merriman is a senior at Catonsville High School, and will be attending James Madison University in the fall to study nursing. She hopes to work toward a career as a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner to impact underserved populations.

The scholarship is awarded based on merit, extra curriculars, service and a short essay about how breast cancer has impacted the candidate's life. The scholarship is in memorial of Marni McNichol and in partnership with the Amy Strong foundation. To learn more please visit Amystrong.org.



In addition to the Marni McNichol Scholarship, Veronica also received the Salem Scholarship award! The Salem Scholarship program was established in 1992 for the purpose of helping support our Salem young people in pursuit of a higher education.

Veronica Merriman graduated from Catonsville High School this May. While at Catonsville High, Veronica was a member of the National Honor Society as well as three other honor societies. She played Varsity field hockey and was the recipient of the Maryland Seal of Biliteracy. Veronica has been an active and dedicated member of our church, singing in the choir, serving on Church Council, helping with Sunday School, and leading our Youth Committee. You have also seen her during our Sunday services leading the children's messages.

Congratulations, Veronica! We wish you much success. -The Salem Scholarship Committee

A WARM WELCOME TO ASH HILLARY

Welcome to our new Office Administrator, Ash Hillary. Ash lives in Catonsville with their wife, Jess and has two cats, Burt and Dale, having moved here in 2018. Born and raised in New Windsor, where their parents still reside, Ash continues worshipping as a lifelong member at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Hampstead, MD, where they knew Dave, Nancy, and Amy Asendorf Berger.

They graduated from Towson University in 2014 with a Bachelor's degree in Electronic Media and Film. Ash has been and continues to be involved at St. Mark's now as Interim Pianist, playing in the Praise Band, serving as Recording Secretary on St. Mark's Church Council, and most recently as Chair of the Technology Committee. They are a former member of Masterworks Chorale of Carroll County as well as the Program Choir of Baltimore.



Ash on occasion had attended some Salem services during Pastor Sarah Krey's tenure, so was well acquainted with Salem's traditional worship services and a number of Salem members. So after several years living in Catonsville, it seemed quite natural to join our Salem family as our Office Administrator, when the post became open.

Prior to Salem, Ash was employed with the Johns Hopkins Health System. Now they are planning to pursue a Master of Divinity at the United Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia, a city they have always loved. They are hoping to begin in Spring 2027 through online classes. Ash, in their free time, enjoys reading {mostly memoirs and nonfiction}, watching movies {some documentaries and horror ones}, TV shows and podcasts.

We are glad you joined our Salem family, Ash, and look forward to working with you.

SALEM'S SUPPORT FOR B'MORE COMMUNITY FRIDGE NETWORK

If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? (1 John 3:17)

In recent weeks our members' support has grown for this relatively new Baltimore project to address increasing food insecurity in targeted neighborhoods. The last Monarch listed several ways members could be involved and the response to each request has been notable and gratifying. Yet there's plenty of room for more of you to become engaged.

1. There are now two chests in the narthex for food donations. The wicker chest is again designated for CEA as they have resumed collections. Next to it, the pine chest is designated Community Refrigerator ready for such donations as zip-topped canned goods, jars of peanut butter, loaves of bread, pop-tarts, cereal, granola bars and other non-perishables.



Keep in mind that some of the food will serve persons homeless and without can openers and microwaves. Be attentive to sales in the grocery store, or take advantage of coupons for items you don't use. You'll also find that dollar stores have excellent prices for groceries.

2. We're grateful for the many donations of containers—zip-lock bags, plastic take-home boxes, leftover containers. Please place those also in the Community Fridge box.

3. Several additional persons have volunteered to take donations to the fridge we're serving at 424 S. Pulaski Street, a block from Wilkins Avenue and about a mile past St. Agnes Hospital. If you might be interested come along with one of us to see how this works, see Sue O'Connor, Vicky or me.

4. Some new volunteers are also preparing foods or providing leftovers, A marked shelf in Salem's fridge (lower left) can be used for single servings of soup, sandwiches, pizza, casseroles. Please text Vicky (410-493-6162) or Sue (410-302-2140) to let them know, so that it can be taken in the next refrigerator run.

This morning the verse up top appeared in my daily devotion. God knows we have the goods. We know there are many in need. This surely is not the only way, but it is a very direct and immediate way, to respond to the question which John the Apostle and Evangelist is asking each one of us.

It's meaningful, too, to invite someone to join you in the effort. As you see in the photo here, last Monday Vicky and I snagged a relative to help. She much enjoyed putting the food on the shelf for someone who's hungry. Four years old.... it's a concept she already can understand. People who came to the fridge for food enjoyed visiting with her. - Ed Whetstone

SALEM SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL

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 recipients. Online renewal forms are posted on the Salem web site under "Ministries" and "Scholarship Committee". It is a very short form that can be completed once your final grades are in. Renewals are due by July 15. For further information, contact the church office or the committee chair, Sue Gdovin, at gdovin409@gmail.com

FAIR TRADE UPDATE

The fair trade cart will be in the Narthex on the following dates and times in June.

- After the 5pm service on Saturday, June 6th
- After the 8:30am service on Sunday, June 14th (Father's Day)
- Before and after the 11am service on Sunday, June 14th

Thank you to those who sampled the Element spicy cayenne and coffee chocolate bars. Some people liked them, and others did not. However, there were enough people who thought they would buy them that we will be adding them to the cart in June.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY AND US FLAG DAY CELEBRATION AND POTLUCK DINNER SUNDAY JUNE 14 12:30PM

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.

PAT BURGEMEISTER, FOUNDER OF THE SALEM PLAYERS, GIVEN AN HONORARY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

A few weeks ago in Stuart, Florida, A.C.T. Theater was presenting a production of eight original one-act plays. Pat Burgemeister, author of one of those chosen for the event, was in attendance. Before the first rise of the curtain, the manager of the A.C.T. Black Box Community Theater took the stage carrying a large bouquet. She announced that our once very own Pat Burgemeister had been granted a Lifetime Achievement in the Arts Award by the Martin Arts Foundation.



In younger years this girl from Cincinnati went to New York City to study acting and made her first adult appearances on the stage. She came to Baltimore in the early 60s where she and Bill married, settled in Catonsville, and found a church home in Salem.

During Salem's last senior pastoral vacancy in 1977, the Church Council was eager to find ways to keep the congregation engaged and working together. Aware of Pat's background in theater, it was suggested that she direct a play with a multi-generational cast. It was a tremendous success and The Salem Players was born. Sometime around retirement, she and Bill made Florida their home year round. Pat's last production here was My Fair Lady in 2008. We've been blessed by her return visits across the years.

Since moving to Florida she continued her involvement in community theater, onstage and off. Her award was exceedingly well deserved and this congregation can be so very proud to have so richly benefitted from her many talents and strong dedication, and to have shared such a wonderful endeavor with her.

For Pat, it never was only a theatrical effort. The Salem Players was always meant to be a part of Salem's mission and congregational life. Many years ago her intentions were gathered and adopted as a Mission Statement. It reads:

Through the medium of drama, in service to the congregation and community, the Salem Players will endeavor to both entertain and explore the human condition in celebration and contemplation of God's grace. In its activities, Salem Players will use the benefits of common discipline and inter-generational fellowship as a channel for those whose artistic talent, varied skills, and good nature draws them to join in the creative challenge and redeeming joy of a theatrical production. All to the Glory of God!

Before each performance Pat would gather cast and crew together in a circle for a prayer and a "passing of the power". An enduring tradition. This is a wonderful occasion for us to say a prayer of thanksgiving for Pat, and to once more join in her much deserved applause!

HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

The 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 and are open to everyone.

Sunday, June 7th @ 2 pm – at Old Salem, 701 Ingleside Avenue. Program organized by Judy LeGath with a member of the Maryland Historical Trust. Everyone is invited/refreshments too!

Bus trips scheduled: June 17th – to Cambridge. Our first stop is the Harriet Tubman Visitor Center. A seafood lunch follows at the Old Salty's Restaurant on Hoopers Island. Then we're off to the 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 am returning approximately 12 hours later. Cost is \$135 per person inclusive and is due now.

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 Choptank River near Cambridge while enjoying those delicious Maryland steamed blue crabs. Again we depart from the SW Park & Ride Lot at 9:30 am and return approximately 6 pm 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, August 19th at 7 pm; 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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IN MAY

We concluded our "ABCs" of Sunday School!

We began May with W - Wonderful and discussed the ascension of Jesus. The children made a cloud, colored a cutout of Jesus, and attached the two to show his ascension.

On May 10th we read the book God Created Everything: we made handprint flowers to give to a loved one and pinecone bird feeders to take care of one of God's creations. We ended the year on May 17th with the letters Y (Yahweh) and Z (Zealous). We reviewed the words from A-Z that we learned this year to describe God. Each child received a letter to draw a picture representing a word we learned this year. These pictures will be put together into a book that we will display at Rally Day in the Fall.



END OF YEAR YOUTH GROUP PARTY

Salem Youth Group concluded the program year with a trip to Get Air Trampoline Park! Our middle and high school students had a great time bouncing away with friends.

Salem Youth Group will resume in September, and be especially focused around the 2027 National Youth Gathering.



SALEM COMMUNITY MEAL UPDATE

Our first year of Community Dinner was a good learning experience as to what works and what doesn't work. We finished off our last meal with a pizza and salad meal which was a nice success. We plan to start the Community Dinner back up in October and again will be the first Thursday of the month.

We are changing the meal time to 5:00 - 6:30 hoping to attract more people with an earlier start time. Please look for the volunteer sign up which will be in the Narthex 2 weeks prior to each meal where there will be many options to help out. I'd like to personally thank everyone who helped out this year and all those who came and enjoyed a meal. -Denise Morris

HARPS RETURN TO SALEM

The Maryland Summer Harp Concert returns to Salem on Saturday, June 27 at 2:00 p.m. with a free-will concert. This extraordinary series presents professional harpists and the next generation of harpists gathered from across the globe for the Maryland Summer Harp Institute.

They last performed at Salem two years ago and were very well received. See you then.



A NEW FLOWER STEWARD

A BIG thank you to Mary Ann Ruley who has joined the Steward team. If you'd like to volunteer to serve in this ministry, 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!

HISTORIC NATIONAL ROAD YARD SALE IN 21228

The morning of May 30 was anything but an ordinary Saturday at Salem, as a near-perfect day for a yard sale dawned. After days and days of rain, the weather was ideal, thanks to a clear blue sky, moderate temperatures, and low humidity. Participating in the 23rd annual Historic National Road Yard Sale, Salem's lot was transformed into a seller's dream and a buyer's paradise.

Vendors started pouring in, setting up before the 8 a.m. opening, preparing for the four-hour sale. Thanks to their "renting" parking spaces, \$530 was collected and donated to CEA (Catonsville Emergency Assistance). The day was off to a good start.

Included in the sale was a space overseen by board members of Historic Old Salem. The wide array of wares on their table were "sold" in exchange for a freewill offering. Shoppers with a good eye scored, among other varied treasures, such items as bags of spoons and forks, a box of assorted "My Little Pony" toys, and a large roll of orange felt, perfect, as the wrapper said, for Halloween decorations.

Vendors reported strong sales of vinyl records (both 33s and 45s), along with CDs and DVDs. Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys books from the 1950s were scooped up, as were women's exercise pants, never worn and priced at \$4. "I think people must be trying to get into shape," noted the happy seller.

Other items that found new homes included a bread machine, a bargain at \$20; a cordless electric drill with an extra battery and charger, offered at \$50 but sold for \$40 (pleasing both buyer and seller), and brand new backpacks, none of which sold for more than \$10. One sharp-eyed crafter scooped up small electrical parts, resistors and the like, perfect for the handmade jewelry he creates. And because there is a buyer for everything, someone just couldn't resist a crocheted pacifier holder.

Thanks to all who helped make this event a success, including the hardy vendors who took a chance on the weather, as well as the multitude of shoppers who enjoyed a morning of gracious fun and fellowship on the grounds of Salem.



MORE YARD SALE PICTURES



Jun 2026 (Eastern Time - New York)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
8:30am - Early Service 11am - Late Service 12pm - Fellowship Time @ 12:30pm - Salem Brass 2pm - Old Salem Founder's 7pm - AA Meeting @ Bethany 7pm - Al-Anon Meeting @	12:15pm - Yoga Set Up @ 1pm - Yoga @ Reformation 7pm - AA Women's Group 7pm - Brass Quintet 7pm - Prayer Stitchers @ 7:30pm - Nar-Anon Meeting @ 7:30pm - Overeater's	4pm - Girl Scout Troop 628, 4:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 628 7pm - Heart of Maryland 7pm - Tuesday Night Zoom	6am - AA Meeting @ Bethany 8am - Men's Prayer 10am - Salem Quilters @ 12:15pm - Chair Yoga Set Up 1pm - Chair Yoga @ 5:30pm - AA Meeting 6:30pm - Girl Scout Troop	8am - Professional Business 10am - Salem Stitchcrafters 4pm - Christian Fellowship	12pm - AA Group 5:30pm - Hunt Valley Chorale	1:30pm - Baltimore VE Team 5pm - Contemporary 6pm - Fair Trade Cart Sale
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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MAY COUNCIL UPDATES:

Emily D’Avella and Christy Hensler-Davis will join the Pastors, the Whetstones, and Carolyn Moore at the upcoming synod assembly.

The Saturday evening service scheduled for July 4th, is cancelled due to concerns over the accessibility of the Church during the Catonsville Parade.

The Council received a report from the Property committee concerning the needed replacement of the 30 year-old Air Conditioning system that cools the Nave and Reformation Hall. A motion was approved to spend up to \$90,000 from the Bequest fund for this.

A congregational meeting will be held after each service on June 6, 7 for a vote on this topic.

The Council also considered several options for weekly services during the lack of A/C this summer. The Council also considered several options for weekly services during the lack of A/C this summer and decided that the 8:30 service on Sunday will be held in the Nave and live-streamed. In the case of extreme heat, the 11:00 am Sunday service, and the 5:00 pm Saturday service may be moved to Bethany Hall. On June 6 and 7 Council will survey the congregation for their opinion on the topic.

FINANCIAL DATA

April Year-To-Date

General Fund

Receipts To Date	\$216,888.13
Expenses To Date	\$223,612.02
Difference	\$6,723.89
Budget To Date	\$234,738.00

R.S.V.P.

Receipts To Date	\$12,736.00
Disbursement To Date	\$21,214.62
Difference	\$8,478.62

Carryover Balance from 2025: \$17,306.49

WHAT'S IN THE SHOWCASE

June's Historic Old Salem's Board of Directors' 50 year anniversary celebration reflects our first Church's worship site built in 1849 from its founding up through the efforts in 1976 for its restoration and preservation by the original Board members, most of whom were members of the Community with some Salem congregational members.

Still seeking a display for July.

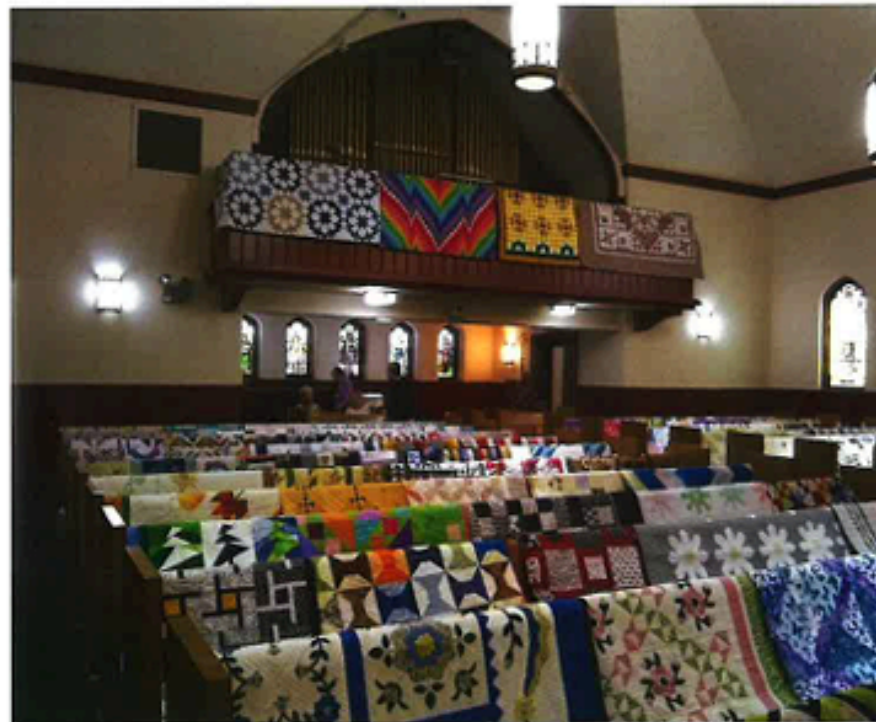
The wonderful ladies of Salem's Stitchcrafter group who meet every Thursday morning at 10 am in the Wittenberg Room will share their beautiful creations in August.

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.

Village Quilters of Catonsville Presents

Pieces of Peace

Please come visit our quilts lovingly displayed on the pews of
Salem Lutheran Church,
exhibited anonymously to illustrate the beauty of the craft
and the success of working together.



905 Frederick Road
Catonsville, Maryland 21228

One day only!
Saturday, June 13, 2026
10 AM – 3 PM

Free admission – free parking behind the church
If you wish, please make a free will donation to support
The Catonsville Emergency Assistance (CEA)

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COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE
Thursday, June 18th,
12:30 - 6:00 pm



Salem evangelical lutheran church
905 Frederick Road, Catonsville 21228



**American
Red Cross**

Sign up at redcrossblood.org and enter code: salemlutherancatonsville



SALEM PLAYERS
THE MOUSE THAT ROARED
MAY 2026





PARISH LEADERS

Altar Guild: Mary Krebs

Archive Commiee: Judy LeGath

Arts Commiee: Tricia Morgan

Child Protecon Commiee: Linda Fleischer

Children's Ministry Commiee: Eileen Merriman,
Zoë Dell

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Wilsey

Communications Committee: Guy Davis, Karen Amy

Evangelism Committee: Nicki Fatherly

Finance Committee: Ken Wolfram

Guardians of Eden: Ken Scarlatelli, Sharon Schueler

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Beem

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Refugee Task Force: Beth Rodgers

Salem Players: Lisa Yerkey

Scholarship: Sue Gdovin

Social Ministry: Pat Jennings

Stewardship Committee: John Brohawn

Technology Support Commiee: Lisa Yerkey

Ushers: Mary Krebs, Ray Hamelin

Youth Ministry Committee: Vacant

Worship Life: Jane Stolte

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR MAY 2026

Date	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service 8:30/11:00	Other	Livestream	Weekly* Total
Apr. 25/26	29	58/81		13/34	215
May 2/3	28	47/87		10/27	199
May 9/10	21	55/101		8/20	205
May 16/17	34	49/81		5/31	200
May 23/24	25	54/87		10/27	203

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday



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 Commiee 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 Commiee, Lisa Yerkey, at salemtech@salem-catonsville.org.

SMART PHONE QR CODE
AVAILABLE FOR GIVING

Salem allows offerings via your smart phone. Image Salem's QR code and you will be taken to the mobile-friendly version of Salem's giving page where you can make your gift via your bank account or credit card.



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Treasurer: Ray Hamelin

Assistant Treasurer: Jane Stolte

CHURCH COUNCIL

Ron Bruce	Carolyn Moore
Guy Davis	Mary Oliver
Pat Jennings	Michael Petry
Julie Kempton	Janet Van Sant
Carl Kreps	Vicky Whetstone
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