



THE MONARCH

INTERVIEW WITH PASTOR KRISTI KING

Monarch: I'm here today interviewing Pastor Kristi King, Salem's new pastor. So, Kristi, could you tell us something about yourself?

Pr. Kristi: Sure. I'm Pastor Kristi King. I'm so excited to be starting this new journey and coming alongside of the ministry that Salem's doing and being able to serve as your new senior pastor. I have been ordained for 20 years and a little bit of change on the end, and I just love being a pastor. It is such a blessing to get to know people and to dwell deeply in the word of God and to be answering that call to love and serve our neighbor together. In addition to being pastor, I am also mom to an amazing little girl named Cora, who is the delight of my life and her dad's life, my husband, Jamie, and I have been married just about 10 years.



Monarch: What excites you or impresses you about Salem?

Pr. Kristi: I am so excited to be a part of Salem. I think that Salem in Catonsville is well known for the way that this church takes seriously the call to love and serve our neighbor. The work that Salem does in the community is well known and is such a gift and an example of who the church is called to be, and I'm so excited to be a part of that.

Monarch: Why should someone go to Salem if they're church shopping?

Pr. Kristi: If you're thinking about coming to visit and to be at Salem for worship or for one of the activities for the first time and thinking about what it might be like to be new here, I can tell you something about that because I'm new here too. And so, I'm excited to come alongside of you and discover the welcome of this place and the way that God can call us all to be a part of this community in love and service to our neighbor.

Monarch: What do you see about Salem's future?

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Pr. Kristi: When I think about Salem's future, the answer is I don't know yet. That is something that we get to discover together as brothers and sisters as you get to know me and I get to know you as you learn about me and I learn about what God is already doing here and we discover together what God is calling us to do next.

Monarch: How would you describe your preaching style?

Pr. Kristi: I think I would describe my preaching style as some storytelling. I think the call of a preacher is to help connect the stories of our lives and what we're experiencing right now in our world today with the stories of Scripture and what God has been doing with God's people in all times and in all places. And in that connection, the Holy Spirit continues to speak and to call us into this amazing life of faith. I'm just so delighted. I really am deeply honored for this call and for the privilege of getting to be a part of what God's doing here and I can't wait to get to know everybody and everything that is happening here.

This interview can be seen on YouTube by clicking [this link](#) or scanning this QR code:



GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS



God’s Work, Our Hands is an ELCA-wide day of service where all across the country, church members will be serving God, the community, and each other. This annual Day of Caring will be held on Saturday from 9:00 am to noon and we are offering 6 different team events that you can choose from.

First is the **Rejuvenation of the Church Yard** to include weeding, trimming bushes, applying mulch and generally sprucing up the place. We are asking that volunteers bring their own tools and we will need a pickup truck to pick up supplies and help take debris away.

The next four teams will be inside the Salem building:

Letter Writing in Katie Luther Room

Homebound, college students and members of the military will benefit from the hand-written notes that you will write from the comfort of the Katie Luther Room on the 2nd floor. If you have any generic greeting cards to donate, please bring them with you. Members with family in the military, homebound, or in college should provide names and addresses to Mary Krebs.

School kit assembly for LWR in Bethany Hall

Meal assembly and packing in Bethany Hall for the BMore Community Fridge Network.

Both of these teams are also asking for donations of specific supplies prior to the date of the event – sign-ups are also in the Narthex. Therefore, if you are unavailable to help on September 12, you can still lend a hand in the next few days leading to the event by providing the supplies needed instead.

Yarn-In in the Foyer/Narthex

The Stitchcrafters will be leading a "Yarn-In" in the Foyer where they will be knitting/crocheting hats

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and scarves for our Seafarers' "Christmas at Sea" project. All knitters and crocheters are invited. Needles, hooks, yarn and patterns will be provided for those who do not have their own. The 6th team will gather at Salem and then head over to the Children's Home on 205 Bloomsbury Ave. where they will be **sorting donated clothing**. Donations of new clothes with the tags still on are also requested.

Each God's Work, Our Hands signup sheet includes the team's leader's name and phone number so you can reach out to them with any questions. For generic questions, call or text Pat Jennings (410) 227-9438.

Please consider doing your part in making this year's Gods Work, Our Hands event a huge success!



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The current Sunday worship schedule was implemented at a time when we believed that the replacement of the dead AC system in the nave would be completed sometime in the summer. Maintaining the current "one service" at 9:30 am directly impacts the planned fall startup of Sunday School, Adult Forum, and Choir practice which would all normally follow the 8:30 am service. In anticipation of milder weather in late September, the Council has voted unanimously to return to having two Sunday services at 8:30 and 11:00 am on **Sunday September 27**. That would be the week after Pastor Kristi's first Sunday.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY RALLY DAY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Sunday School 2026-27 begins with Rally Day, which will now be held on **Sunday, September 27 at 9:45 am**. Please note that this is a **DATE CHANGE** from the article shared in the last Monarch. We are adjusting the date to ensure that Pastor Kristi and her family can join us to celebrate Rally Day. We can't wait to have the children (ages 3 years old to 5th grade) join us to begin our new Sunday School year.

Click here or scan the QR Code to register your child(ren).



HELLO FROM OUR WONDERFUL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

September is when all our choirs meet once again and there is a place for you! If you would like to be a part of this wonderful way to worship, please consider joining one of these choirs.

Our Adult choir sings every week at the 11:00 am service and the rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. If you cannot make that one, we meet again on Sundays between services at 9:45 am. All are welcome.

Salem Ringers is our handbell choir and I am in need of one full-time ringer. Music reading ability is a must. We meet Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 pm and play during Sunday worship once a month.

If you have a child and they would like to sing, they can join the lovely St. Davids choir. They sing once a month at the early service (8:30 am) and those rehearsals are Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. The age range is 2nd to 8th grades, though I do allow some younger singers – please come see me if you are interested.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Mary Miller, Director of Music



SALEM WINDS

Any instrument and level of playing is welcome.
Please see or contact Rachel Klinensmith
myearsareheavy@gmail.com or call (808) 652-8108



SALEM BRASS

Please see or contact Michael Fitch
mjfitch2718@gmail.com or call (410) 744-3840

SALEM PLAYERS ANNOUNCES THEIR NEXT PRODUCTION



Salem players announces their next production written by the comedy team Jones Hope Wooten. [Note: Jamie Wooten was a writer/producer on the much-loved television series The Golden Girls.] The show will be directed by Bill Hauserman. Auditions were held on September 9 & 10 (Wednesday & Thursday) at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in helping out off-stage, please see Sara Toscano or Lisa Yerkey.

Hilarity abounds when the women of Eden Falls, Georgia, decide to shake up their lives. After the loss of a dear friend, the women realize time is precious, and if they’re going to change their lives, fall in love and achieve their dreams, there’s no time like the present. The action in this rollicking Southern comedy takes place in “Spa-Dee-Dah,” the abandoned church-turned-day-spa where this group of friends gather every Friday afternoon.

Performances are Friday and Saturday, November 6, 7, 13, & 14 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, November 8 and 15 at 2:00 pm in Reformation Hall. Mark your calendars!!

Questions: salemplayers@salem-catonsville.org

FAIR TRADE CART

The fair-trade cart will be in the Narthex on the following dates and times in September:

- After the 5:00 pm service on Saturday, September 12
- Before and after the 9:30 am service on Sunday, September 13



MY VERSION OF THE LORD’S PRAYER

My Abba who is in heaven, Holy is Your name.
When Your Kingdom comes to earth, Your Will
will be done as it is in heaven and the earth will be beautiful
and peaceful again, as You had intended. No wars, no hatred,
no suffering, no tears.
Provide today nourishment for my body, mind, and Spirit.
And thank You for loving me more than I can understand,
for all the miracles and God Winks You have given me and
those yet to come.
Forgive me for any actions, thoughts or words that may
disappoint You and might hurt someone,
as I forgive anyone who may hurt me, especially me myself,
‘cause I am so good at it.
Help me to avoid temptations that are bad for me, and shield me
from any evil Satan may put in my path.
For Yours is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory
yesterday, today, and for all eternity. Amen.



Lois Grempler, Salem member

SAVE THE DATE: CEA FUNDRAISER TASTE OF CATONSVILLE

TASTE OF CATONSVILLE IS SET FOR OCTOBER



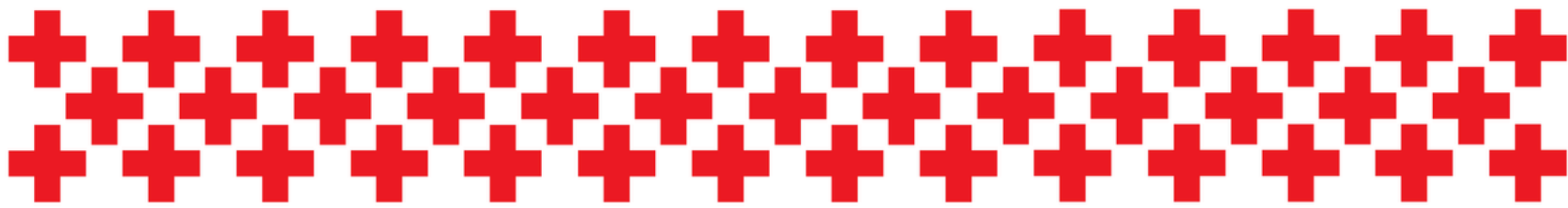
Save the date! Last year’s hugely successful *Taste of Catonsville* fundraiser will return to the Knights of Columbus on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026. This evening of tasting delicious signature dishes from Catonsville restaurants, silent and live auctions, music, and more sold out quickly in the Spring of 2025, and we look forward to hosting this fundraiser again in the Fall of 2026. Look for more details as plans are put in place.

Tasting signature dishes from Catonsville restaurants, silent and live auctions, music and more.
\$75 per person
Salem is hoping to fill 1 or 2 tables of eight
Watch for more information coming soon!

SALEM’S PARKING LOT

Are you having trouble seeing the lines for parking spaces at Salem? The Property Committee is aware that lines have faded. We had originally planned to restripe (and reseal) the lot this fall. However, we found out that the owner of the building to the west of Salem was planning to have concrete, drywall, and other construction items delivered this fall, which could potentially mess up a newly striped/sealed parking lot, as they need to use Salem's driveways to access their parking lot. Rather than risk having to restripe (and reseal) the lot, the Property Committee along with approval from Church Council officers has decided to restripe the parking lot in the spring of 2027. At that time, we will be adding a fourth handicap parking spot located outside the associate pastor's office. Please feel free to reach out to the Property Committee (Rusty Schaefer, chair) if you have any questions.

American Red Cross



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Help save lives.

Give blood.

Blood Drive
Salem Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
905 Frederick Road
Catonsville, MD 21228

Thursday, September 24, 2026
12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

National Blood Emergency, Please Help! Please scan the QR Code or call 800 RED CROSS (733-2767) to schedule your blood donation!

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If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor,
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COMING NEXT SPRING: OUR FIRST SALEM FAMILY SPRINGFEST

For several reasons, it has been decided that there will be no Salem Marketplace this November. As this past year has been one of transition and waiting, we expect the coming year to be one of new possibilities and opportunities for our mission and fellowship together. Plans have already begun for a family-focused event on May 1 for our congregation and community. Proceeds will benefit chosen benevolent programs beyond our congregation. There will be games, crafts, food, vendors and a variety of activities. Should you have suggestions, questions, or if you'd like to join the planning group, please contact our Springfest chair Heather McKlveen at heatherkynnemcklveen@gmail.com.

TOLBERT-SMITH ART SHOW



BEHIND-THE-SCENES PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST

I was the kid in school that was always drawing. As a result, I was the one who drew pastel chalk drawings of historical subjects on all the blackboards during the section on state history, painted holiday scenes in tempera on the huge old windows of our 1900’s school and drew the image of the ’20’s new addition to the school on the mimeographed grammar school graduation programs.

Showing my progression in art and otherwise, in high school I spent my time drawing dramatic pictures of high school football game collisions from news photos and images of pretty women from fashion magazines, newspapers and of course the National Geographic. I even took private art lessons from a professional artist for a while.

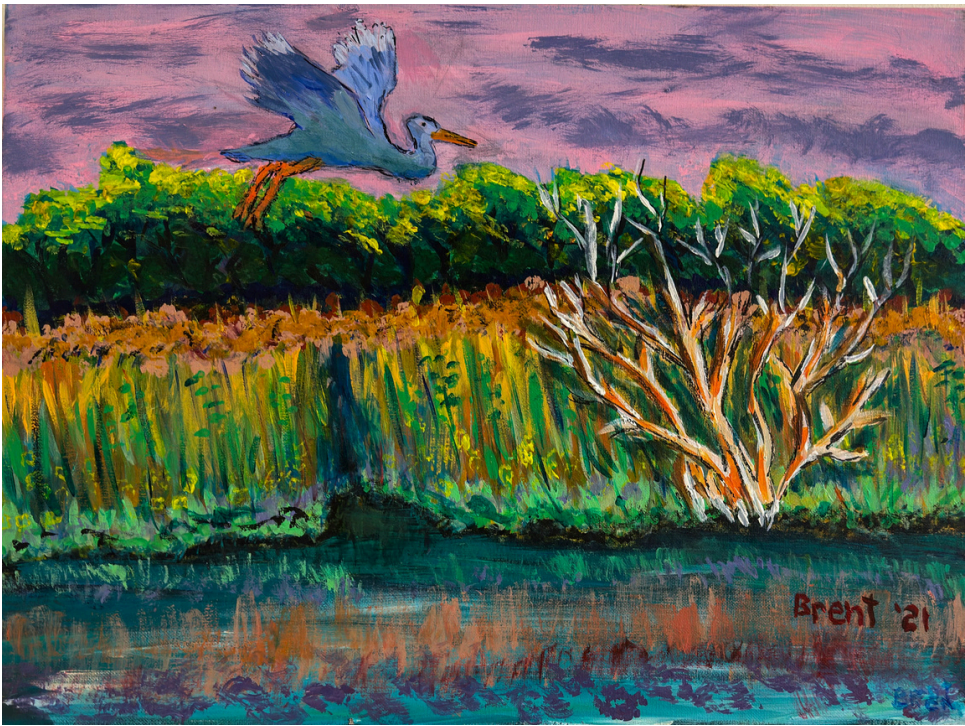
Academic pressures led me to abandon my artistic endeavors, but my artsy background met my burgeoning political interest when I ran for school offices and most enjoyed painting posters for my candidatures. This followed me when I went to Chicago in 1968 as an Alternate Delegate from a state challenge delegation and wound up spending my time painting posters for my delegation to use in rooms on the second floor of the Conrad Hilton.

After spending a long and mixed career at various pursuits I retired, but my frustration with the state of our country compelled me to pick up the paint brush again in 2020 to festoon my lawn with a large number of paintings showing various historical personages and their pithy sayings that led to car crashes and fistfights (well, not really, but they may have come close).

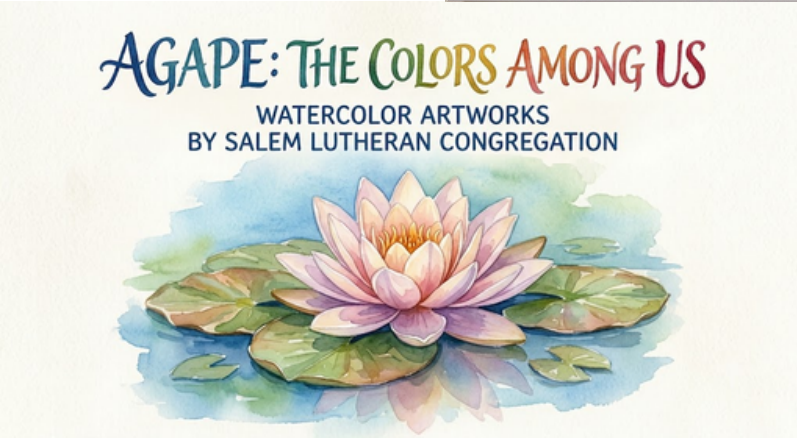
After elections I continued to paint, producing a score or two of works, some of which you see here. I have taken the occasional art class and am now enrolled to take another at the local Staub Studios. I hope you find something to interest you on the walls here and are inspired to go and do likewise (anybody can do it).



Brent Tolbert-Smith, Salem member
chinhuagoo@gmail.com



AUGUST AGAPE HALL DISPLAY





Hello Friends!

September 1, 2026

This school year, The Humble Walk is celebrating 75 years of ministry at the University of Maryland! While campus ministry has taken on many different forms over the years, its impact on students’ lives has been a constant. “The Humble Walk has shown me not only love and support as I am, but it’s also given me the space to grow as a person of Christ,” shared current student, Carolyn, Class of 2028. While one of our alums, Uzoma, Class of 2017, shared, “The Humble Walk has shown me that faith isn’t only something we believe, but something we live out through how we treat, serve, and walk alongside others.”

To celebrate our past and ensure a strong community for years to come, we invite alumni, friends, and congregations to participate in two special events and to contribute towards our 75th Anniversary Generosity Goals.

Save the dates for our 75th Anniversary Events!

- **Trivia and Silent Auction Night** - Saturday, October 24th from 5:30-8:30pm
Join for a night filled with food, fun, friends and facts!
- **75th Anniversary Celebration Weekend** - February 26th-28th
Join Pr. Beth and local bishops as we celebrate with an array of events and a celebratory dinner!

Help us with our generosity goals as we celebrate 75 years of impact, service, connection, and faith by:

- Being one of the 75 new monthly donors of \$25 or more and/or
- Donating towards our \$75,000 goal, with each donation matched 1:1 by generous supporters who are contributing to the Platz Endowment Fund

You can participate in our generosity goals, RSVP and learn about the events, download resources to share about the 75th, and catch up on the ministry by going to our **brand new website below!**

Thank you for all the ways you have already supported this important ministry. The support from our alumni, friends, families, congregations, and synods is why we get to celebrate 75 years of ministry, and it’s how we will continue to serve students well into the future.

Sincerely,

The Humble Walk Staff

Pr. Ray, Pr. Rachel, Pr. Keith,
Deacon Katie, Lauren, & Andrew

www.thehumblewalk.org



HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

The Board of Directors is celebrating our formation 50 years ago in 1976 throughout 2026. We’ve hosted several great bus trips and Special Programs but still have more scheduled throughout the remainder of 2026. These are open to everyone and we hope you will plan to be with us.

Bus trips hosted:

August 7 – 4th Annual Crabs N’ Cruise out of Suicide Bridge Hurlock, Maryland. Forty-two guests enjoyed the beautiful day cruising on the Choptank River while eating those delicious Maryland steamed blue crabs and other Eastern Shore delicacies. We had a wonderful day!

Upcoming bus trips:

Taking reservations for: **October 9 – Western Maryland Railroad bus trip.** We’ll board the train in Cumberland and travel through the scenic mountains of Western Maryland to Frostburg with lite fare lunch on board; \$165 pp due September 9.

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

Other events:

Mark your calendars now for **Sunday, September 20** at 2:00 pm at Old Salem itself for our Annual Open House and Program. Also, join us at our Christmas Open House on **Saturday, December 12** from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. We’ve been in contact with members of the Heart of Maryland Chorus to join us with Christmas tunes. Santa will definitely be there to welcome young and young-at-heart visitors. Bring your wish list. Refreshments too.

Our next Board of Directors’ meeting is **Wednesday, November 18** at 7:00 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

WHAT’S IN THE SHOWCASE

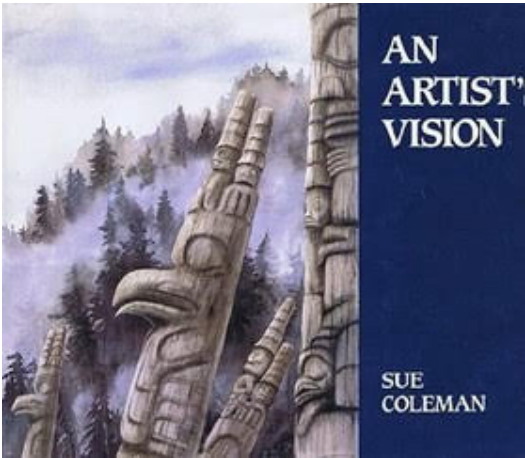
The wonderful ladies of Salem’s Stitchcrafter group, who meet every Thursday morning at 10:00 am in the Wittenburg Room, shared some of their caring ministry projects in August.

For September, Jim and Julie Kempton are sharing their collection of Haida prints, carvings, and hammered metal art.

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.

ABOUT HAIDA ART

Haida art is the visual language and traditional craftsmanship of the Haida Nation, an Indigenous people native to the Haida Gwaii archipelago in British Columbia, Canada, and parts of Alaska. It features bold formline designs, symbolic animal motifs, and rich storytelling rooted in ancestral heritage. It uses continuous, flowing black and red lines of varying thickness (along with secondary colors like blue-green) to define shapes and figures. Symbolic motifs depict animals, supernatural beings, and ancestral clan crests that represent oral histories, social status, and spiritual connections to the land and sea. Most Haida artists, which include Sue Coleman and Bill Reid, originate in the Pacific Northwest.



KIABAKARI BIBLE COLLEGE DORM REBUILD UPDATE

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Au 10, 2026

DEAR
FRIENDS DELAWARE MARYLAND SYNOD ,

RE: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT TO REBUILD THE BOYS' DORMITORY AT
KIABAKARI BIBLE COLLEGE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Dear NLM friends, receive warm greetings in the name of the living Jesus. It is our hope that you are doing well.

We, the Diocese in Mara Region, continue to pray for you that God may grant you good health and bless your work and your families.

Please refer to the heading above, which is self-explanatory. Following the fire that burned down the Boys' Dormitory at Kiabakari Bible College, we have initiated efforts to rebuild it by clearing the site and beginning to lay the foundation. We have already gathered enough bricks to complete the entire building.

We kindly ask you to support us in completing this building as God enables you, so that the students can continue receiving education to serve God. We will be joyful and continue to pray for you as we partner together in doing His work.

The total estimated cost for the building is TSh 178,000,000. The bricks contributed by Christians are valued at TSh 5,000,000.

I express my sincere thanks in advance.


Marko Machele Maseke



GENERAL SECRETARY – ELCT/DMR

Cc:

- The Bishop – ELCT/DMR
- Assistant to the Bishop – ELCT/DMR
- Treasurer – ELCT/DMR

Thank you to everyone at Salem who has so generously given to this cause. Our siblings in the Mara Diocese are asking for our continued prayers and help in the wake of a fire that destroyed the boys’ dormitory at Kiabakari Bible College in early July. The fire also resulted in the loss of life of the pastor’s son.

Due to a generous donor, the task force is announcing a **\$35,000 matching gift campaign** and have raised **\$6,000** of that match so far!

Make donations payable to the Delaware-Maryland Synod with a notation in the Memo Line that it is for the “KBC Dorm.” You can give your donation to us so we can mail it, or send checks yourself to the Synod lock box at: **DE-MD Synod, P.O. Box 826643, Philadelphia, PA 19182-6643**

SANTINO MABIL SENDS HIS GREETINGS AND GRATITUDE



Santino (pictured left) proudly displays the certificate which marks the successful achievement of his first 45 Days at the Helping Up Mission in Baltimore. He wants the congregation to know his gratitude for all their prayerful and practical help. The Helping Up Mission provides a year’s food and lodging without cost, along with myriad programs and resources to assist alcoholics and addicts who desire a new beginning in their life. He describes his days as filled with classes, group meetings, worship and fellowship. He’s learning to play pool and has made friends there. The achievement of various milestones brings new privileges and opportunities. He is especially eager for the six month mark, at which time he’ll be eligible for job training and employment services. He will have cataract surgery in October to address longtime problems with his eyesight, as well as his first primary doctor’s visit in many years. Santino and his family fled South Sudan after many members of their family were killed in raids on Christian villages by

soldiers from the north. They lived in a refugee camp in Egypt for five years before Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (now Global Refuge) brought them to the US in 2004 with Salem as their sponsor. They joined our congregation soon after their arrival. Most of the family now lives in Wisconsin. His eldest daughter Aeuein (pictured right) joined the US Navy in 2020, and is now serving on the supercarrier USS Carl Vinson in the Pacific. Eventually, by bus or benefit of a ride, Santino hopes to worship with us again at his earliest opportunity.



UPDATE ON SALEM’S SUPPORT FOR THE BMORE FRIDGE NETWORK



Food insecurity is a daily reality in an increasing number of families nationwide.

This is the refrigerator supported by Salem, about a block from the corner of Wilkens and Pulaski Streets. It has recently been moved closer to the sidewalk. There are 30 such refrigerators scattered throughout Baltimore City. We’re grateful for those who’ve recently joined in the effort, but there is so much more that members could do. Presently, food is usually delivered four days a week. Here are several ways you can help:

- Placing ready-to-eat items in the designated chest in the narthex (like mac & cheese boxes, snacks, small tubs of cereal, drinks) along with sandwich fare (such as loaves of bread, peanut butter, jelly) in the designated hamper in the narthex
- Providing sandwich and snack ziplock bags to be used by those preparing and donating food in that same chest
- Cooking/ preparing/buying foods requiring refrigeration and placing the single-serve containers in the kitchen on the designated shelves and alerting Sue O’Connor or Vicky Whetstone. Please use a marker or tape to identify the contents and date made. To assure that meats could be acceptable to all, we request that you use turkey and chicken rather than ham or pork.
- Volunteering to deliver foods to the fridge on Pulaski Street, contact Sue for guidance and coordination. You’d be very welcome to ride along with one of us to gain a sense of things. Those of us who do this have found it to be a very humbling and rewarding experience.



We’re glad to inform you that Roggenart Café and Bakery in the Village donates assorted fruit and sandwich pastries for the Fridge Network three days a week (and to the Westside Men’s Shelter the other two days). Should you patronize them, please mention our gratitude! Please feel free to ask Sue or Vicky for any further information about the program and suggestions for how you might assist.

ELECTRIC MOBILITY VEHICLE AVAILABLE

An EMV (Electric Mobility Vehicle) has been donated to our medical equipment closet. This EMV can be given at no cost to someone who needs it. The person does not have to be a member of Salem. If you need an EMV or know someone who needs an EMV, please contact Lynda Bell at [410-314-1706](tel:410-314-1706) or call the Church Office.

FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS NEEDED FOR AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILY

Salem has cooperated in several matters with Columbia’s Interfaith Refugee Ministry. They have just put out an appeal for things needed by a family of seven moving to Howard County. Like our Durrani family, this is another that supported US missions in Afghanistan and needed to flee their country following death threats by the Taliban government. They have three boys (ages 8, 15 & 17) and two girls (ages 8 & 13).

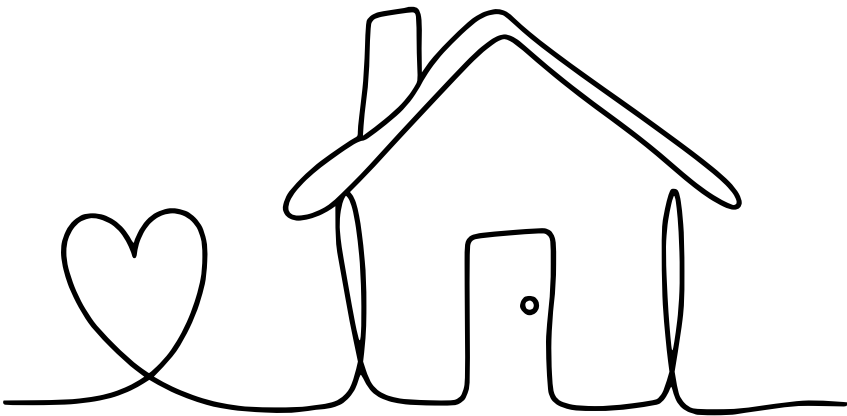
These are the requested items:

- Queen bed (frame, box spring, mattress, pillows, sheets, blankets, etc)
- Two folding tables, rectangular, one large enough for two, one large enough for three
- Five folding chairs (the folding tables and chairs are for the five children to do their homework on in their rooms; the apartment is too small for a large table; everything will need to be folded up and put away or against the wall when not in use)
- Floor lamps (four or five – there is no overhead lighting)
- 2-3 table lamps
- Dresser for the parents’ bedroom
- Mirror for the parents’ bedroom
- Two small (emphasis on small) bedside tables for the two children’s bedrooms

If you can assist with any of the items here, contact Beth Rodgers or another member of the Refugee Task Force as early as you’re able.

On September 6, a few members of our task force will attend a meeting at Christ Episcopal in Columbia for guidance and resources to better assist persons losing their Medicaid coverage as a result of the President’s OBBB Act last year.

Please continue to keep refugees in your prayers: both those coping with unexpected obstacles and hostility in this country, and those left behind, still living in fear.



THE HEART OF THINGS

At the start was no building; there was no steeple
Salem church was only the people
Who made the decision to risk the sea
To escape the disharmonies of Germany.
They found their way to America's shore
Reaching the seaport of Baltimore.
In Catonsville they found a rural spot
Paying \$300 in 1849 for the first Salem lot.
They built the church; they built the steeple,
To serve the needs of the immigrant people.

The needs of the group became the rule;
A graveyard was consecrated and also a school.
As the congregation grew, more needs were conveyed.
In 1901 the transition to English was made.
And shortly thereafter there was a new place
On Newburg and Frederick that provided more space
In the middle of the community, in the heart of things.
That was where the church bell should ring!
They built the church; they built the steeple,
And Salem church was still the people.

They continued to worship, to serve, and to give
In the Catonsville community where they lived.
During this time the church membership grew
In 1917 an addition to the Sunday School was completed, too.
A new organ was added in 1929,
A brass rail, center aisle, new pulpit made the sanctuary fine.
Music from 1948 until almost now.
Was under the direction of Elsie Rau.
She inspired the choirs and congregation who
Under her direction continually grew,
And moved with ease to new hymnals of the time
(Though folk music didn't please her in '69).
A parish education building was added in '54
With classrooms, offices, kitchen and more.

Since that time Salem's seen much coming and going
But always the church has continued its growing
To meet the needs of the people it serves;
To care for others and spread God's word.
Only eight pastors have guided this worship place:
Brockman, Ebeling, Enders, Bowers, Newby,
Lottich, Whetstone and Asendorf*

have nurtured this space.
In '97 a grand renovation fulfilled
multiple goals to better serve God's will.

Pastor Kristi King has now accepted our call.
She'll soon be here and installed by this Fall.
May Salem always be in the heart of things.
Let that be the reason the church bell rings.
May it always be more than a building and steeple
Let's pray Salem Church to always be the people.

This poem, written by Jean Kohlenstein for our Renovation Campaign in the mid-90s, has been updated for Salem's current pastoral transition.

**We acknowledge that lay and clergy assistants (including Jean) are not able to be named.*



THANK-YOUS AND CORRESPONDENCE

beyond grateful

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

August 18, 2026

Dear Bridge Pastors Ed and Jimmie, and
Members of Salem Lutheran Church –

Please accept this contribution as a thank you for
the use of your sacred worship space and facilities
for Tom's and my wedding on August 22.

Salem holds a special place in my heart, as I preached
my first sermon with you while in seminary in the
mid-90s, with Pastor Ed as my friend and mentor.

It is deeply meaningful to be married in this
sanctuary with Pastor Ed officiating. Again, thank you.

God's Blessings and Joy,
Tom Long and The Rev. Paula Roulette



Dear Reverend,
I am enclosing a
check for the Salem's
Food Minister in
Margaret Klein's Memory.
Her funeral was very
moving, and the MD
Nurses Honor Guard
tribute was so moving.
Your church is
beautiful! Jane Crabb

enclosed could be used
in Salem's Kitchen.
In loving memory,
David & Anita Sapp.



August 17, '26 

Dear Pastor,
Enclosed is a
check for Salem in
memory of Margaret Klein,
whose husband Wayne
has been a life long
friend of my husband
David. Margaret was
beloved by Wayne.
Perhaps to honor Margaret's
baking skills the

SEPTEMBER 2026 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 4pm - Girl Scout Troop 628, 700, 995 @ 7pm - Heart of Maryland Barbershop	2 6am - AA Meeting @ Bethany Hall 8am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 10am - Salem Quilters @ Katie Luther 12pm - Chair Yoga @ Bethany Hall 5:30pm - AA Meeting @ Mary & Martha 6:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 1598 @ Scout 7pm - AA Meeting @ Mary & Martha Room	3 8am - Professional Business Builders 9am - Reserved for Linda Citroni @ Good 10am - Salem Stitchcrafters @ Wittenberg	4 12pm - AA Group @ Bethany Hall	5 1:30pm - Baltimore VE Team Exam @ 5pm - Contemporary Worship @
6 9:30am - Single Worship 4:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 628 @ Scout 5pm - Salem Evening Confirmation 7pm - AA Meeting @ Bethany Hall 7pm - Al-Anon Meeting @ Classroom 4	7 12pm - Yoga @ Bethany Hall 7pm - AA Women's Group @ Mary & 7pm - Brass Quintet Rehearsal @ Katie 7pm - Prayer Stitchers @ Wittenberg 7:30pm - Nar-Anon Meeting @ Scout 7:30pm - Overeater's Anonymous @ Youth	8 4pm - Girl Scout Troop 628, 700, 995 @ 6pm - Salem Tech Meeting @ Katie Luther 7pm - Heart of Maryland Barbershop 7pm - Salem Ringers Rehearsal @ Choir	9 6am - AA Meeting @ Bethany Hall 8am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 10am - Salem Quilters @ Katie Luther 5:30pm - AA Meeting @ Mary & Martha 6pm - Salem Marketplace Meeting @ 6:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 1598 @ Scout 7pm - AA Meeting @ Mary & Martha Room 7pm - Salem Players Auditions @	10 8am - Professional Business Builders 10am - Salem Stitchcrafters @ Wittenberg 6:30pm - St. David's Choir Rehearsal @ 7pm - Salem Players Auditions @ 7:30pm - Salem Choir Rehearsal @ Choir	11 10am - Catonsville Garden Club @ Katie 12pm - AA Group @ Bethany Hall 6pm - Girl Scout Troop 1015 @ Scout	12 9am - God's Work Our Hands @ Various 5pm - Contemporary Worship @ 6pm - Fair Trade Car Sale 6pm - Welcome Reception for Pastor
13 8:45am - Hold for Beth Massey @ 9:30am - Fair Trade Car Sale @ Narthex 9:30am - Single Worship 9:45am - Salem Choir Practice 10:30am - Welcome Reception for Pastor 12pm - Fair Trade Car Sale @ Narthex 4:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 628 @ Scout 7pm - AA Meeting @ Bethany Hall 7pm - Al-Anon Meeting @ Classroom 4	14 12pm - Yoga @ Bethany Hall 4:30pm - Daisy Troop 814 @ Scout Room 7pm - AA Women's Group @ Mary & 7pm - Guardians of Eden Meeting @ Katie 7pm - Lazarus Caucus Board @ 7:30pm - Nar-Anon Meeting @ Scout 7:30pm - Overeater's Anonymous @ Youth	15 4pm - Girl Scout Troop 628, 700, 995 @ 7pm - Church Council Meeting @ Katie 7pm - Heart of Maryland Barbershop 7pm - Salem Ringers Rehearsal @ Choir	16 6am - AA Meeting @ Bethany Hall 8am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 10am - Salem Quilters @ Katie Luther 12pm - Chair Yoga @ Bethany Hall 5:30pm - AA Meeting @ Mary & Martha 6:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 1598 @ Scout 7pm - AA Meeting @ Mary & Martha Room 7pm - Salem Players Rehearsal @	17 8am - Professional Business Builders 10am - Salem Stitchcrafters @ Wittenberg 11am - Bent Twig Garden Club @ Bethany 6:30pm - St. David's Choir Rehearsal @ 7pm - CEA Board Meeting @ Katie Luther 7pm - Community Dinner Planning 7pm - Salem Players Rehearsal @ 7:30pm - Salem Choir Rehearsal @ Choir	18 12pm - AA Group @ Bethany Hall 7pm - Salem Players Rehearsal @	19 5pm - Contemporary Worship @
20 9:30am - Single Worship 9:45am - Salem Choir Practice 2pm - Cadette Scout Event @ Bethany 2pm - Open House/Program at Old Salem 4:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 628 @ Scout 7pm - AA Meeting @ Bethany Hall 7pm - Al-Anon Meeting @ Classroom 4	21 12pm - Yoga @ Bethany Hall 7pm - AA Women's Group @ Mary & 7pm - Brass Quintet Rehearsal @ Katie 7pm - Prayer Stitchers @ Wittenberg 7pm - Salem Players Rehearsal @ 7:30pm - Nar-Anon Meeting @ Scout 7:30pm - Overeater's Anonymous @ Youth	22 4pm - Girl Scout Troop 628, 700, 995 @ 7pm - Heart of Maryland Barbershop 7pm - Salem Ringers Rehearsal @ Choir	23 6am - AA Meeting @ Bethany Hall 8am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 10am - Salem Quilters @ Katie Luther 12pm - Chair Yoga @ Bethany Hall 5:30pm - AA Meeting @ Mary & Martha 6:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 1598 @ Scout 7pm - AA Meeting @ Mary & Martha Room 7pm - Salem Players Rehearsal @	24 8am - Professional Business Builders 10am - Salem Stitchcrafters @ Wittenberg 12:30pm - American Red Cross Blood 6:30pm - St. David's Choir Rehearsal @ 7pm - Salem Players Rehearsal @ 7:30pm - Salem Choir Rehearsal @ Choir	25 12pm - AA Group @ Bethany Hall 7pm - Salem Players Rehearsal @	26 5pm - Contemporary Worship @
27 8:30am - Early Service @ Sanctuary 9:45am - Salem Choir Practice 9:45am - Sunday School 11am - Late Service @ Sanctuary 4:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 628 @ Scout 7pm - AA Meeting @ Bethany Hall 7pm - Al-Anon Meeting @ Classroom 4	28 12pm - Yoga @ Bethany Hall 1pm - Fourth Monday Bible Study @ Katie 4:30pm - Daisy Troop 814 @ Scout Room 7pm - AA Women's Group @ Mary & 7pm - Salem Players Rehearsal @ 7:30pm - Nar-Anon Meeting @ Scout 7:30pm - Overeater's Anonymous @ Youth	29 4pm - Girl Scout Troop 628, 700, 995 @ 7pm - Heart of Maryland Barbershop 7pm - Salem Ringers Rehearsal @ Choir 7pm - Tuesday Night Fellowship Zoom	30 6am - AA Meeting @ Bethany Hall 8am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 10am - Salem Quilters @ Katie Luther 12pm - Chair Yoga @ Bethany Hall 5:30pm - AA Meeting @ Mary & Martha 6:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 1598 @ Scout 7pm - AA Meeting @ Mary & Martha Room 7pm - Salem Players Rehearsal @	1	2	3

CHRISTIAN CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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ACROSS

- 1 Skewer
5 Sham
9 Phoenician god
13 El __ (Texas city)
14 Biblical weed
15 Perhaps
16 Twin brother of Jacob
17 Charity
18 Very fat
19 KJV word for love
21 Swerve
23 Pocket
24 Half a dozen
25 Napping
29 Tender loving care
30 It __ Upon a Midnight Clear...
32 Cutting tool
33 Permeate or influence
36 Knobby
37 Sticky black substance

- 38 Uncommon
39 Biblical weeds
40 Animal skin
41 Street abbr.
42 Biblical unit of length
43 Joy (KJV)
44 British drink
45 Too
46 Change hue
47 Endows
49 Old Testament city
50 Foot extension
53 Despot
55 Plan
57 Panorama
60 Pelt
62 Lawyer (abbr.)
63 Yellow pigment
64 Contended
65 Cut into pieces
66 Stare
67 Saul, later
68 September (abbr.)

DOWN

- 1 Glasses

- 2 High ranking man- used formerly
3 Father of Jacob
4 Visit places
5 Type of electricity
6 Sepals of a flower
7 Build up
8 Disorder
9 Tower of __
10 Popeye's yes
11 Abdominal muscles (abbr.)
12 Downwind
15 Quiet
20 Island
22 Sacrificial animals
26 Devourer
27 Glorify
28 W. Australian capital
29 Day of the wk.
30 Oddity
31 A wager (2 wds.)
33 Wrathful
34 Expert

- 35 Man shall not live by __ alone
36 Takes
39 Oklahoma city
40 Dessert
42 Roman title
43 Asian starling
46 Full skirted dress
48 Speak
49 Bye
50 A tenth part
51 Upon (2 wds.)
52 Land of Pharaoh
54 Please respond
56 Western Athletic Conferences
57 Volume (abbr.)
58 Sorbet
59 That girl
61 Car brand

[Click here](#) to solve this puzzle online!

Source: Christian Bible Reference

FINANCIAL DATA

August Year-To-Date

General Fund

Receipts To Date	\$399,567.23
Expenses To Date	\$396,781.12
Difference	\$2,786.11
Budget To Date	\$433,946.00

R.S.V.P.

Receipts To Date	\$22,298.00
Disbursement To Date	\$37,007.91
Difference	\$14,709.91

Carryover Balance from 2025: \$17,306.49

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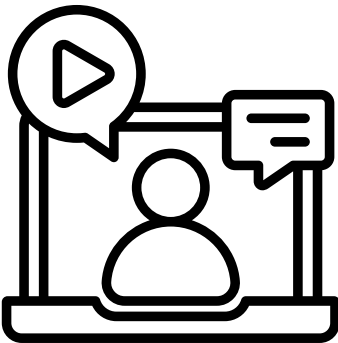
ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR AUGUST 2026

Date	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 9:30 am	Other	Livestream	Weekly* Total
August 8/9	26	127		16/18	187
August 15/16	23	98	56 (M. Klein Funeral 8/15)	19/41	237
August 22/23	37	85		18/25	165
August 29/30	28	99		15/31	173

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

Updated July Numbers

July 11/12 Livestream: 9/17 | Total: 192
July 18/19 Livestream: 10/28 | Total: 227
July 25/26 Recordings: 15/12 | Total: 228
Aug 1/2 Livestream: 13/14 | Total: 178



NO PHISHING
Don't take the bait!

Occasionally we hear about members receiving an email from one 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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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 Chair, Lisa Yerkey, at salemtech@salem-catonsville.org.

SMARTPHONE QR CODE AVAILABLE FOR GIVING

Salem allows offerings via your smartphone. Scan Salem’s QR code with your smartphone camera 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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