



THE MONARCH

SIGNS OF PEOPLE UNVEILED

Looking for Sharon Stanton? Many times, she is somewhere around Salem, just as generations of her family have been for decades. But now, thanks to a newly created Catonsville walking tour, her profile, topping a 12-foot-high outdoor sign, points the way to her church home all day, every day, all year round.

Sharon (and Salem) are one of ten “stops” along “Signs of People” a new public art project by Eva Salmerón and Ciro Márquez. The signs, situated along Frederick Road and Winters Lane, were unveiled on Saturday, October 10. That afternoon, the many dozens of people who gathered at Salem for the occasion learned a short history of the congregation, from its humble beginnings on what is now Ingleside Avenue to its current location, an imposing stone structure on Frederick Road.

Permanently attached to the signpost, in addition to a map designating the other nine points of interest, is a short history of Salem, along with Sharon’s personal reflections on what makes this congregation so special. “Salem has been able to change as the times change and be accepting and caring,” Sharon explained. “We’re very blessed.”

“Signs of People” is a promotion of the Baltimore County Arts Guild for the Catonsville Art District. It was funded by a major grant from the former Catonsville Historical Society, with additional support from the citizens of Baltimore County and the Maryland State Arts Council.



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PASTOR KRISTI’S KORNER

*“...do everything in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God.”
Colossians 3:17*

November is a month where our culture reminds us of the practices of gratitude and giving thanks. We get a chance to pause and to remember all of our blessings. As I write this, I am grateful for family and chosen family, for the leaves starting to turn colors outside of my office window, and for the gift of the last month in our shared ministry together here at Salem and the delight of getting to know you and all that you are doing in the name of

Jesus, giving thanks to God. I am looking forward to celebrating our ministry together when I am officially installed as your senior pastor on November 7 at 3:30 pm. I hope you can be there!

As I give thanks for what has been, I also give thanks for what will be – trusting God to surprise us and to guide us through this season of thankfulness and into Advent and our preparation to celebrate the birth of Christ. I wanted to let you know about what I am thinking and working on with Salem’s leadership as we look forward together.

The office of pastor at Salem has been carried out by two full-time pastors, and I have been asked often what the plan is for calling an Associate Pastor. After conversation with some leaders, the Council, and the Synod office, we have a tentative timeline. The plan is to put together the Ministry Site Profile and to form a call committee in the weeks between the start of the year and Ash Wednesday. We hope to begin interviewing soon after Easter.

This gives us some time together to discern what gifts and skills we need in an Associate Pastor, for you to get to know me, and me to get to know you. In the meantime, because I am one person not two, we are making two plans to support the ministry of Salem.

First, we are looking for a temporary, part-time youth director (8 hours/week) to lead youth group, Sunday morning conversations, and to prepare for and lead the trip to the National Gathering next year. Is that something you are interested in doing? Submit your resume to the office or me by November 4. Salem is so blessed to have such wonderful and gifted young people as a part of the congregation, and we want to be sure that we are investing in them and their faith.

Second, Salem is used to more than one voice providing strong preaching. So, once a month, a guest pastor will lead worship entirely on Saturday night and preach on Sunday morning. This will give me one week a month with a little extra space to work on bigger planning and visiting, and it will let all of us hear the good news from a variety of voices. I am working on some of that scheduling now. Do you have a favorite preacher you would like to hear more from? Let me know if there is someone you would like me to call!

There is one more thing that I am hoping you will help me with: I want to get to know more of you! I am grateful for the people who came out to do puzzles and to play at the playground. This month, I would love to visit with you for about an hour, hear your stories and learn what you love about Salem. I would love to come to your home, or if that doesn’t feel comfortable, I’m happy to meet you at church or at a coffee shop. There will be a sign-up with available times in the narthex. Please sign up – and I look forward to spending time with you!

There is so much to be thankful for and I am grateful every day to be here. I can’t wait to see what God has in store for us next.

Peace and joy be with you all!

Pastor Kristi

WORSHIP THIS NOVEMBER

November 1: All Saints’ Sunday

8:30 am & 11:00 am

We give thanks for the saints at home with God and the ones sitting next to us in the pews! We will bless the gifts made by the Stitchcrafters for the seafarers to be donated to the synod’s seafarer ministry.

November 3: Election Day

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

The church is open for prayer for anyone who would like to come and pray on Election Day.

November 7: Installation of Pastor Kristi King, Senior Pastor

3:30 pm

Come for a joyful worship and to install our new Senior Pastor. Guest Preacher: Bishop Bill Gohl. Enjoy the beautiful display of quilts as well!

Note: This worship service is in lieu of the normal 5:00 pm worship service.

November 8: Worship on the 24th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am & 11 am

Come and see the beautiful quilts that have been made and help bless them in worship to be donated through Lutheran World Relief.

November 14-15: Worship on the 25th Sunday after Pentecost

5:00 pm Saturday, 8:30 am & 11:00 am Sunday

November 21-22: Christ the King

5:00 pm Saturday, 8:30 am & 11:00 am Sunday

Celebrate the final Sunday of the church year with an exciting worship service of scripture and song reminding us of God’s faithfulness day to day and age to age.

November 25: Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

7:30 pm

Come and give thanks to God on the eve before our country celebrates a day of thanksgiving.

November 28-29: First Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Saturday, 8:30 am & 11:00 am Sunday

Begin the journey to Christmas with worship full of hope.

2026		NOVEMBER					
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*In all things,
give thanks*



EQUAL EXCHANGE IS CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF THEIR INTERFAITH PROGRAM

For 30 years, the Equal Exchange (EE) Interfaith program has been a powerful force for change, connecting spiritual communities through solidarity-based trade. Thousands of congregations across the US advocate for social, economic, and environmental justice by selling fairly traded goods from Equal Exchange and other fair traders, such as Ten Thousand Villages and SERRV International. (Salem buys our chocolate, coffee, and tea from Equal Exchange and SERRV International.)

“One of Equal Exchange’s greatest innovations is that they are an alternative trade organization connecting farmers and consumers directly,” said Rink Dickinson, Equal Exchange Co-Founder and President.

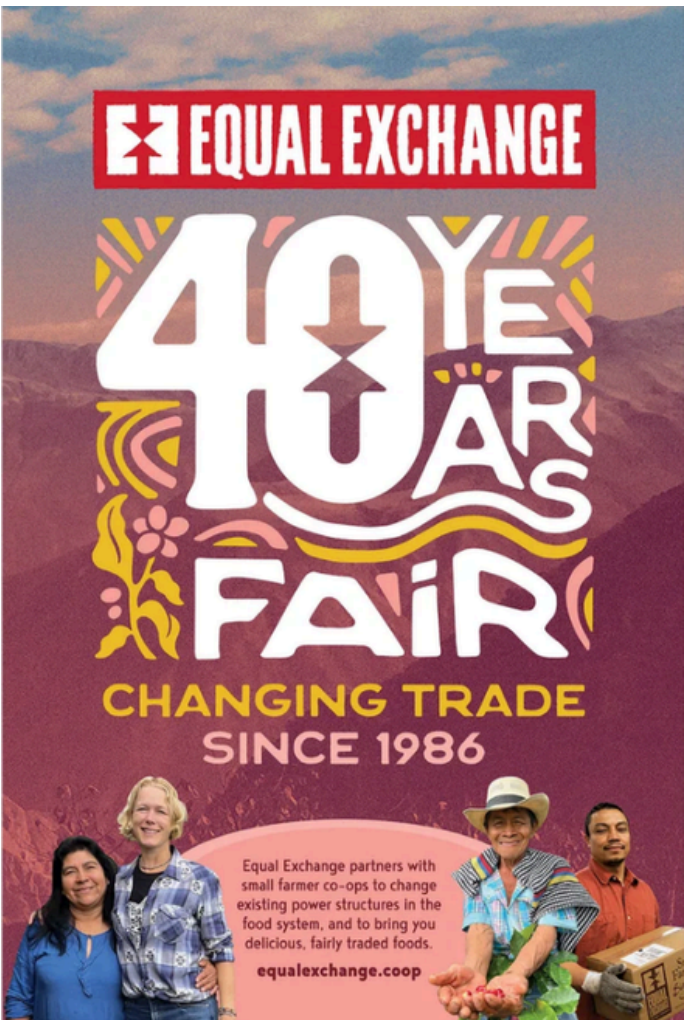
Deep social justice roots

This network is profoundly important to Equal Exchange and, alongside food cooperatives, gives EE the financial stability to invest in and take risks with farmer partners, who then reinvest in their own farms, cooperatives, and communities, which in turn helps them survive. These institutions are committed to Equal Exchange’s mission, act as key allies, and are vital to EE’s alternative trade model. They also provide consumers with alternative food options—increasingly rare in today’s ever-consolidating corporate economy.

The model for Equal Exchange was the fair-trade movement that started in Europe and Latin America in the 1980s. Its precursors were Christian aid organizations in England, France, and Germany that established small shops to help World War II survivors who had lost their homes and means of income. War refugees knitted hats and sewed clothes that these aid societies then marketed to consumers. Self Help Crafts, established by the Mennonites in 1946, eventually became Ten Thousand Villages. During the same period, the Church of the Brethren started a group that later became SERRV International. Later, in the 1960s, Church World Service formed networks to sell some of these handmade crafts to congregations in other countries.

Then, in the 1980s, Catholic priests who subscribed to the doctrine of “Liberation Theology” worked together in Mexico to establish cooperatives among coffee farmers dedicated to helping the poor. This religious movement changed economic circumstances for farmers by creating community health care, collective kitchens, and housing. This was the start of the agricultural fair trade system, which social justice activists promoted in Europe.

In 1986 (i.e., 40 years ago), Equal Exchange was founded based on similar values: alleviating poverty, advancing civil rights, creating food co-ops that offer healthy options, and growing awareness that the environment was being desecrated and needed protection. American consumers were slowly learning about this new concept called fair trade that was being promoted in their local food co-ops, and momentum was building. About ten years after its start, a leader from Lutheran World Relief read an article about Equal Exchange in a magazine and asked to become a partner, which led to the founding of the Interfaith Program in 1996. Over the next three decades, many more denominations partnered with Equal Exchange, strengthening the organization and widening the availability of fairly traded products, which were often difficult for many supporters to find and purchase in stores.



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In the program’s early years, faith-based groups represented about a quarter of Equal Exchange sales.

Adapting to meet community needs

Today, Equal Exchange’s Interfaith program takes different forms. Many congregations serve Organic Fellowship blend for coffee hour. Others (e.g., Salem) sell a variety of Equal Exchange products weekly or monthly after services. Other religious groups have booths at farmers’ markets. Eight churches and a synagogue have sponsored an alternative interfaith gift fair featuring Equal Exchange products in Falmouth, Massachusetts, every November for the past 15 years.

Care for creation

Many congregations partnered with Equal Exchange because of environmental concerns. They started fair trade projects due to “Care for Creation” ministries in their churches. Parishioners saw the support of sustainable and organic farming as life-affirming and a way to preserve and honor the earth. When a group visited coffee farmer Gerardo Goicochea in the Sol & Cafe cooperative in Peru, delegates came to understand how deeply integrated his thoughts and actions are with every part of the ecosystem. From the coffee trees he plants to the natural vegetation, the soil, the microorganisms, the animals, and even the water, he was proud of growing organically. He told the group, “You might find a pessimistic farmer, but for me, this is what brings me joy.”

Equal Exchange’s deepest gratitude

Together, over the past three decades, the faith-based congregations that constitute the Equal Exchange Interfaith Program have built something vital, with the potential for even greater impact. To all who have helped to build and sustain this faith-based program capable of powerful change, thank you for your considerable efforts. There is still a huge amount of work that needs to be done to change the reality for small farmers, consumers, and our planet. The Equal Exchange Interfaith model depends upon you and your congregation to continue growing the fair trade model. Please consider buying fair trade coffee, tea, hot cocoa, or chocolate from Salem on the second Sunday (and the preceding Saturday) of each month or from your local grocery story. (Yes, you can find fair trade products in the specialty food aisles in some grocery stores.) You can find Equal Exchange’s offerings at <https://shop.equalexchange.coop/>. If you find something on EE’s website that Salem does not carry, please let Jim Kempton know. Please note that Salem does not currently have the room to expand our offerings to include olive oil, nuts, dried fruits, and gifts, but we are willing to include special personal requests to our bimonthly order if you are willing to take a whole box, which is typically a six pack; special requests should be directed to Jim Kempton.

AND SPEAKING OF FAIR-TRADE...

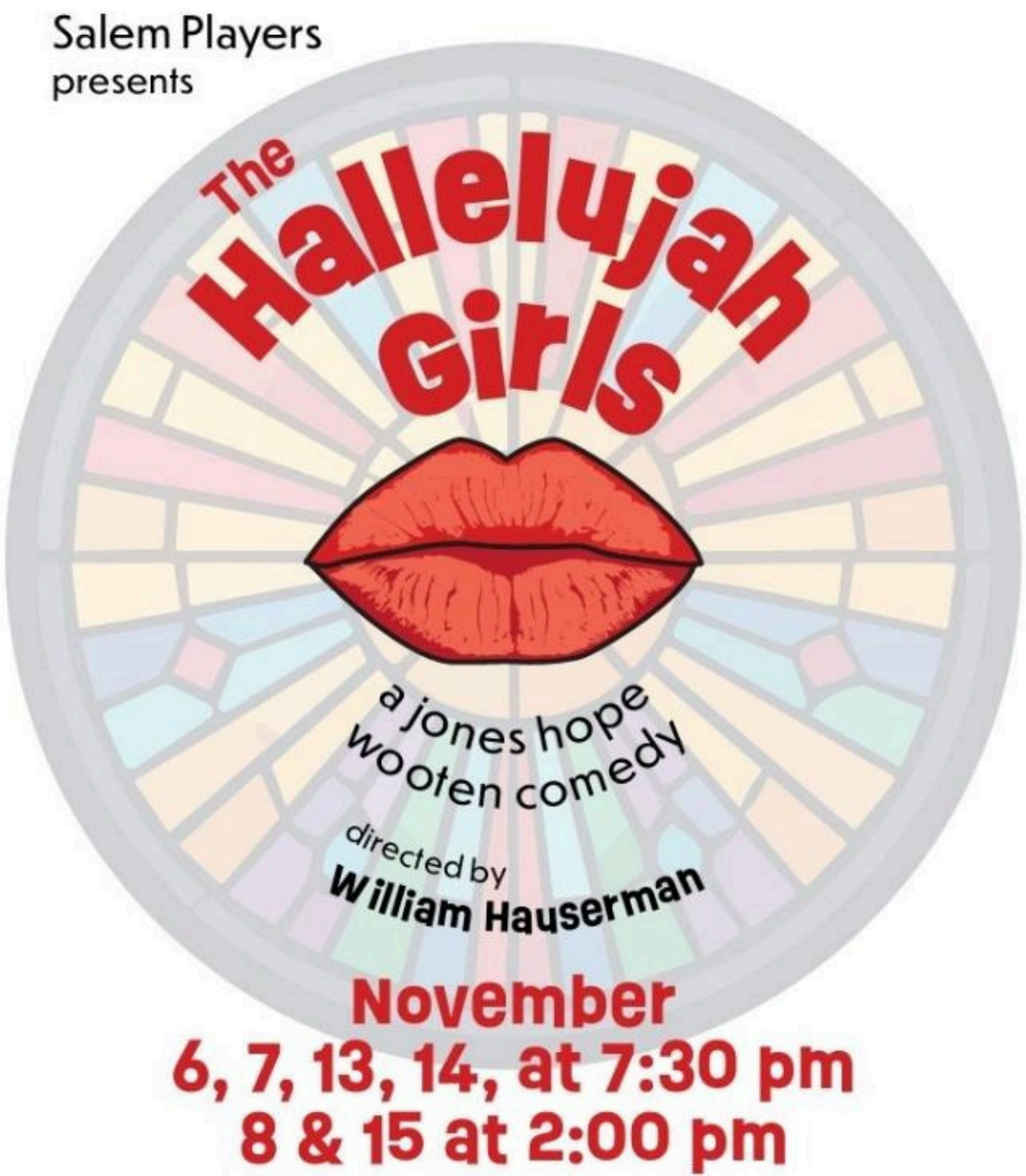
The fair-trade cart will be in the Narthex on the following dates and times in November:

- After the 5:00 pm service on Saturday, November 14 (There is no 5:00 pm service on November 7 due to Pastor Kristi's installation service at 3:30 pm.)
- After the 8:30 am service on Sunday, November 8th
- Before and after the 11:00 am on Sunday, November 8th

We are currently selling all Divine and Element chocolate on the cart for \$3, as it is slightly past its best-by date. The chocolate still tastes good; we are attempting to clear the cart of these varieties and plan to order new stock once the current stock disappears.



“THE HALLELUJAH GIRLS” OPENS NOVEMBER 6

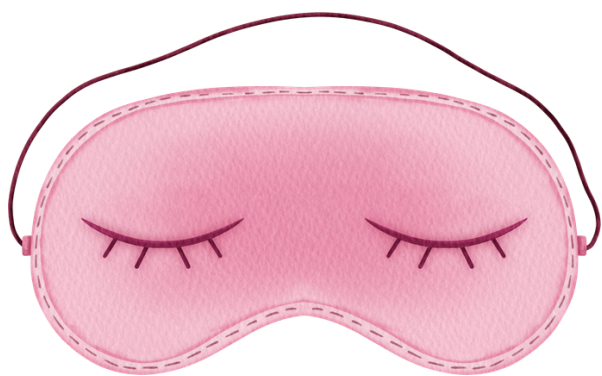


Hilarity abounds when the feisty females of Eden Falls, Georgia decide to shake up their lives. The action in this rollicking Southern comedy takes place in Spa-De-Dah!, the abandoned church-turned-day-spa where this group of friends gathers every Friday afternoon. After the loss of a dear friend, the women realize that time is precious, and if they are going to change their lives and achieve their dreams, they have to get on it now! But Sugar Lee, their high-spirited, determined leader, has her hands full keeping the women motivated. Carlene's given up on romance, having buried three husbands, Nita's a nervous wreck from running interference between her problematic son and his probation officer. Mavis's marriage is so stagnant that she's

wondering how she can fake her own death to get out of it. And sweet, simple Crystal entertains them all, singing Christmas carols with her own hilarious lyrics. The comic tension mounts when a sexy ex-boyfriend shows up unexpectedly, a marriage proposal comes from an unlikely suitor and Sugar Lee's archrival vows she'll stop at nothing to steal the spa away from her. By the time the women rally together to overcome these obstacles and launch their new, improved lives, you've got a side-splitting, joyful comedy that will make you laugh out loud and shout "Hallelujah!"

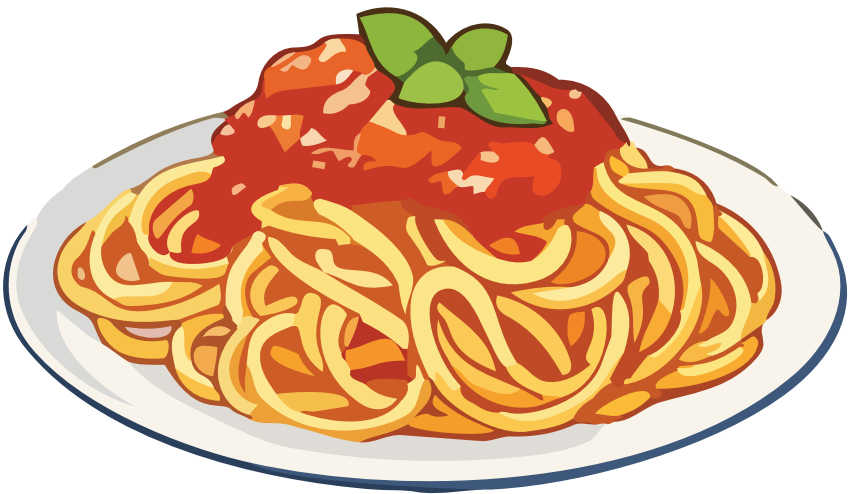
"The Hallelujah Girls" is Salem Players next production, with performances scheduled for **November 6-8 and 13-15**. Do yourselves a favor and come see this madcap show! Tickets are available online at <https://salemcatonsville.seatyourself.biz>.

Also, Salem Players is always looking for more people to help, either onstage, backstage, front of house, or on the creative teams. If you are interested, please see any one of the Salem Players board members for more information – all are welcome!



COME ONE! COME ALL!

Our next Community Dinner is **Thursday, November 5** beginning at 5:00 pm and lasting through 6:30 pm. The evening’s menu will be spaghetti, served either with a delicious vegetarian sauce or yummy meatballs with sauce. To round out the menu, salad, bread, and drinks are available. And let’s not forget dessert! Bring your family and friends for good food and the opportunity to meet a new friend or two and share some good conversation.



As with any other endeavor, if you would be willing to help out in the meal set up or preparation, please put your “John Hancock” (name) on the Narthex sign-up sheet. Another great way to meet new friends and it’s FREE.

SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS

The holidays are coming! This Thanksgiving, we are collecting \$10 Walmart gift cards for CEA. State Fare is donating turkeys and the cards will let families get all of the sides. Bring cards to church by November 9 and put them in an envelope from the CEA box and into the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity!

Note: Do you have a Thrivent product? You also have access to an Action Team or two. The Action Team lets you apply for a \$250 card to support one of our ministries. Let Pastor Kristi know if you need help to put those dollars to work for our neighbors.

SAVE THE DATE





FALL INGATHERING
For Lutheran World Relief
QUILTS AND KITS



SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
905 Frederick Rd
Catonsville, MD, 21228
Saturday, November 14
10:00AM—1:00PM

ALL QUILTS AND KITS MUST BE BOXED
For more information contact
Vicky Whetstone 410-493-6162
edward-victoria@verizon.net



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Salem is once again hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, November 19 from 12:30 pm - 6:00 pm in Reformation Hall. Make an appointment by scanning the QR code, calling 1-800-RED-CROSS (733-2767), or by going to redcrossblood.org/donate. Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B-, or A- donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.



REFUGEE TASK FORCE SPONSORS FOOD DRIVE

As in past holiday seasons, Salem’s Refugee Task Force has identified a family with needs that are especially great. And once again, we are hoping to make a difference by stocking their pantry with essentials, enough to tide them over for a few months.

From now until Sunday, December 13, a marked plastic basket in the foyer will receive staples for the Alghouthani family of seven, with children ranging from first grade to age 19. Having fled Syria, the Alghouthanis spent years in a refugee camp in Jordan. Now living in Baltimore, the father, once an agriculturist, is currently employed at a nearby Sam’s Club, corralling shopping carts.

Because assistance from SNAP and Medicaid have been cut off, their already dire situation has worsened, a situation exacerbated by two of the children having epilepsy.

Among the staples needed are bags of dried lentils, long-grain basmati rice, and rice flour. Canned goods (fruit in water or juice), tomatoes, and greens (including spinach) are appreciated, as are fresh potatoes, red onions, and garlic.

Check the list attached to the collecting bin for other items needed.

This, at a time when we are all facing heightened grocery bills. But if you could add just one thing to your personal shopping list, it would make a difference. Questions? Contact Beth Rodgers (443) 286-6252.

BMORE FRIDGE NETWORK NEWS UPDATE

Have you noticed all the restaurant food containers in the narthex? The vast majority of these are being brought by Salem’s residents at Charlestown. They are a marvelous help for anyone who is who are preparing foods for the Baltimore Fridge Network. The various sizes are useful but our greatest need is for single-sized portions.

Anyone who is cooking, gathering, making sandwiches and such for the Fridge Network is welcome to take home as many as you need. Use larger ones for a whole meal, or smaller ones for sandwiches, dry



cereal, single-portions of soup or snacks and such. There’s also a box to receive other donations of plastic containers and Ziplock bags. For the time being, any overflow is stored in the hallway by the narthex. Those who need such containers for any other purpose will find some in the church kitchen. The most useful donations are homemade sandwiches, spaghetti, soup, hard-boiled eggs, snacks, meal leftovers, canned foods that can be opened with a tab--foods that can be consumed without preparation. Many of those who come to the fridge for food do not have a working kitchen, or perhaps not a home. But such items are useful to all. It’s also helpful to avoid pork, and to purchase halal meats, when possible. Single portions best serve the population.

Every week Sue O’Connor is using, distributing and storing overflow containers as necessary. Please

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be patient as we continue to become more accustomed and adept at serving this critical ministry in many of the city neighborhoods where food insecurity is a painful daily reality. If the narthex occasionally seems cluttered with various collection boxes, signs, posters and appeals, we hope you'll come to recognize them as evidence of Salem's lively outreach ministries, each sign and box a badge of faithful opportunities for service. Our thanks to all those serving and supporting this ministry in any fashion. Please see Sue O'Connor with your questions and counsel for opportunities to be involved.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We started the year with the story of Creation. The children made a group mural of the sea and sky, placing their pictures on the mural. You will be able to see it shortly hanging in the Narthex. We spent the next two weeks on Noah's Ark. Discussing the flood and finishing up by reading "Why did Noah Choose the Dove?" We discussed how the Dove was kind to all of the other animals when they weren't so kind to each other. We discussed how we can all be like the Dove in our own lives.



GUARDIANS OF EDEN UPDATE

Guardians of Eden (GOE)’s mission is to create an awareness within the community to preserve, and to improve the beautiful Earth and environment that God has created and given to us. The committee tries to follow the idea of recycle, reuse and reduce.

The Guardians of Eden was started by Tim Medicus in 2010. Some of the events in the past have included an electric car fair event, the coordination and scheduled planting and watering of the white oak tree, and an organization and presentation at adult forums. We



have presented The Community Solar Farms, Serenity Ridge and natural burials. We have also had many showcase displays over the years, ranging from the topic of bees and their contribution to our environment, and various books available for reading on environmental topics. Past actions also included leading nature and science activities for Sunday School children.

More than six (6) native grasses have been planted bordering our parking lot. Over several years, GOE has worked on a native plant landscaping project along the southern perimeter of Salem’s parking lot. Not only have over 50-yard waste bags of English ivy, Japanese honeysuckle and other aggressive and non-native vines been removed but over 20 native understory trees and shrubs have been planted. The project pollinator garden includes a pollinator garden of native perennial herbaceous plants that has attracted a variety of pollinators.

We have sponsored trips to Hart Miller Island and boat trips through the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. We also maintain the bulletin board in the hallway adjacent to the restrooms on the first floor. The board contains environmental issues as well as items of interest, i.e., the Patapsco State Parks and what they offer. Other past projects included the collection of denim jeans shipped to Habitat for Humanity for insulation and the collection of over 500 pairs of used sneakers, shipped to Nike and the rubber used for playgrounds and tracks.

GOE holds monthly meetings between September and June on the second Monday of the month. We welcome ideas from everyone and encourage people to join us.

On Sunday, November 1, we hosted an event during the Adult Forum time in the Katie Luther Room demonstrating how to put together filtration kits before the group assembles them. Thanks to all who joined us!



HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

The Board of Directors continues celebrating our 50 years anniversary when the Board was incorporated in 1976 throughout 2026. We've hosted several great bus trips and Special Programs but still have a few more scheduled through December. These are open to everyone and we hope you will plan to be with us.

Bus trips hosted: On October 9, we headed to Cumberland for a ride on the Western Maryland Railroad. Boarding the steam locomotive in Cumberland, we enjoyed a lite fare lunch as we headed up the mountain to Frostburg. Beautiful scenery and delicious lunch made the trip exceptional. On our way home, stopped at the Blue Goose in Hancock, a wonderful, diversified place for all sorts of items, i.e. seasonal apples and delicious bakery items among many other goodies.

Still taking reservations for December 9: American Music

Theater "Winter Wonderland" Christmas Show; family style lunch at Hershey Farm Restaurant; \$160 pp inclusive due November 9. Still some seats available but please contact me soon – final totals need to be confirmed for the show and the restaurant.

Events at Old Salem, 701 Ingleside Avenue: Pastor Kristi led our annual All Saints worship service on Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 pm. It's a time to remember in prayers, lessons and hymns our family and friends who have died, some of whom are buried in Old Salem's God's Acre cemetery. We hope you were able to be with us that afternoon.

And last, but not least, to close out the 50th Anniversary year celebrating our Board's formation, we'll host our Christmas Open House on **Saturday, December 12 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**. Some members of the Heart of Maryland Chorus will join us with Christmas tunes. Santa will definitely be there to welcome young and young-at-heart visitors. Bring your wish list. There will be delicious refreshments, too!

Our next Board of Directors' meeting will be **Wednesday, November 18th at 11:00 am**. Some of the Board has suggested meeting in the daytime as darkness has descended earlier in the evenings now, so we are going to give it try for our November and February meeting dates. We'll meet downstairs in Bethany Hall. Bring a brown bag lunch with you should you wish to hang around after the meeting to socialize. 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

In October, Salem Players promoted their next production of "The Hallelujah Girls", with cast members and dates/time of the performances in November. It should be quite a fun experience. Contact Lisa Yerkey for more information and tickets.

November and December are open dates, 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.



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



CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

1. A timeline for calling an Associate Pastor was put in place. An updated Associate Pastor Profile will be submitted to Synod shortly after Christmas and a Call Committee will be assembled by the end of January. Interviews will begin after Easter in hopes of calling an Associate Pastor in the summer.
2. To support Pastor Kristi, Salem will soon start an internal recruitment process for a part-time temporary Youth Director to start as soon as possible until an Associate Pastor is called.
3. Also to support Pastor Kristi, Salem will engage a monthly supply pastor to lead Saturday evening service and preach at Sunday services starting November 2026 until an Associate Pastor is hired.

THANK-YOVS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Oct. 17, 2026

Dearest Salem Family,

I can't thank you enough for the flowers, cards and especially prayers following my recent hip replacement! I feel the hugs.

Since I was just cleared to drive, I may worship with you on 10/18 since Salem is close and all on one floor for worship.

Love to all,

Nancy Asendorf

Dearest Salem Church Family and the Salem Prayer Tree,

Thanks so much for all the TLC and healing prayers for my beloved sister and our dear friends. In addition, thanks for the lovely altar flowers sent to me last Sunday.

Thanks again for being so near and dear to our family and friends and us, with prayers and kindness.

In appreciation,

Judy & Greg Rotz and family

PARISH LEADERS

Altar Guild: Mary Krebs

Archive Committee: Judy LeGath

Arts Committee: Tricia Morgan

Child Protecon Committee: Linda Fleischer

Children's Ministry Committee: Eileen Merriman, Zoë Dell

Christian Fellowship Committee: Darla Sando, Pam Wilsey

Communications Committee: Guy Davis, Karen Amy

Evangelism Committee: Nicki Fatherly

Finance Committee: Ken Wolfram

Guardians of Eden: Ken Scarlatelli, Sharon Schueler

Health Resources: Beth Rodgers, Lynda Bell

Historic Old Salem: Sharon Stanton

Memorial and Bequests: Paul W. Krabitz

Prayer Tree Coordinators: Karen Amy, Barbara Beem

Property: Rusty Schaefer

Refugee Task Force: Beth Rodgers

Salem Players: Lisa Yerkey

Scholarship: Sue Gdovin

Social Ministry: Pat Jennings

Stewardship Committee: Vacant

Technology Support Committee: Lisa Yerkey

Ushers: Mary Krebs, Ray Hamelin

Youth Ministry Committee: Vacant

Worship Life: Jane Stolte

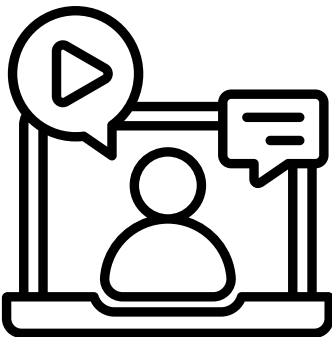
NOVEMBER 2026 CALENDAR

Nov 2026 (Eastern Time - New York)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>Daylight Saving Time ends</div> <div>8:30am - Early Service @ Sanctuary</div> <div>9:45am - Salem Choir Practice @ Choir</div> <div>9:45am - Sunday School @ Bethany Hall</div> <div>11am - Late Service @ Sanctuary</div> <div>1pm - LYO Rehearsal @ Reformation Hall</div> <div>2pm - Annual All Saints Service at Old</div> <div>4:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 628 @ Scout</div>	<div>12pm - Yoga @ Bethany Hall</div> <div>6pm - Salem Players Tech Week @</div> <div>7pm - AA Women's Group @ Mary &</div> <div>7pm - Brass Quintet Rehearsal @ Katie</div> <div>7pm - Prayer Stitchers @ Wittenberg</div> <div>7:30pm - Nar-Anon Meeting @ Scout</div> <div>7:30pm - Overeater's Anonymous @ Youtlr</div>	<div>Election Day</div> <div>9am - Election Day Prayer Space @</div> <div>4pm - Girl Scout Troop 628, 700, 995 @</div> <div>6pm - Salem Players Tech Week @</div> <div>6pm - Social Ministry Committee Meeting</div> <div>7pm - Heart of Maryland Barbershop</div> <div>7pm - Salem Ringers Rehearsal @ Choir</div>	<div>6am - AA Meeting @ Bethany Hall</div> <div>8am - Men's Prayer Breakfast</div> <div>10am - Salem Quilters @ Katie Luther</div> <div>12pm - Chair Yoga @ Bethany Hall</div> <div>5:30pm - AA Meeting @ Mary & Martha</div> <div>6pm - Salem Players Tech Week @</div> <div>6:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 1598 @ Scout</div> <div>7pm - AA Meeting @ Mary & Martha Roorr</div>	<div>8am - Professional Business Builders</div> <div>10am - Salem Stitchcrafters @ Wittenberg</div> <div>4:30pm - Hold for Lazarus Caucus (TBD)</div> <div>5pm - Community Dinner @ Bethany Hall,</div> <div>6pm - Salem Players Tech Week @</div> <div>6:30pm - St. David's Choir Rehearsal @</div> <div>7:30pm - Salem Choir Rehearsal @ Choir</div>	<div>10am - Catonsville Garden Club @ Katie</div> <div>12pm - AA Group @ Bethany Hall</div> <div>7:30pm - Salem Players Performance @</div>	<div>12pm - Girl Scout Event @ Bethany Hall</div> <div>1:30pm - Baltimore VE Team Exam @</div> <div>3:30pm - Pr. Kristi King Installation @</div> <div>7:30pm - Salem Players Performance @</div>
<div>8:30am - Early Service - Quilt Dedication</div> <div>9:30am - Fair Trade Cat Sale @ Narthex</div> <div>9:45am - Salem Choir Practice @ Choir</div> <div>9:45am - Sunday School @ Bethany Hall</div> <div>11am - Late Service - Quilt Dedication @</div> <div>12pm - Fair Trade Cat Sale @ Narthex</div> <div>2pm - Salem Players Performance @</div> <div>4:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 628 @ Scout</div> <div>7pm - AA Meeting @ Bethany Hall</div>	<div>12pm - Yoga @ Bethany Hall</div> <div>12pm - Yoga @ Bethany Hall</div> <div>7pm - AA Women's Group @ Mary &</div> <div>7pm - Guardians of Eden Meeting @ Katie</div> <div>7pm - Lazarus Caucus Board @</div> <div>7:30pm - Nar-Anon Meeting @ Scout</div> <div>7:30pm - Overeater's Anonymous @ Youtlr</div>	<div>12:30pm - English Country Dance Band</div> <div>4pm - Girl Scout Troop 628, 700, 995 @</div> <div>4:30pm - Hold for Lazarus Caucus (TBD)</div> <div>6pm - Salem Tech Meeting @ Katie Luther</div> <div>7pm - Heart of Maryland Barbershop</div> <div>7pm - Salem Ringers Rehearsal @ Choir</div>	<div>Veterans Day</div> <div>6am - AA Meeting @ Bethany Hall</div> <div>8am - Men's Prayer Breakfast</div> <div>10am - Salem Quilters @ Katie Luther</div> <div>12pm - Chair Yoga @ Bethany Hall</div> <div>5:30pm - AA Meeting @ Mary & Martha</div> <div>6:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 1598 @ Scout</div> <div>7pm - AA Meeting @ Mary & Martha Roorr</div>	<div>8am - Professional Business Builders</div> <div>10am - Salem Stitchcrafters @ Wittenberg</div> <div>4:30pm - Daisy Troop (no. TBD) @ Scout</div> <div>6:30pm - St. David's Choir Rehearsal @</div> <div>7:30pm - Salem Choir Rehearsal @ Choir</div>	<div>12pm - AA Group @ Bethany Hall</div> <div>6pm - Girl Scout Troop 1015 @ Scout</div> <div>7:30pm - Salem Players Performance @</div>	<div>10am - In-Gathering for LWR @ Parking</div> <div>5pm - Contemporary Worship @</div> <div>6pm - Fair Trade Cat Sale @ Narthex</div> <div>7:30pm - Salem Players Performance @</div>
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ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2026

Date	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 11:00 am	Other	Livestream (Sat/Sun)	Weekly* Total
October 3/4	47	no data	85		10/14	156
October 10/11	27	54	78		16/43	218
October 17/18	30	56	85		6/34	211
October 24/25	34	82	95		8/23	242

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday



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!

WIFI AT SALEM

The Technology Committee has installed WiFi access throughout the church. This free internet access is available to members and guests. Users may access any of our four networks connections throughout the building. The password for all connections is **SalemChurch**.
If you have any questions about our network please contact the Technology Committee 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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