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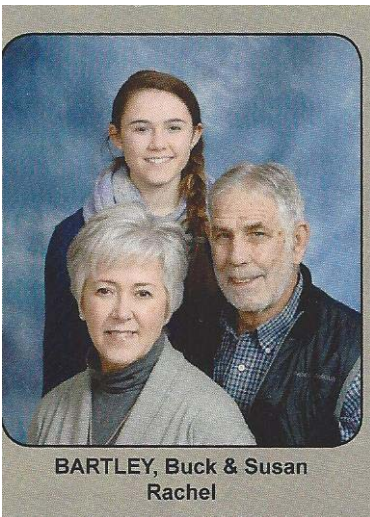


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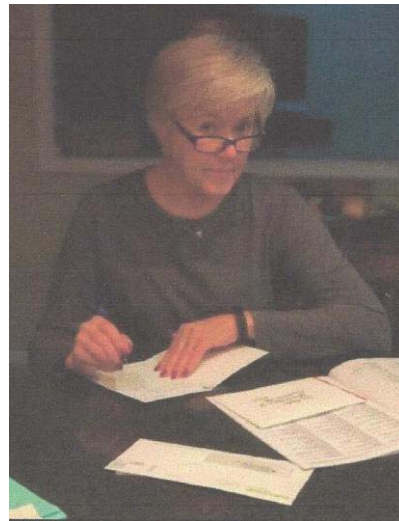
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Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here

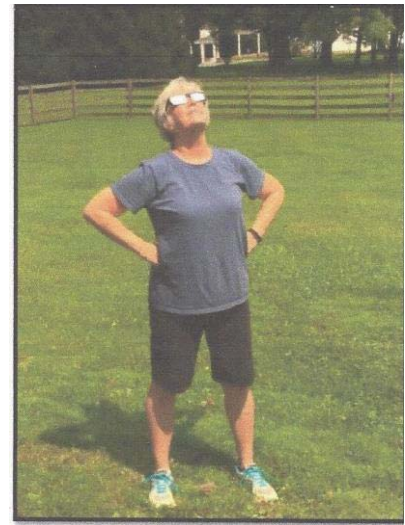
A SAD FAREWELL



BARTLEY, Buck & Susan
Rachel



SUSAN MARIE DYE BARTLEY



On Wednesday, January 22, 2020, of Brookeville, MD. Beloved wife of Robert “Buck” Bartley, Jr.; daughter of Lloyd and Joyce Dye; loving mother of Rachel Bartley; step-mother of Audrey (Keith) Patton, Elizabeth (Joseph) Taylor, Robert Bartley, III, James (Margarita) Bartley, and Sarah (Adam) Hais; sister of Lawrence (Virginia) Dye; aunt of Jacob Dye. Also survived by 14 grandchildren.

When Buck and Susan moved from Kensington to Brookeville in 1996, they transferred their membership from St. Paul UMC to Salem UMC. On Tuesday, January 28 at Susan’s home church, her family and friends celebrated her life, death, and resurrection. Eternal God, receive Susan into the blessed rest of your everlasting peace.

**TO THE SALEM UM CHURCH
COMMUNITY**



Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling
Pastor

To the Salem UM Church Community,

This morning (1-26-2020) I announced to the congregation at the end of our worship services that I will be retiring from the ministry on June 30, 2020. I will have completed 22 years in the ministry. I entered the ministry in 1998 as a student pastor serving Pleasant Grove UMC in Baltimore County. In 2002 I was appointed to Olivet UM Church in Lusby, Md. And in 2008 I was appointed to Salem. Twelve years of my 22 years of ministry will be here at Salem.

I am retiring for personal reasons. I need to spend more time with my family: husband, mother, children, and grandchildren. My granddaughter's death last spring began the discernment process for this decision. I am not retiring because of the issues within the denomination. All active and retired clergy, as well as every congregation, will be impacted by the decision at General Conference in May 2020.

I have been blessed and honored to have served as your pastor for twelve years. We have built relationships that will last eternally. We have shared tragedies, illnesses, and deaths together. We have also had so many times of celebrations.

During these twelve years, children have grown up and entered into adulthood, too. There are many blessings in long-term pastoring.

I will continue to be your pastor until June 30. The Conference has been notified of my intention. The District Superintendent has met with the Leadership Team. They shared with him who Salem is and what kind of pastor Salem needs. Pray for the Bishop and the Cabinet who are discerning who to send as your new pastor. The new pastor will begin on July 1. And pray for all of us as we enter into this time of transition.

"Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God..."

Isaiah 41:10a

*Always Yours in Christ,
Rev. Sue*

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

***Epiphany Worship Series:
"Do Not Fear!"***

Sunday, January 26, What Is Fear?

Numbers 13:1-2; 17-20a; Psalm 3;
Luke 1:26-38

Sunday, February 2,

Fear of God and of Failure

Exodus 3:1-6; Psalm 99;
Matthew 17:1-9; Philippians 4:5b-7

Sunday, February 9, Fear of the Other

Jeremiah 22:1-3; Psalm 46:1-2a, 6-7;
Mark 7:24-30; Romans 12:18-21

Sunday, February 16,

Fear of Loneliness and of the Future

Exodus 31:1-8; Psalm 139:5, 7-10;
Luke 12:22-23, 27-31; Romans 8:31-39

Sunday, February 23,

Facing Fear with Faith

Isaiah 43:1-3a; Psalm 23;
Luke 22:39-43; Ephesians 2:4-9



**Tuesday, February 24
5:15-6:45 P.M.
Community Room**

Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter – was traditionally a time of fasting and on Shrove Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were “shriven” (absolved from their sins). Salem will serve pancakes for dinner on Shrove Tuesday, but confession and absolution of sins will be between you and God!

**SOMETHING HAPPENING
AT SALEM**

**Brookeville and the Burning of
Washington: A Tale of Two Capitals
Tuesday, February 25 7:00 P.M.**

For at least one hundred years, Brookeville has been known as “the Capital of the United States for a day” when President Madison resided there for one night during the War of 1812. This program by Sandra Heiler, current resident of the “Madison House,” will attempt to answer: what Brookeville was like in 1814; what actually happened here that summer; and why it happened here.

Eat pancakes and then stay to hear about the role our town played in our national history.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

To my dear Salem family:

Sometimes my words are inadequate to express my heart which overflows with gratitude to our church family, which has provided so much love and care as we have endured Susan’s battle with her deadly lymphoma. Throughout, Susan faced her disease with grace and unmatched courage, a model for us all, buoyed by your prayers and support.

We sent Susan Marie Dye Bartley this Tuesday (1/28/2020) past to her home-going into the loving arms of God, with a beautiful memorial celebration of Susan at St. Paul’s UMC in Kensington, masterfully orchestrated by our wonderful pastor Reverend Sue. St. Paul’s is Susan’s home church, where she was baptized, confirmed, and we were married, and now memorialized. Many of you were there and participated. My heartfelt thanks to all of you.

Love and peace to all,
Buck Bartley and Family



FROM THE CONGREGATION

“Sharing My Thoughts With You”
By: Charlyne Lewis

February, as we all are aware, is the “LOVE” month. We can express and show our LOVE in numerous ways during this fun month! Valentines, special gifts to that ‘special someone’ in our lives, all kinds of neat things to be happy about. Do you remember as a child – ‘way back when’ – giving and receiving those cute penny Valentines? – and what about those little heart-shaped candies with cute ‘sayings’ on each one (which are still around today) - I

always LOVED that period in my life as a child, didn't you folks?

Well, our Heavenly Father has also given to each of us His abiding LOVE which is mentioned often in His Holy Word. We are so blessed to know that we can go to Him anytime and receive from Him an abundance of LOVE overflowing to us every day, and not just at 'special' times of the year.

God Bless!!

1 Corinthians 1-13 (the LOVE chapter)

SALEM BOOK CLUB

Will meet Tuesday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Suzanne Friis. We will be discussing *Have a Little Faith* by Mitch Albom.

ROSE EIDE-ALTMAN'S FAREWELL PARTY

On Sunday, January 19, Salem's congregation joined together to wish "God Speed" and show Rose how much we loved her. Rose was leaving her position as Music Director for a new exciting position at Andrew University in Michigan.

Rev. Sue turned the morning worship over to Rose who filled our hearts with music. We heard from the wonderful Apola family: Gabby and Jana on their violins, their brother, Reuben, on the piano, and Nancy Wilke on the guitar.



The Apola Sisters

The reception was a covered dish feast and our thanks to all who contributed to the sad, but wonderful event. We must thank Maryellen Eaton for the beautiful and delicious cake.



Rose and David Eide-Altman

It was great that Rose's husband, David, was able to be with her on this day of honor.

Rev. Sue invited anyone who wanted to share a story of how Rose and/or her music filled their lives.



Joanne Ranshaw sharing her memories.

The Encore singers surprised Rose by singing for her enjoyment (and ours) two of her favorite songs.



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In closing the program, Rev. Sue presented a monetary gift to Rose from the congregation. Rose expressed her thanks and spoke of the joys and blessings Salem has given her over the years and how much she will dearly miss Salem. She expressed the opportunity to stay in touch through Facebook. Rose, we will miss your music!



Rose, David, and Rev. Sue

Coop's Soups!

Coop's Soups are locally-sourced, vegan, and gluten-free soups available through a winter subscription or at the Olney Farmer's Market April – October.

Soupscribe for a Coop's Soups Soupscription plan this winter. A Coop's Soups Soupscription is a community-supported service where you can order soup to eat and share for up to 8 weeks!

The program runs from February 6 to March 26. During this time, you can order your soup to be picked up each week at Salem United Methodist Church Community Hall in Brookeville, MD. Sign-up on the website by midnight on Tuesday February 4 to receive your first jar of soup on Thursday February 6.

Visit coopssoups.com to learn more and sign-up today.

Email questions to soup-maker Cristin Cooper at coopssoupstoshare@gmail.com.

SIGN-UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide flowers during the 2020 worship year, please sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board in the Hallway or contact Carole Roberts.

When signing up, please indicate if the flowers are a tribute (for example: from the Jones family in honor of John's 10th birthday). Tributes will be listed in the Sunday announcements.

COFFEE HOUR

Have you signed up to provide snacks for coffee hour? Please volunteer to provide a coffee hour or two this year. You may sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board in the Community Hall.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

If your name should be on one of these lists, please contact velma_durant@yahoo.com. We don't want to leave you out. Thank you.

Our February Birthdays are:

Gregg, Eddie	02/02
Whaley, Janet	02/07
Roberts, John	02/08
Wahl, Jerry	02/08
Roberts, Austin	02/15
Lyon, Anna	02/17
Rhinehart, Roger	02/24

There are no Anniversaries in February.

OUR COMMUNITY

Salem Men's Meeting: February's Breakfast meeting on Saturday, Feb 8 is canceled.

Eyeglass Collection: Salem continues to collect used eyeglasses, cell phones and hearing aids to donate to Lions Club. Please leave them in Salem Community Hall.

Lions Club Blood Drive: On February 13 the Lions Club will hold a blood drive in the Salem Community Hall from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Contact Joyce Howe to preregister.

Spirit Club: A fitness group for those with disabilities meets Wednesdays in the Community Hall from 6-7 P.M. Our own Philip Weinberger is an avid participant.

Seniors on the Move – Exercise Class: Thursdays and Fridays, 9:00-10:00 A.M. in the Community Hall. Drop in – registration not required! Participate and pay by the session or for the full fall program. For more information contact the leader, Mary-Jo Cosgrove, mjcosgrove58@gmail.com.

“FOR I WAS HUNGRY...”

Olney Help:

P.O. Box 430, Olney, MD 20830

To volunteer call 301-774-6829. They still are in desperate need of rice sides (Rice-a-Roni/ Knorr sides), peanut butter, jelly, canned chicken, fruit juice, snacks such as granola bars/crackers, cake mix/frosting, canned pasta. Please place items in the box marked for Olney Help in the church hallway. No glass jars.

PRAYER SHAWLS



Prayer Shawls are available in the Salem entry hall on top of the coat rack. If you know anyone who needs prayer, please give him/her a prayer shawl. Just knowing someone cares is sometimes just the right medicine. They will thank you!

APOLOGY

I, Velma Durant, your publisher, would like to apologize for the lateness of this newsletter. I was helping Curt enjoy his birthday gift from his sons. We were cruising the Atlantic to the Caribbean for 8 wonderful days – during the time I was supposed to be getting your newsletter to you. I would say I’m sorry -BUT!

Here is a picture of Curt and me as we get ready for a formal night at dinner.



And a picture of Nassau from the ship.



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