

daughters and her grandchildren are never far from her thoughts. But God has been the wellspring of her fortitude. This has been especially evident in these last months as her health has taken a turn for the worse, for the worst.

Now it is time to say “farewell Barbara”, after 30 years of faithful service. How do we honor and thank her? I don’t know that anything will be enough. However, the Congregation Council has acted to do something tangible and lasting.

At the December Council meeting, after a lengthy discussion of an appropriate way to honor her many years of service, whether to name a room in her honor, or give her a gift, a vote was taken to name the new outdoor classroom/chapel in her honor.

In early December, Councilman Sean Alexis completed the supervision and construction of this beautiful outdoor facility as his required Boy Scout Eagle project. (The location of the chapel is in the woods behind the parsonage. A path runs along the playground fence leading back into this quiet haven.) We are calling this an outdoor classroom because it is projected that it will be used by the preschool for special demonstrations. It will also be used for outdoor worship in favorable weather. It has also been suggested that it will make a quiet and peaceful meditation site for those who may be visiting in the cemetery.

Barbara has been advised of this honor, though she has not been well enough to visit the location. In the spring a dedication ceremony will take place. Please, visit the new Barbara Wilder Outdoor Classroom/Chapel, and when you do, think

of her, of all those years of service, remember her sense of humor, her faithfulness and her joy in living. Now and forever: “Thank-you Barbara”.
God Bless You.

Your partner,
Pastor Paul
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