



First Congregational Memorial Garden

Memorial Garden uses our existing garden as a place to scatter or bury the cremains of our church folks. A plaque and Memorial Book will be created which will have the names and dates (birth and death) of the people interred there. The Memorial Garden concept was approved by the Church Council at its December meeting and at the church Annual Meeting on February 7, 2021.

The vision of the Memorial Garden is to provide a peaceful, natural and faithful way to ensure a caring disposition for the cremated remains of the saints of the church. The policies and procedures of the Memorial Garden are to be established by the Memorial Garden Committee. The location of the Memorial garden was chosen to be a place of beauty, meditation and gratitude.

General Guidelines for Use of the Memorial Garden

- The dignity and integrity of the Memorial Garden will be maintained by the Memorial Garden committee.
- The Memorial Garden will be available to all former and present members of the church and their families.
- Families will inter the ashes of the deceased in the Memorial Garden at the spaces designated with no permanent containers or markers allowed.
- Families may choose from an approved list of plants and bulbs that will mark each spot.
- Families are encouraged to provide the full names, dates, obituaries and a picture of each person which will be maintained in a Memorial Book located in the church office.
- A modest fee of \$300 will be charged for each cremation that would go to help maintain the garden, create a plaque with each person name and a Memorial Book.
- The church has a pouring urn so that families can go directly from the Memorial Service in the sanctuary to the church Memorial Garden to inter the ashes.
- In the event the church closes or moves, the church has purchased a cemetery plot at Greenwood Cemetery so we can move remains and the plaques.
- Current Memorial Committee Members include: Lu Lueck, JoAnne Friedell, Susan Walden, Pastor Chris.