

## Our Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden at First Community is a place of remembrance located adjacent to the main sanctuary where loved one's cremated remains may be interred in the soil and their names memorialized on the arch at the entrance. It is set apart for meditation and contemplation and for the remembrance of the deceased. It is a visible reminder of those of our church community who have gone before us to the nearer presence of God and of our faith that death is not the last word in our lives.



*So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable.*

1 Corinthians 15:42

## The Memorial Garden at First Community



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## Committal Service

If desired by the family, a committal service officiated by one of the clergy of First Community will be conducted at the time of the interment of the cremated remains. The Pastoral Care Office will coordinate the committal service, although any clergy or appropriate official of the church may officiate. This may be following a memorial service of the church or at some other specified time, depending on weather and other considerations.

## Maintenance

The church will maintain the grounds of the Memorial Garden in accordance with its standards, practices, and procedures. A designated fund has been established for the maintenance of the Memorial Garden. The fund is to be used for necessary tools and maintenance, such as planting, pruning, trimming, and mulching.

## Permanence

The Memorial Garden is intended to remain in its present location as long as the church is located on the present site. However, this does not guarantee that it will remain in perpetuity. If at some time in the future an alternative use is made of the site, some soil from the present memorial garden along with the memorialized names will be moved to a new location as a symbol of church continuity.

## Memorialized Names

Those whose cremated remains are placed in the Memorial Garden will be permanently identified on the east side of the entry arch. Memorialized names are of a uniform design and specification. The text is limited to the deceased's name, year of birth, and year of death. No other names or wording are permitted.

## Arrangements

The Pastoral Care Office will make arrangements for the interment of cremated remains in the Memorial Garden and will maintain records of those committals, along with other parish records such as baptisms and weddings.

## Schedule of Fees

The church charges a fee of \$1,500 for the following: (1) preparation of the site; (2) the committal service, including clergy honorarium, unless a memorial service is scheduled in the church sanctuary, which includes the committal; (3) the permanent placement of the memorialized person's name and years of birth and death on the wall of the entrance archway; (4) the administration and maintenance of the Memorial Garden in accordance with the church's standards, practices, and procedures; and (5) a contribution to the Memorial Garden Endowment Fund.

*Fees subject to change.*

