

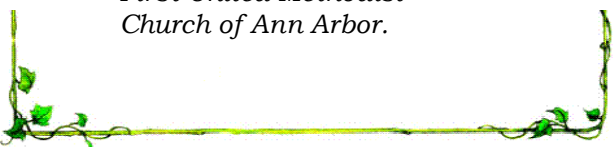


GIFTS

- Contributions to the Garden are always welcome.
- Spring flower donations are received each May for Memorial Day.
- Specific gift ideas will be reviewed by the Memorial Garden Committee.
- Families may wish to designate the Memorial Garden for memorial contributions.
- Other memorial gift opportunities are available. Please contact the church office.

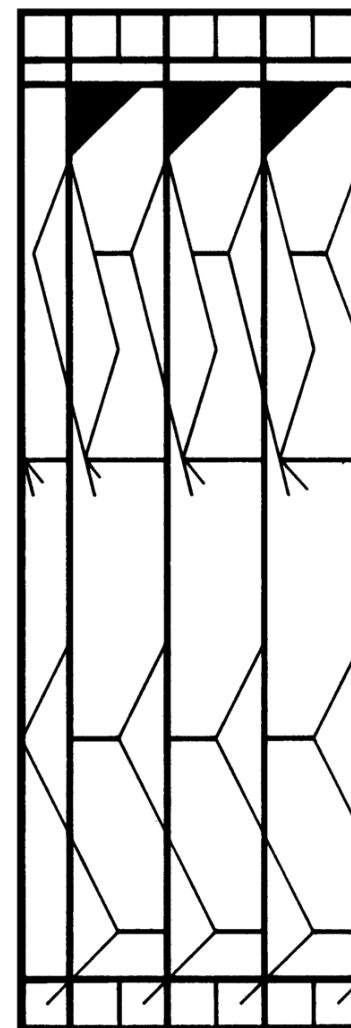
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The picture on the cover of this brochure is an exclusive design by David R. Byrd entitled, "When Saints Go Marching." It is the design of the entry gate to the Memorial Garden at First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor.



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MEMORIAL GARDEN



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WHY A MEMORIAL GARDEN?

From earliest times, Christians have used their churches and church yards as places of interment at time of death. This witnesses to our faith in Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life. From the time when Mary Magdalene met her Risen Lord in a garden (John 20), Christians have felt God's presence in surroundings of beauty. Therefore it is fitting that the Church provide a garden for Christians to inter ashes of loved ones following cremation, and a place of peace and beauty for meditation.

A Memorial Garden can meet a need in today's busy world, where people tend to move from place to place, often having no enduring ties to any one community. What better site, then, for a final resting place than near to a church which held meaning during life? At the Church we dedicate our children to God in Baptism and hear the Good News of God's love for His children. How natural that the Church should be the site for committal of ashes and the last rites of comfort.

Through the Memorial Garden, the Church offers a means of proclaiming our faith and serving those in need. Many may wish to use this opportunity.

Responding to this need, First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor formed a committee in 1979 to establish a Memorial Garden. Dedication of the area took place on Memorial Day Sunday 1981 after months of praying and planning. Formal consecration of the Garden was November 8, 1981.

INTERMENT OF ASHES

The Memorial Garden Committee will observe specific burial procedures. Each person's ashes will be buried directly in the soil in a separate, undesignated location. At the time of interment a short prayer service will be conducted by a minister of First Church and a member of the Memorial Garden Committee. Family members are welcome to be present at this ceremony.

Ashes will be interred from April 1 to November 1, as the weather permits.

Names of those most recently interred will be inscribed on the Garden Wall twice a year; once in spring and once in autumn.

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FEES

- include interment
- include inscription of name on the Garden Wall
- include perpetual maintenance
- do not include the cost of a Memorial Service
- are reviewed annually
- are currently:

Member of FUMC	\$350
Non-member	\$650

Fees may be pre-paid for future interments.

Please send contracts for the interment of ashes in the Memorial Garden of First United Methodist Church.

- Member of First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor
 Non-Member

Your Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name of closest relative not living with you _____ Relationship _____

Phone (____) _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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