

We believe that Potomac Presbyterian Church can and should play a continuing role in the life and death of our members. In 1991 we established our Memorial Garden for those in our congregation who want a nearby final resting place to honor and memorialize loved ones. An expansion was completed in 2014.

Scripture affirms the eternal promise that nothing, in life or in death, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Cremated remains are preserved in niches located in the garden's walls. A Commemorative Plaque, located on the church's outside sanctuary wall, provides an opportunity to remember family members not interred. Our Memorial Garden is a place of beauty, tranquility and peace for all who visit, and provides comfort for the family and friends of those interred or those memorialized on the Commemorative Plaque.

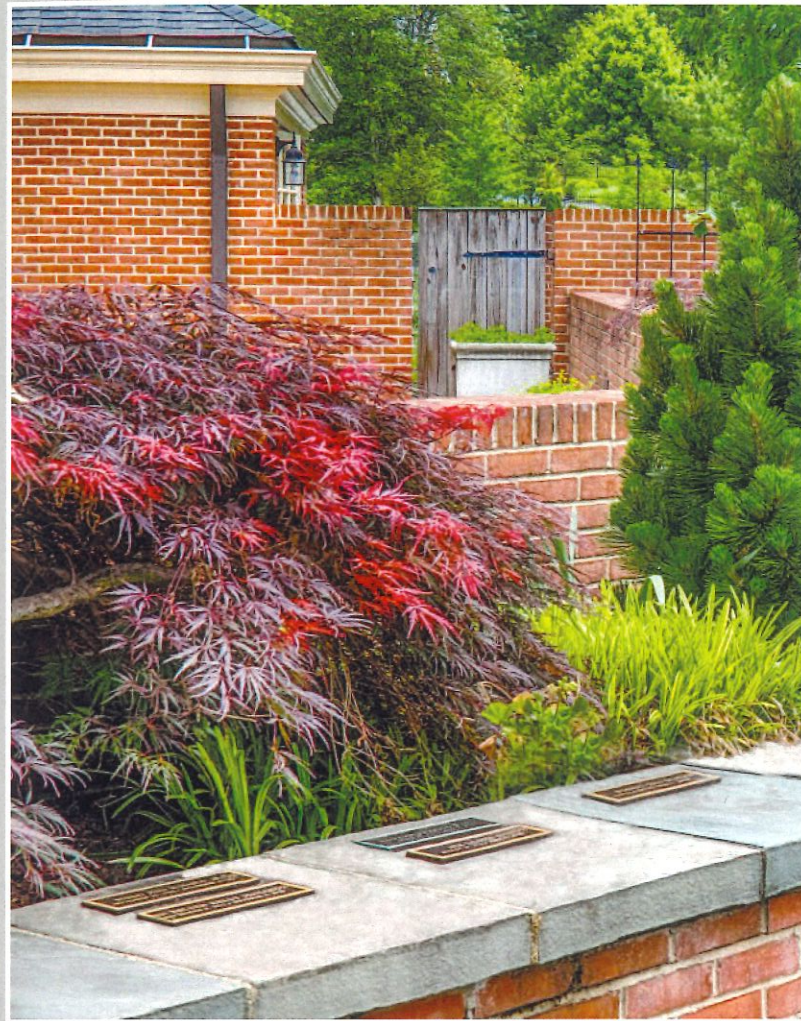
The Garden offers church members:

- Niches for up to four urns,
- Individual name and date plates,
- The opportunity to remember on the Commemorative Plaque family members not interred in the garden.



A Memorial Garden Fund includes money from the purchase of niches and name plates on the Commemorative Plaque and any donations for the garden, including landscaping. Donations are tax deductible and always welcome. This fund is separate from the church's budget and is used for repairs, maintenance, plant purchases and future expansion.

Niches are \$5,000.00, and a Commemorative Plaque name plate is \$500.00. The opening and closing of a niche and niche name plates are at cost.



Plant selection criteria

Respect plant requirements for sunlight, moisture, soil pH, drainage.

Respect principles of landscape design for form, repetition, balance, texture, color.

Selectively repeat and complement plants in the older and newer gardens, to make the garden one unified whole.

Favor plants compatible with the Williamsburg/colonial character of the church building.

Favor plants that provide four-season interest.

Favor evergreen plants for the Gary Road/east side to suppress traffic sound and sights, and deciduous plants for the patio/west side, so as to invite visiting.

Select plants that flower in the cool colors of the color spectrum.

Select plants that are safe and aid safe passage.

Select shallow-rooted ground covers under the Cherry Bark Oak to protect its root system from mowing and erosion.

Only a few native plants could be used due to competing considerations, although they are desirable because of their superior benefit to microbes, wildlife and the environment.

Respect Montgomery County guideline, *Allowable Greenspace Plantings, Standard No. MC-704.01, 7/20/2003*, for plants along the Gary Road boundary.

A complete PPC Memorial Garden plant list is available in the church office.

The Memorial Garden provides a private space that is serene, contemplative and peaceful, and promotes cherished memories of and respect for the loved ones here at rest and those commemorated on the Memorial Plaque.



“For I am sure that neither death . . . nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ our Lord.”

Romans 8:38–39



Memorial Garden Committee: Mary Margaret Smith, chair, Nelda Coligan, Jim Dart, Kendra Grams, Dianne Gregg, Bobbe Hartzog, Bob Mecklenburg, Cecie Phair, Nelia Scioli, Ed Tennent, Nancy Tietjen, Harry Tovmassian, Karen Wise

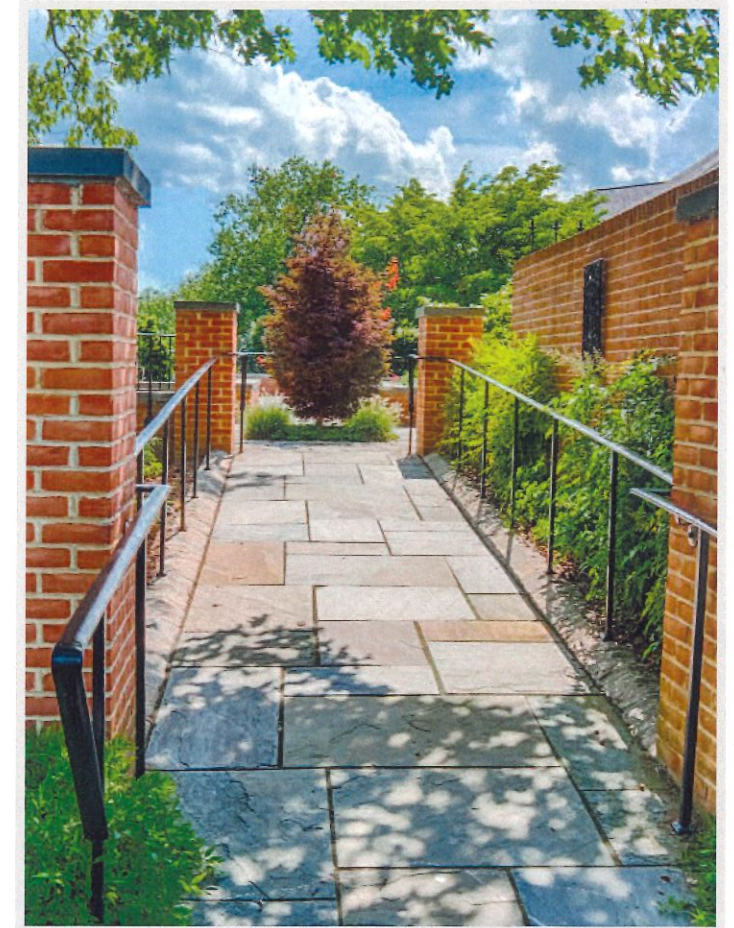
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Memorial Garden



“For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed . . .”

William Walsham How, *For All the Saints*, 1864