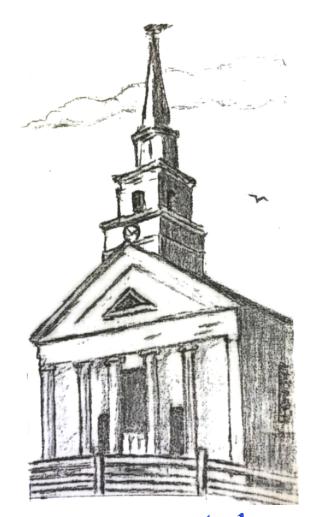


Caring
Loving
Remembering

"Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part"



Memorial Garden

First Parish Church

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The Memorial Garden

Where is there a more fitting place for the memorialization of those we hold most dear? It is on our church grounds that they have experienced many of their most uplifting moments, shared joys and sorrows, and been welcomed for their inherent worth. It is within our Memorial Garden that First Parish Church members and friends can have their lives lovingly remembered and memorialized in perpetuity.

A Contemplative Area

A quiet, secluded area has been chosen as the site for the Garden, accessible just off a path leading from FPC to Minister's Pond and Stow's Center Park. The path meanders through the woods along the lower end of the church grounds and is designed and carefully situated to work with the existing features of the natural landscape including an outcropping of rocks and native trees and vegetation. Benches situated along the path will provide restful places for contemplating the lives of those whose names are enshrined in perpetuity.

Affirming Community Bonds

Memorializing members on our church grounds serves to strengthen the bonds that hold our community together and offers a sense of legacy and history of our church experience.

Simplifying Survivor Planning

Members may opt to arrange in advance for the disposition of their own remains, easing the burden on survivors during a difficult time.

Acting Prudently

Memorialization on our church grounds is an option that may meet the needs of you and your family at a considerably lower expense than may be found elsewhere. A Memorial Garden Fund is established for the receipt of the burial fees and any other donations that may be made to such Fund. This Fund shall be used exclusively for the maintenance and beautification of the Memorial Garden and surrounding grounds of First Parish Church in perpetuity. This utilizing of our church grounds spares the use of land resources elsewhere.



Benches, Pavers & Plaques

You may choose any of our offerings for your memorialization. We offer several choices including:

- Scattering of ashes in dedicated scatter beds
- Name(s) on Memorial plaques on our granite memorial wall
- Scattering of ashes with name(s) on a Memorial Plaque
- Inner Garden granite bench with Memorial Plaque
- Interment of ashes with an engraved memorial paver marking the site of interment
- Also available are benches with a back on the path that connects to the Memorial Garden.

Who Can Be Memorialized Here?

The Garden is here to memorialize members and friends of the church and their immediate relatives, including parents, siblings, spouses/partners and children.

Looking to the Future

The Memorial Garden has room to grow for many years to come. Those FPC members and friends who elect to make this their final resting places can be assured they will have a beautiful, well cared for resting place and will be a part of our historical legacy for centuries to come.

Need More Information?

A comprehensive Memorial Garden Fact Sheet and Application Form can be found under the Friends and Members section of our website or requested by contacting the church office office@fpc-stow-acton.org or 978-897-8149.