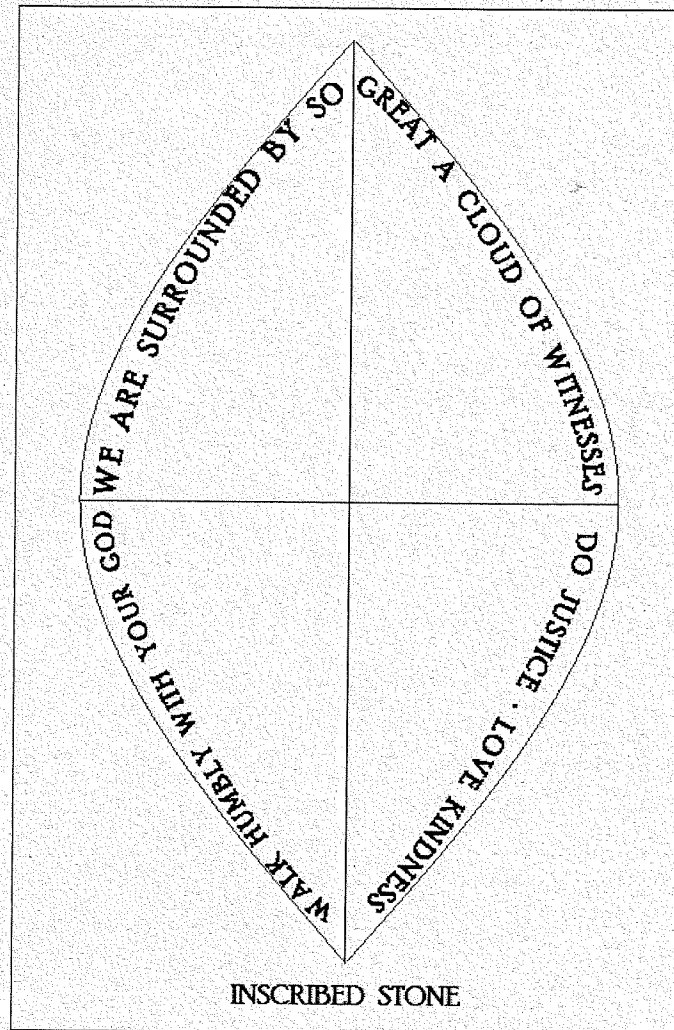


# TALMADGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH



## M E M O R I A L G A R D E N

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## **WHAT IS THE MEMORIAL GARDEN AT TALMADGE HILL CHURCH?**

As you enter the churchyard from the street you are greeted by a quote from the Letter to the Hebrews: *we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses*. This is the entryway to the Memorial Garden which encircles the church bearing witness to those who have gone before us.

Follow the ancient granite flagstones which will be inscribed with the names of our loved ones as you circle the 140 year old chapel at Talmadge Hill. In this way we honor them just as we affirm our own faith.

This is a place of reflection, hope, and memory where we may celebrate our belief in the everlasting life of the Spirit and the abiding presence of God.

## **WHY A MEMORIAL GARDEN?**

Our faith begins and ends in the garden—from the Garden of Eden to the Garden where Mary Magdalene discovered the empty tomb. The garden is the perfect metaphor of God's presence in our world in all its beauty and peace and surprise.

Our Memorial Garden is a powerful expression of how memory guides and sustains us throughout our lives. Life and death are mixed together in the garden so that when we commend a loved one to the earth, it is like planting a seed of memory that will grow into immortality. In God's care, the love that found us in life, lives on past death.

In the Garden memory is nurtured and nourished in the beauty and serenity of the churchyard. Our Memorial Garden has been established to provide for the dignity and integrity of each person whose earthly remains will rest in our care. The Memorial Garden and the grounds of the church yard will be sustained in perpetuity.

## **WHO MAY USE THE MEMORIAL GARDEN?**

The Memorial Garden has been created to meet the needs of the members and friends of Talmadge Hill Church as a unique, permanent and affordable way to memorialize our loved ones. All are welcome and invited to contact the church office to make arrangements to purchase memorial stones.

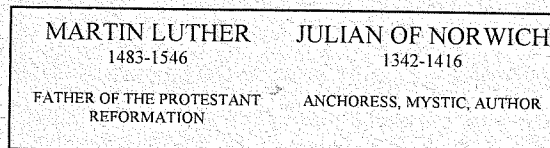
## **MAY ASHES BE INTERRED IN THE GARDEN?**

The Memorial Garden at Talmadge Hill is a "green" garden. Ashes may be scattered among the plantings or buried (without an urn) directly beneath the memorial stone.

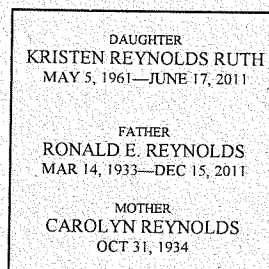
## MEMORIAL STONES

Cut from granite and inscribed by local craftsmen, these stones will offer a permanent memorial to our loved ones. All epitaphs and quotes are subject to approval by the Church. The cost of engraving is assumed by the purchaser. Church members will receive a 20% discount from the prices listed.

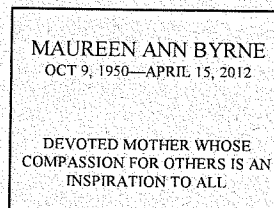
### Large Border Stone 1' X 4'



### Large Square Stone 2' X 2'

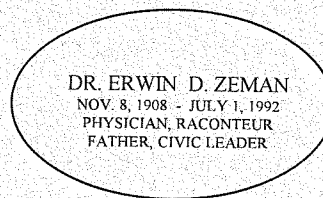


### Rectangular Stone 1.5' X 2'



### Handcut Field Stone

Various sizes and shapes roughly 1' X 2'



## YOU CAN HELP BUILD THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

If you would like to help build the Memorial Garden you may simply make a contribution.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### The Memorial Garden at Talmadge Hill Community Church

The terms and conditions of the Agreement between Talmadge Hill Community Church (hereinafter called "the Church") and the Participant:

1. Control and management of the Memorial Garden are wholly and solely vested in the Church. No property right of any kind is acquired by or through the Participant.
2. Ashes may be scattered or buried, but not buried in containers.
3. The garden is exclusively for memorializing persons, therefore ashes or remains of pets are not permitted in the garden.
4. Adornments such as wreaths and flowers and messages are not permitted in the garden.
5. No liability of any kind is assumed by the Church for the maintenance or preservation of the ashes of any person interred in the Memorial Garden or for any loss or damage to the ashes of such deceased persons, or for any marker placed in the Garden.
6. After the stone has been purchased, The Church works closely with the Participant to prepare the text for engraving and puts the Participant in contact with the local craftsman who does all the engraving for the stones of the garden.
7. Cost of the engraving is borne by the Participant.
8. Only the prescribed marker may be used. No other plaques, plates, discs, plantings, etc. may be placed in the Memorial Garden. There are four sizes of marker stones—1.3'x4', 2'x2' and 1.5'x2' and irregular fieldstone pavers. If neighboring markers are desired for a spouse, child or parent, it is possible to purchase those spaces in advance, secured by a full payment.
9. All costs are subject to change.
10. The Church will maintain a record of placement in the Garden.



## CONTRACT TO PURCHASE

I hereby agree to purchase a Stone for the Memorial Garden at Talmadge Hill Community Church.

	Member	Non Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Border Stone: 1.3' X 4'	\$1800	\$2000
<input type="checkbox"/> Large Stone: 2' X 2'	\$1600	\$1800
<input type="checkbox"/> Rectangular Stone: 1.5' X 2'	\$1400	\$1600
<input type="checkbox"/> Uncut Granite Field Stone: Irregular Size and Shape Pathway around the Church	\$1200	\$1400

Inscription:

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I wish to support and sustain the Memorial Garden by contributing: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the terms and conditions and understand that I am purchasing a stone in its location and that I am responsible for the cost of the inscription which will be approved by the church.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Attached is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Talmadge Hill Community Church and note Memorial Garden Fund.  
Please return the application to the church office.

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