125th Anniversary Legacy Project: Memorial Garden – Kick Off Discussion May 15, 2016

Project Description

Using a collaborative feedback process:
- Develop a conceptual design for the proposed Memorial Garden
- Make recommendations on guidelines and operational process of managing the Memorial Garden
- Explore options for professional landscape design services
- Identify potential fund raising options for completing the project and on-going care and upkeep

Activities

- Host presentation and discussions on types of memorial gardens to increase awareness and education of options
- Gather member feedback on wants and needs. Identify a wish list, needs assessment and development criteria
- Create a working group
- Research other Memorial Gardens at UU churches and elsewhere for design options and management guidelines.
- Develop recommendations for congregational discussion and feedback
- Present final recommendations at a congregational meeting for voting and acceptance.

Project timeline

2016
- May: Kick off discussion and create Working Group
- June: Working Group – identify topics to explore
- Summer: Internet exploration /sharing ideas
- Fall: Review ideas – develop presentation for congregational discussion /feedback. Refine plans and ideas based on feedback
- Winter: Present final recommendations and invite feedback

2017
- Congregational vote to accept final design and recommendations on how to manage Memorial Garden
- Create plans on how to fund and complete project

How to get involved

- Share feedback using the form provided
- Help with internet “homework” – finding examples and information
- Join the working group

Talk to Liz Redston for further information
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Feedback and Ideas – what is important to you?

Share your thoughts below….

- Rank the top 5 “elements” that you would like to see in our Memorial Garden
- Put “X’s” by elements you do not value
- Add comments

- Small memorial plaques for names and dates ______
- No plaques – use a Memorial “Book” to list ______
- Scattered ashes into a common garden ________
- No ashes anywhere __________________
- Flowers ______________________
- Shrubs ________________________
- Area to sit / a bench or two ____________
- UU art: chalice sculpture or other ____________
- People only, no pets ________________
- Pets OK – ashes only ______________
- Pets OK ashes and plaques ____________
- Use matching stonework as Church ____________
- Memorial dedication for members only __________
- Non-members OK for ashes or memorial ________

Other suggestions or comments please:

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Our Property Development Plan – location of Memorial Garden

- Visible feature from inside and out, and from the street or from the entrance area
- Accessible – brick walkway
- Open for all seasons
- Creates natural landscape to shield east maintenance area (which will be partially fenced) and still allow for garbage bins to come forward along a path area

Want to participate on the Working Group?
Name:
Email:
Phone: