



Gifts are made to the Memorial Fund in remembrance of a person's life or in honor of a life or event. Recognizing a loved one during their lifetime is a great way to celebrate a milestone or special occasion.

Family members of a deceased loved one may either suggest a specific use for donations given in their memory or they may ask the Memorials Committee to utilize the funds where most needed.

Donors have six months from the date the church receives the memorial contribution(s) in order to make a specific designation request. In the event that an item or project exceeds the amount collected, or requires ongoing maintenance which may present a burden or financial hardship to the church, the family will be contacted regarding alternative arrangements.

Once the allotted time has past, the previously "reserved" contributions will be made available to use where the Memorials Committee deems the greatest need.

The Memorials Committee has provided for or donated toward many improvements over the years, enhancing our lovely church and supporting its members.

Current projects the Memorials Committee oversees:



THE RUTH WATKINS MEDITATION GARDEN

The meditation garden, dedicated on June 14, 2009, was created in honor of Ruth "Ma" Watkins. Ruth stood up to church authority saying, "You will not close my church. There is still plenty of ministry to do here in Newtown."



THE BRICK WALKWAY

Our main walkway, which graces the left and right sides of the main entrance to the church, is lined with engraved bricks honoring and/or memorializing loved ones.



Additional projects include:

- A \$10,000 dollar contribution to the church roof project
- Tables & chairs for Rauner Hall
- Microphones for the sanctuary
- A projector & retractable screen to facilitate enhanced worship capabilities
- Choir robes
- Hymnals & song books
- Tone chimes & stands
- Paraments (linens which adorn the altar & pulpit)
- Pew and chancel cushions
- Flags for the narthex
- United Methodist Camp Scholarships
- Wesley Learning Center Scholarships
- Funding for Confirmand breakfasts



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