

Mountain Views

A NEWSLETTER FROM MOUNTAIN VIEW

2011-2012

Dear friends, neighbors and families,

In the aftermath of any great tragedy (hurricane, tornado, fire, earthquake), we all recall news interviews with survivors who, given time to save only one thing, opted to grab the family photo album before fleeing for their lives.

Although today a computer hard drive might just as often be secured as an old-school photo album, the sentiment remains: We treasure our memories because all the other “stuff” can be replaced. We want to remember what we were, what we looked like and where we lived, to help us better understand what we have become.

Mountain View Memorial Park exists to serve this same sentiment. Whether as a final resting place or a place of eulogy and ceremony, we strive daily to be the guardian of our community’s heritage. Although few of us look at



our family photo albums every day (or every year for that matter), we know where they are and that they are available to us when the need arises. So serves our memorial gardens and the ceremonies we provide.

Whether visited once in a lifetime or every week we exist for the purpose of giving space and time for crowded lives to retreat from the mad pace of our modern world to a place specifically designed for quiet reflection in a setting of beauty and serenity.

We hope that you find this newsletter an informative means to share our humble services with our community. As you will see, we strive to remain relevant in a busy, technological culture and like a family photo album, our primary goal is to always be here when we are needed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Wolfe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kevin Wolfe
General Manager



Memorial to Pierce County First Responders in the Garden of Honor

Follow the yellow line and, just before reaching the Valley Chapel, you will see our recently dedicated memorial honoring law enforcement officers, firefighters and other First Responders from Pierce County who have died in the line of duty. The



surrounding area, called the *Garden of Honor*, is being offered only to those in or retired from First Responder professions and is available now for prepurchase. The public is welcome to visit at any time during normal business hours.

Calendar of Events

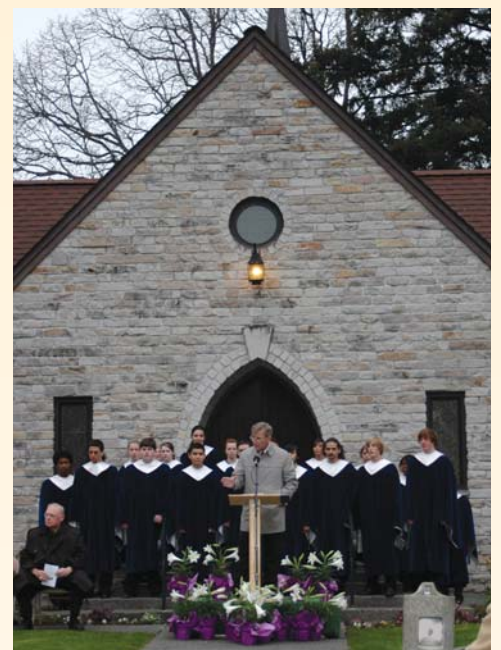
- Lighten the Darkness Holiday Event 6:30 – 8:30 PM November 3, 2011
- Holiday Candle Light Service/Music 6:30 – 8:30 PM December 3, 2011
- Grief Recovery Seminar..... 10:00 AM – Noon on January 26 2012
- Christmas decoration pick-up begins January 15, 2012
- Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital – Bridges Tour..... February 11, 2012
Please call office for date and time.
- Italian/Valentine Concert #1..... 6:30 PM February 11, 2012
- Grief Recovery Seminar..... 6:30 – 8:30 PM on February 21, 2012
- Easter Sunrise Service/Reception 6:30 AM April 8, 2012
- Spring Hospice Remembrance Event/Tour..... May 2012
Please call office for date and time.
- Mother Day - Concert #2 Mothers Day 4:00 PM May 13, 2012
- Hope, Healing and renewal Spring Event 6:30 – 8:30 PM May 17, 2012
- Memorial Day Weekend Events..... May 26-27-28, 2012
Saturday Tribute to Veterans and families 7 – 9 PM
Patriotic Concert/Reception/Dove Release/Fireworks
Sunday Parade of Bagpipes/Patriotic Brass Concert..... 10:00 AM
Monday “Veterans Memorial Day Service”..... 2:00 PM
- Grief Recovery Seminar 6:30 – 8:30 PM June 5, 2012
- Father’s Day Car Show and BBQ..... 9 AM – 2 PM June 17, 2012
- Summer Group Rally and Reunion..... 6:30 – 8:30 PM August 9, 2012
- Jazz Band Concert 7 PM August 11, 2012
- Grief Recovery Seminar..... 10 AM- Noon on Sept 6, 2012
- Grief Recovery Seminar 6:30 – 8:30 PM October 2, 2012
- Day of the Dead /Dia de Los Muertos”..... 10AM – 3:00 PM October 29, 2012
- Lighten the Darkness Holiday Event..... 6:30 – 8:30 PM on November 1, 2012
- Chusok..... November.
Please call office for times

Please call Kevin Wolfe if you have any questions concerning events for 2011 – 2012

Please check with Geoff Piper in our Bereavement Services Department for a full list of weekly Grief Recovery Outreach Program meetings and support Group meetings at gpiper@mountainviewtacoma.com or 253-584-0252.

Other community events that Mountain View employees support and volunteer with:

- Blue Light Coalition
- Grave Concerns Association
- Mock Crash sponsored by Lake’s High School and West Pierce Fire and Rescue
- Parks Appreciation Day Sponsored by the City of Lakewood
- National Night Out against crime Sponsored by The Blue Light Coalition and Safe Streets.
- 9-11 Annual Remembrance sponsored by Tacoma Fire Dept.
- Washington State Law Enforcement Memorial Ball and Auction
- Emergency Food Network of Pierce County
- Rotary International
- TEARS Foundation
- Hospice
- Tacoma-Pierce County Chaplaincy
- Sons of Italy
- Lakewood YMCA
- Police, Fire and Military Honor Guard training multiple times throughout the year at Mountain View.
- Lakewood Area Shelter Association



Easter Service



Memorial Day Weekend



Spring Colors

Memorial Day at Mountain View



Official Veterans Memorial Day Service

hosted by Mountain View and the Pierce County Veterans Advisory Council

The official Veterans Memorial Day service for Pierce County was held at Mountain View Memorial Park's New



Doughboy Honor Guard

Veterans Memorial section again this year and we would like to thank those members of

the community and staff who worked so hard to make it a successful event.

Members of our Greatest Generation began the tradition as a way to honor the memory of their fallen comrades. As the observance continued over the years, it gained support from local and state politicians and participation from veterans groups and auxiliaries from all over the state.

But the world has not remained a peaceful place since the Greatest Generation rallied behind their troops and veterans, and there is a new generation of fallen heroes. With this in mind, the PCVAC and Mountain View decided to make an addition to the



Dennis Jones of PCVAC presents Mountain View Office Manager, Kim Josué with a gift for her help in putting together the service.

service. In addition to the traditional recognition of WWI and WWII veterans,

there is now a wreath presentation in which each military branch honors those who have sacrificed throughout the years in the name of



A Variety of Patriotic Music

freedom and liberty. There is also military themed music performed by the Brass Quintet from the 56th Army Band of I Corps at Fort Lewis (when available) and other patriotic local musicians.

The PCVAC and Mountain View invite everyone to join us again at next year's service on Monday, May 28, 2012. There will be plenty of free parking and there is no charge for admittance. Join us for a tradition 35 years in the making!

Mountain View Memorial Park




Liberty Pillar



Ceremony at the Garden of Honor



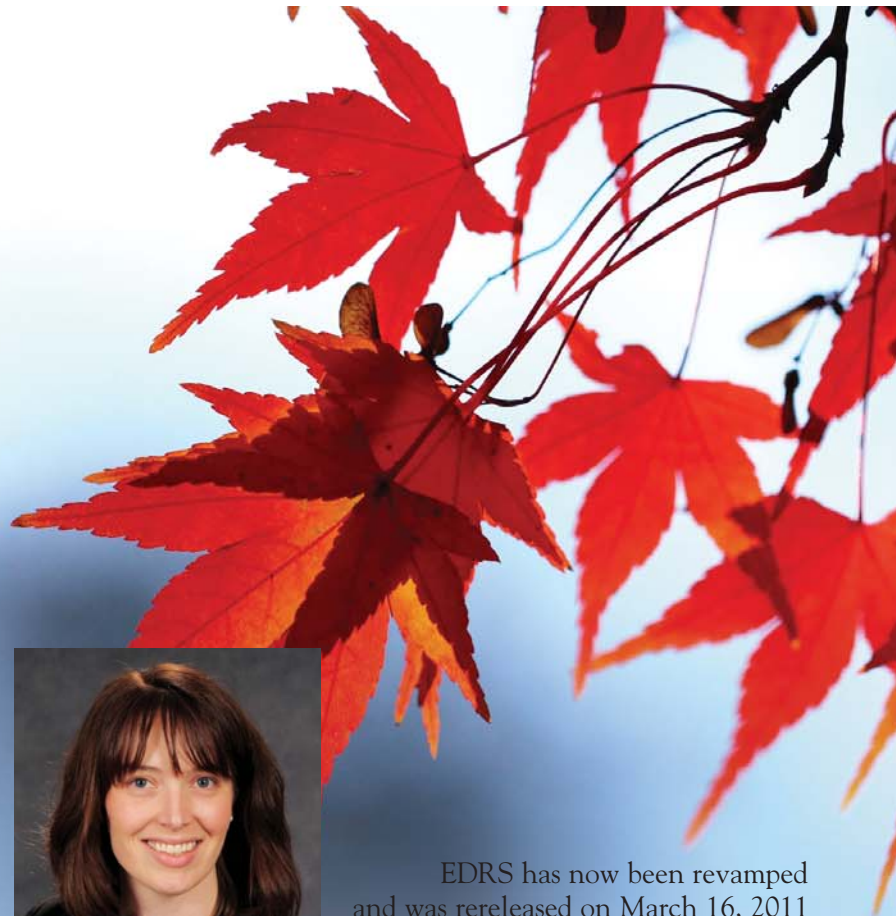
Garden Chapel



Honoring Our Military Heroes

Name	Branch of Service	Relationship to Employee	Campaign, Medals or Special Recognition, if any	Name	Branch of Service	Relationship to Employee	Campaign, Medals or Special Recognition, if any
John Anderson	Army	Employee	Good Conduct Medal, Satellite Communication, served 8 years	Ignacio Josué	Army	Grandfather of Kim Josué	Bronze Star, Purple Heart, WWII, Retired Captain
John W. Anderson	Army	Father of John Anderson	WWII, Invasion of Normandy	Myrton Albert Keeler	Navy	Grandfather of Erin Keeler	
Donald Beck	Army	Father of Neil Beck	Korea	Robert Myrton Keeler	National Guard	Father of Erin Keeler	
George Keys	Army	Uncle of Neil Beck	WWI fighter pilot	Albert Johnson	Army	Father of Barbara Kurtz	Paratrooper, Japanese occupation
Lloyd Backenstue	Army	Uncle of Neil Beck	WWII, Korea, Retired Lieutenant Colonel	Dick Coen	Navy	Uncle of Barbara Kurtz	WWII, Vietnam, Korea
Ralph Keys	Army	Grandfather of Neil Beck	WWI fighter pilot	E.O. Olson	Navy	Grandfather of Barbara Kurtz	
Robert Young	Army	Uncle of Neil Beck	WWI	Robert Kurtz	Army Air Corp	Father-in-law of Barbara Kurtz	WWII
James Hill	Army	Cousin of Sue Boggs		Tom Kurtz	Army	Husband of Barbara Kurtz	
Raymond W. Kelley	Army	Uncle of Sue Boggs	WWII	Donald Martonik	Merchant Marines	Grandfather of Cait Martonik	
Steven Peebles	Army	Cousin of Sue Boggs		James Martonik	Army Reserves	Father of James Martonik	
Charles D. Boggs	Army	Father of Sue Boggs	WWII	Phillip Martonik	Air Force	Brother of Cait Martonik	
Irving Edelberg	Army	Uncle of Sue Boggs	WWII, Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart	Richard Baker	Navy	Uncle of Cait Martonik	
Christopher Carle	Navy	Nephew of Ken Carle		Christopher Carker	Marine Corp	Nephew of Bobby McGee	
Bill Noren	Army	Great Uncle of Terri Dahm	original member of the first Special Service Forces	Donald Haibel	Army	Uncle of Bobby McGee	
Clifford Dahm	Air Force	Brother of Terri Dahm		Donovan Edwards	Navy	Brother-in-law of Bobby McGee	
Lawrence Dahm	Army	Father of Terri Dahm		Eugene Addington	Army	Father of Bobby McGee	
Theodore Dahm	Air Force	Uncle of Terri Dahm	Retired	Paul Rowe	Navy	Grandfather of Bobby McGee	
Brandon Topar	Army	2nd cousin of Rhonda Dillard	Afghanistan	Travis Zipper	Army	Brother-in-law of Bobby McGee	
Charles Shepherd	Army	Uncle of Rhonda Dillard		Agrippa Stocks	Navy	Grandfather of Sherri Nugent-Loehr	
Cory Cummings	Army	2nd cousin of Rhonda Dillard		Chris Weeks	Army	Cousin of Sherri Nugent-Loehr	
David Dillard	Air Force	Brother-in-law of Rhonda Dillard	Sgt.	David Weeks	Army	Cousin of Sherri Nugent-Loehr	
Diana A. Dillard	Air Force	Daughter-in-law of Rhonda Dillard	C-17 pilot - 1st Lt	Don Stocks	Marine Corp	Father of Sherri Nugent-Loehr	
Frank Topar Sr	Army	Uncle of Rhonda Dillard		Fred Hilbert	Army	Great Grandfather of Sherri Nugent-Loehr	
George Davis	Army	Uncle of Rhonda Dillard		Jared Taylor	Army	Cousin of Sherri Nugent-Loehr	Iraq
Jake Tucker	Army	2nd cousin of Rhonda Dillard	Afghanistan	Clinton E. Piper	Navy	Father of Geoff Piper	WWII
Kenneth Dillard	Air Force	Father-in-law of Rhonda Dillard	Tech Sgt	Andrew O'Conner	Army	Son-in-law of Vicki Reed	Iraq, Active Duty
Otto Iensky	German Army	Grandfather of Rhonda Dillard		Forrest E. Beals	Navy	Father of Vicki Reed	WWII, Retired
Raymond Davis	Marines	Cousin of Rhonda Dillard		Homer Reed	Army	Father-in-law of Vicki Reed	WWII, Retired
Ronald Shepherd	Army	Father of Rhonda Dillard		Marvin Rentfrow	Army	Employee	Served 6 years
Ryan Meinhardt	Marines	2nd cousin of Rhonda Dillard		Gene Riggs	Navy	Father of David Riggs	
Norbert Osborne	Army	Father of Donna Feldman	WWII – Pacific Theater	Howard Adams	Air Force	Uncle of David Riggs	
Jim Fletcher	Army	Father of Larry Fletcher		Howard C. Adams	Navy	Grandfather of David Riggs	Commander WWII
Roland Henderson	Marine Corp	Employee	2 Navy Achievement Medals and Meritorious Service Medals, Retired 20 years	Robert Adams	Air Force	Uncle of David Riggs	
Kenneth B. Johnson	Army	Grandfather of Kristin Johnson		Jamie Smith	Air Force	Employee	Operation Desert Shield/Storm, served 1994-1998
Howard Jordan	Navy	Father of Matt Jordan	Destroyer Vietnam 3 Tours	Jan D. Steward	Marine Corp	Father of Chris Steward	
James Jordan	Air Force	Brother of Matt Jordan	Cap Opr Vet Shock & Aw	Lynn Steward	Navy	Aunt of Chris Steward	Retired
Matt Jordan	Navy hm2	Employee	Gulf War	Jeff Straley	Navy	Son of Bill Straley	
Albert W. Smith	Army	Great-grandfather of Kim Josué	WWI	Scott Straley	Navy	Son of Bill Straley	
Allan Josué	Army	Father of Kim Josué	Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal	James Thomason	Army	Father of James Thomason	5 Bronze Stars, WWII, Battle of Normandy, North France and EAME Campaign, served 1942-1945
Delbert L. Thomas	Navy	Grandfather of Kim Josué	5th OLC, Retired Major 20 years	Butch Twilley	Air Force Reserves	Employee	
			WWII, USS Hatfield	Jordan Twilley	Air Force	Son of Butch Twilley	Afghanistan, Active Duty
				Bill Wolfe	Army	Father of Kevin Wolfe	
				Jim Wolfe	Navy	Brother of Kevin Wolfe	
				Michael Woodhouse	Air Force	Father of Bryndi Woodhouse	
				Robert J. Backstein	Army	Grandfather of Bryndi Woodhouse	Korean War

Associate Spotlight



In 2005, the Washington State Department of Health made Mountain View the first user of the Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS). EDRS is an internet-based death filing system for those who file death records in Washington State. State and countywide, rather than taking at least 90 days to receive useful death data with the paper system, EDRS delivers more accurate death data to the Health Department in about 5 days and allows the Department of Health to react to public health concerns like H1N1 and other emerging health threats more quickly. The Department of Health can also forward death data in a timelier manner to other state and federal governmental agencies, to reduce overpayment and fraud. From a funeral home level, it allowed Erin Keeler and Sally Stuen Williamson to streamline the process of obtaining death certificates by electronically filing, tracking and receiving death certificates in a more efficient manner.



Erin Keeler
Funeral Detail Supervisor



Sally Stuen Williamson
Funeral Detail Coordinator

EDRS has now been revamped and was rereleased on March 16, 2011 to Pierce, Thurston, Mason, Benton, Franklin and Spokane Counties, with a statewide release to follow. All doctors' offices, hospitals, local Health Departments and funeral homes in those counties are required to use the revamped system.

Prior to the rerelease, Erin and Sally were asked to participate in conference calls with state and local officials to help test the new system and give insight for new users. They were asked to relearn the system in a short amount of time and were instrumental in helping Mountain View navigate through the change.

Mountain View wants to thank Erin and Sally for their hard work during this transition and for representing us so well. Special thanks go to the rest of the administrative staff for assisting Erin and Sally as needed during the transition. Way to go!!!

~Kim Josué, Office Manager

Upright Memorials in the Garden of Tranquility

Have you always envisioned a memorial for yourself or your loved one that rises up from the ground rather than lies flat? If so, Mountain View has created a new section, the *Garden of Tranquility*, with you in mind. All memorials in this section will be "upright" and spaces are available now for pre-purchase.

Rainier Mausoleum Preconstruction Sales

For hundreds of years mausoleum entombment has been the preferred choice of burial for those that could afford it. The Pyramids in Egypt, the Taj Mahal in India, Westminster Abbey in England and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery are all examples of how mausoleum entombment was chosen over ground burial.

For the first time in Mountain View history, we are offering preconstruction sales in our newest and only INDOOR mausoleum. Find out how you can save THOUSANDS of dollars by reserving your selection in advance! Whether you already have arrangements or not, stop by our office and we'll be happy to share the details.



Why is Preplanning the ultimate gift of love?



We plan for just about everything in life. We generally plan for months for a wedding, nine months or longer for a baby and years for an education. Similarly, we plan for our vacations, our retirement and numerous other things in life. This is all part of the natural process of protecting and providing for our families. However, shouldn't we also prepare for the inevitable?

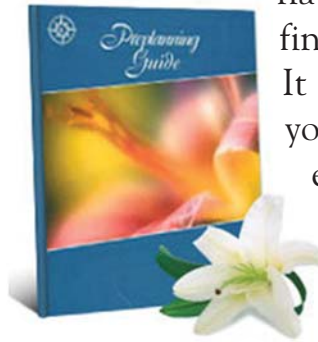
It is a well known fact that one of the most stressful events in someone's life is facing the death of a loved one while having to make their arrangements if they did not preplan. Unfortunately, we see it all the time. As it has often been said, we cannot predict, avoid or postpone our death... but you can prepare for it. The AARP has long been a proponent of preplanning due to the numerous benefits associated with this loving act. There are two ways to spare your loved ones, Unfunded Preplanning and Funded Preplanning:

I. Unfunded Preplanning provides -

- **Peace of mind** in knowing that your family will not have to make these arrangements for you as well as the confidence and assurance that your services were exactly what you would have wanted.
- **Transferability** once your arrangements are decided they are paid in full thus allowing you to give, will, sell or upgrade your selections.

- **A solution to the stress, confusion and worry** associated with having to make these arrangements for someone else.

For no cost or obligation we offer our Preplanning Guide which answers many of the questions that families have relative to their final arrangements. It also will inform you of the various entitlements that so often go uncollected as well as walking through a simple process to outline your wishes sparing those you love from having to make these types of decisions for you.



We will keep your records on file at our location free of charge so your family members will know they need simply make one phone call on that inevitable day. I assure you, there are few gifts you could ever give to your family that would be appreciated more.

However, for individuals that not only want to spare their loved ones the emotional burden of their final arrangements, but also the financial burden, prefunding can easily handle the associated expense at tremendous savings.

II. Funded Preplanning provides -

- **Inflation Protection** by freezing the costs at what they are today and avoiding any price escalation which

often can double in cost every 7-10 years.

- Discounts are available on some items for families preplanning as a further inducement to act on what every loving family knows is the right thing to do.
- Payment options allow you to make a small deposit and monthly payments that can be customized to fit the budget of any family.

For those who are unsure with their decision to preplan, knowing that virtually no one regrets the decision to prearrange can add reassurance to you and your loved ones. Remember that lives are built on relationships and experiences; we suggest that you try to make this most difficult time in your family's lives significantly easier by preplanning and perhaps prefunding your final arrangements. In either case, our Preplanning Guide is yours at no cost simply for allowing us to explain the options available and will be of tremendous help to your family.

Don't you owe it to your family to invest an hour of your time to preplanning and perhaps prefunding your arrangements? Call, email or visit our location and a Preplanning Guide will be reserved for you today.

*Preplanning...
truly a gift of love.*

Butch Twilley, Sales Manager
Mountain View

Holiday Family Appreciation Prearrangement Programs

Savings on cemetery, funeral & cremation prearrangements from November 1 until December 31, 2011

- Interest rates as low as 1.68% for terms up to 60 months APD.
- 0% interest if paid in full within 24 months.*
- Free installation on all prearranged memorials.
- First payment deferred for 60 days.
- 50% off opening and closings on full packages for agreements containing cemetery property and all applicable merchandise such as memorials, vaults, inscriptions and lettering.
- As little as 5% down on any prearrangement with automatic payments (EFT).

*If contract is paid out within 24 months, all interest will be rebated.

For more information, call toll free 866-268-0873

Honoring Local Heroes

To salute the brave men and women who serve, protect and defend us all, we've launched American Hero Service Plans, which offers significant discounts on funeral arrangement and cemetery space, either at the time of need or before need. All active or retired members of the military, police force, fire department, and their family members including spouses, children, parents, siblings, and in-laws are eligible for this program.



For more information, call toll free 866-268-0873

Community Partnership Brings Savings

Did you know that members of various groups in our community are entitled to savings when preplanning a funeral or pre-arranging cemetery space? Our Family Care benefits include substantial discounts on products and services when you arrange a funeral, either before need or at the time of need. Eligible groups include people who work together, volunteer together, or worship together.



To find out if your group is registered, or to register yourself or your group, please call toll free 866-268-0873

DETACH AT THE PERFORATIONS, FOLD UP BOTTOM FLAP, MOISTEN GLUE STRIP AND SEAL

How can we serve you?



- I would like a free Preplanning Guide.
- I want to know more about Veterans burial benefits.
- I have questions about Cremation.
- I would like to update my records at Mountain View.
- Other _____

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Address _____

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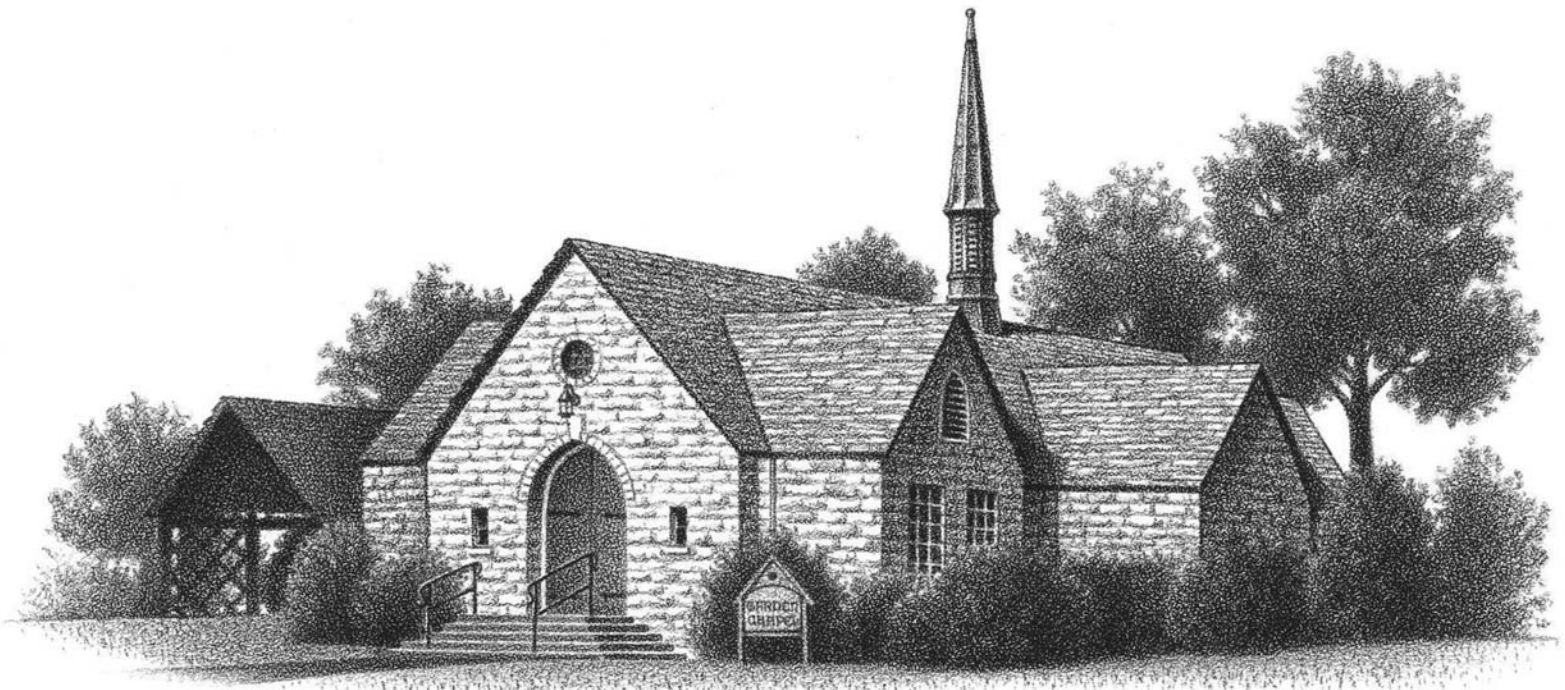


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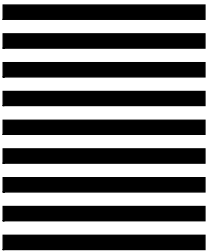
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