

MEMORIAL GARDEN DEDICATION, November 6, 2011

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CHALICE LIGHTING

We light this chalice for the celebration of a dream realized.

We light this chalice for a place where we can meditate, reflect, and remember.

We light this chalice for those who have left us and for those who are yet to come.

We light this chalice for the continuing fellowship we offer each other as we gather together.

DEDICATION CEREMONY

We dedicate this Memorial Garden in loving memory to past members, who kept the flame of Unitarian-Universalism glowing in the Clemson area. We dedicate it in appreciation to current members who have helped bring it to realization and who will meet here in this Gathering Circle for ceremonies and meditation. We dedicate it to future members who will perpetuate our dreams and enjoy the beauty we have created.

The Memorial Garden Committee gave many hours to planning the best and most beautiful garden that we could afford. Members include Chair, Jim Rodgers, Anne Higley, Cindy Rodgers, Anita Stutzman, Carolyn Turner, John turner, and Meg Williamson. Thanks to all for a job well done.

The flaming chalice design will be placed in the center of the Gathering Circle later this month. In February the Dedication Bricks will be installed in the circle.

We have plans for further development as we can afford it. We would like to pave the walkway in the burial area with the same brick pattern as the walkway. We need a metal bench for that area and a portable fire pit to use in the Gathering Circle. We hope someday to have an attractive fence to enclose the Garden and a water feature to provide white noise to block out traffic noise.

Even though we could not complete all our plans, we are delighted with what we have today. Thank you for joining us as we dedicate the UUFC Memorial Garden.

Now let us join hands for our closing circle and song.