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In life and in death we belong to God.
from A Brief Statement of Faith

March 31, 2020

Dear Friends,

Planning for the end of our life or the lives of our loved ones is something that most of us never wish to talk about. However, we know that death will come to all of us at some point, whether we have talked about it or not. We also know, as a church family, that we walk with people through the shadow of the valley of death on a regular basis. That journey is made more bearable for family and friends if advance preparation and planning has been made for end of life matters.

One of the gifts we can give to those who love us is to take the time, before death approaches, to provide information which will help loved ones to know better how to celebrate our life on earth once it has ended. The enclosed pieces have been designed with that in mind. The information and instruction you will provide on the pre-planning sheet will greatly help your family and our church as we plan a memorial service to honor God and celebrate your life. It will also help us as we consider how you want others to honor your life after your death.

We encourage you to spend time prayerfully reading the information about our Memorial Garden and planning for your memorial service. Please do not feel you need to do this alone. We encourage you to talk with your family and friends about what is important to you. Know that we, your pastors, are very willing to meet with you as you plan; we will keep a copy of your form and notes in a confidential file. We see it as a privilege to walk with you in preparation for the final journey.

We appreciate your willingness to enter into this difficult but rich and grace-filled conversation.

Shalom,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy".

Randy Harris

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O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, so fill our hearts with trust in you that by night and by day, at all times and in all seasons, we may without fear or distress commit ourselves to those dear to us, to your steadfast love, in this life and the life to come. Living or dying, we are yours through him who is the resurrection and the life. Amen.