



The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County

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Columbia, Maryland 21045

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Greetings!

As you know, we are in the middle of an exciting expansion of First Presbyterian Church, which will increase our capacity for ministry and mission in this place and beyond. Since our front entrance has been torn up, we have the opportunity to put our mark on our church in a unique and creative way.

We're going to repave our front brick courtyard and sanctuary walkway with engraved pavers. These pavers will be a sign and symbol of our congregation's commitment to live as *People on the Way of Christ*. The courtyard and walkway will illustrate the kinds of attitudes, character or qualities of life that we seek to live—the mind of Christ, or the way of Christ.

We invite you to purchase a 4x8 inch brick paver, or several pavers, for our walkway. Pavers can be given in honor of someone, in memory of a loved one, or simply as a statement of an aspect of Christian life that you value and want to express. The paver contains up to four lines of up to 21 characters per line for your personalization. For the first line of the paver, we invite you to choose a word that expresses some aspect of being Christian that you believe is important to embody in the world today. The next two or three lines can be used however you choose—a date, a dedication, or simply your name.

Listed below are the words we'd like to suggest you choose for the first line of your paver. We hope you will write one or two sentences of explanation of why you chose that particular word. We'll be making a Guide Book with all the information about the pavers.

<i>Believe</i>	<i>Guidance</i>	<i>Patience</i>	<i>Trust</i>
<i>Comfort</i>	<i>Hope</i>	<i>Peace</i>	<i>Truth</i>
<i>Courage</i>	<i>Imagination</i>	<i>Prayer</i>	<i>Vision</i>
<i>Endurance</i>	<i>Joy</i>	<i>Proclaim</i>	<i>Welcome</i>
<i>Energy</i>	<i>Justice</i>	<i>Rejoice</i>	<i>Wisdom</i>
<i>Faith</i>	<i>Kindness</i>	<i>Reverence</i>	<i>Witness</i>
<i>Generosity</i>	<i>Love</i>	<i>Seek</i>	<i>Wonder</i>

Here's how the completed paver might look:

<p><i>PEACE</i> <i>In Memory of</i> <i>Our Mothers</i> <i>James & Jane Smith</i></p>	<p><i>LOVE</i> <i>April 8, 1989</i> <i>Mark & Linda Smith</i></p>	<p><i>COURAGE</i> <i>In Honor of</i> <i>our son Mike</i> <i>Pete and Ann Smith</i></p>	<p><i>FAITH</i> <i>In appreciation</i> <i>Pastor Smith</i> <i>1922-1934</i></p>
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The cost of one paver is \$100. If your family unit purchases more than one paver, the cost is \$75 for each additional brick. The proceeds from the sale of these pavers will help us bridge the gap in meeting some of the unexpected costs we've encountered during construction.

Please use the attached form to order your brick. These forms can be placed in *The Brick Box* on Sunday, placed in the offering plate, mailed or brought to the Church Office. Orders will be taken through Sunday, October 9, 2011—but we would love to be able to count on your order by the end of August. We anticipate that these pavers will be installed in early November.

If you have any questions, or you need more information, please contact the Church Office, or speak with Janet Eichhorn or Alice Haskins.

We look forward to celebrating together as we pave the way of our community, and hope that you will choose to leave a record of your commitment to walk this way together.

Grace and Peace,
Morton and Sue Lowcock Harris
Co-Pastors

