HOW THE GARDEN WAS CREATED

Creekside's Prayer Garden was planned in appreciation of song leader and choir director Janet Berkebile, who passed away in June of 2007, and in honor of Pastor David Bibbee, who served as pastor at Creekside for fifteen years. Janet and Pastor David had dreams for the garden which were incorporated into the design by Creekside member and landscape designer Judy De Pue of New Vistas Landscaping.









The garden features a 50 foot rock-lined stream bed with a pond at either end, flanked by over one hundred perennial plants, shrubs and several trees.





The garden was paid for by donations from members and friends of Creekside and by memorial funds (see list inside brochure). Over 60 Creekside members & friends, ages 2 to 72, contributed their time & handiwork to construct the garden.

The Prayer Garden was conceived as an embodiment of Creekside's vision statement:



"Like a tree that draws life from the river of God's love, we are a Church of the Brethren congregation rooted in God, growing in Jesus, and bearing fruit in the Spirit."

Goshen sculptor John Mishler designed the copper fish sculptures which are mounted over the lower pond.

Artist Jim Profitt engraved words that are mounted on either side of the arbor which marks the entry and exit.

Stone markers were engraved by Kurt Hunsberger.

Landscape design by Judy De Pue of New Vistas Landscaping. Supervision of garden construction by Judy & Stephen De Pue.

The Creekside Church of the Brethren Prayer Garden



Creekside Church of the Brethren Prayer Garden and Labyrinth are located at the back right corner of the property at 60455 C.R. 113 between C.R. 26 and 28 in Elkhart.

The public is welcome to the Prayer Garden and Labyrinth any time free of charge. They can be accessed by parking at the northwest corner of the church parking lot.



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tsuga Canadian hemlock tree existing sycamore tree w/ bench lower pond ametanchier serviceberry tree to sit near pond malus "sugartyme " crab labyrinth picea fastigiata blue spruce pendula weeping pond dogwood caragana fernleaf weeping pea tree sidewalk low sitting walls w/engraved memory plaques existing tree groundcover area for burying cremains ashes cedar pergold w/two swings &concrete walk

In Appreciation of their ever-present help in the construction of the garden, Judy & Stephen De Pue have donated special plants in honor of Curt Miller (AH), and Walt (AI) & Marilee (AJ) Gilliland, and also in honor of each other (AK & AL).

PRAYER GARDEN SPONSORSHIPS

Code	Gift:	Sponsor:	In Honor / In Memory of:
Α	sugar tyme crab	Worship Team	Janet Berkebile
В	copper fish	Worship & Shalom	David Bibbee
С	viburnum/crabtree bench	Thee Seekers	Janet Berkebile
		Carol Wagner	Junior & Marge Kirkdorffer
D	stream bridges	New Life Class	David Bibbee
Е	weeping pea tree	Creekside Choir	Janet Berkebile
F	sign on arbor	Creekside Choir	Rosanna McFadden
G	golden azalea	Fellowship Team	Jean Mann
Н	scarlet shrub rose	Worship Team	Angi Marcin, Maryann Zerbe
I	upper pond & falls	Memorial Funds	Evelyn Miller
J	lower pond & falls	Memorial Funds	Ruth Bibbee
K	bubbling stream	Memorial Funds	Carol West
L	entry perennial gardens	Memorial Funds	Ruth Bibbee
М	fastigiata blue spruce tree	Memorial Funds	Ralph & Kate Schrock, Elizabeth Paff & Ada Risden
N	hemlock tree	Memorial Funds	Lillian Carlson
IN		De Pues	Fred & Arlie DeBuck
0	2 dwarf itea shrubs	Hawleys	Janet Berkebile
Р	butterfly bush	Small Group	Janet Berkebile
Q	weeping dogwood	Fritz's	Carol Fritz
R	prairiefire crab	Phyllis Eller	Vernard Eller
S	perennials	Thee Seekers	Ruth Bibbee
T	garden bench	Congregation	Judy & Stephen De Pue
'		Carol Wagner	Junior & Marge Kirkdorffer
U	tree bench	Sandy Schrock	Lowell Schrock
		Memorial Funds	Ellen Wilson
V	dwarf mock orange	Gillilands	Kathryn Lotz
W	serviceberry tree	Memorial Funds	Walter Harroff
Χ	rosy azaleas	Marcia Sowles	Connie West
Υ	concrete walk	Memorial Funds	Don Gordon
Z	weeping redbud	Vardaman & George Families	Kathy George
AA	2 mugo pines	Memorial Funds	Kenny Miller
AB	2 shrub roses	Memorial Funds	John Mann

Code	Gift:	Sponsor:	In Memory of:
AC	pink double rose	Memorial Funds	Henry Schmucker
AD	scarlet rose	May Lou Martin	Tom Martin
ΑE	blushing rose	Memorial Funds	Joyce Gordon
AF	carefree rose	Sowles, Nakas, Lagios families	Marie Corner
AG	grass carpet area rocks & perennials	Bequest	Lois Thompson
AM	purple & white tall garden phlox	Onward SS Class	Margaret Risden
AN	pink perennials	Beth Schmucker	Shirley Johnson
AO	Siberian iris	Vicki Lehman	Lorene Stealy
AP	pink hydrangea & pink/purple perennials	Memorial Funds	Marilyn Craegan
AQ	orange & gold perennials	Memorial Funds	James Mann
AR	pergola, swings, & walk	Memorial Funds	Louis & Jeanne Brandon
AS	stone walls	Memorial Funds	James Mann, John Yoder, Tom Lamb, & Peter Miller
AT	garden bench	Memorial Funds	Sandra Peffly Gordon

OTHER LANDSCAPING GIFTS Beyond the Prayer Garden

Gift:	Sponsor:	In Honor / In Memory of:
dogwood tree by church	Sandy Gordon Family	Jim Peffley
tree lilac by peace pole	Jan Birr & Family	Bill Birr
redbud tree by kitchen	Nicodemus Family	Taryn Nicodemus
steel cross & plants	Memorial Funds & Family	Ralph Gordon
natural stone wall for cross garden	Memorial Funds	John & Lucille Clem, Mignon Fuller, Evelyn Heeter, & Junior Kirkdorffer
rubrum maple tree along driveway	Onward SS Class & Memorial Funds	Don Gordon
parking lot river birch	Myrna Gemmer	Janet Berkebile
peonies by peace pole	Sandy Schrock	LaVonne Cox
light for cross	Memorial Funds	Don Gordon
cross wall stone edge	Memorial Funds	Joyce Gordon
redwood tree, backyard	Memorial Funds	Paul Ritzmann
garden & labyrinth sign	Choir	Marilee Gilliland
variegated redtwig dogwood shrub by drive	Onward SS Class	Pastor David Bibbee & Janet Berkebile
flowering pear by drive	McFadden Family	Becca & Stephen Hendricks