

Honor a Loved One with a Memorial Wall Inscription

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In his will, the American patriot Patrick Henry wrote, “I have now disposed of all my property to my family; there is one thing more I wish I could give them, and that is the Christian religion. If they had this, and I had not given them one shilling, they would be rich; but if they had not that, and I have given them all the world, they would be poor.”

These words cause me to reflect on sharing my faith with two teenage daughters, who are discovering and crafting their identities. I am reminded, too, of a recent gift: a gold locket with pictures of my solidly Presbyterian great-grandmother, grandmother, and mother. The hymns I sing each Sunday evoke memories of worshipping with them years ago, hearing their voices down the pew and deeply feeling their faith. As one link in a long line of generations, I hope to bequeath that faith to my daughters,

where it can sustain them as it has their predecessors.

Heritage Sunday, when Westminster honors its long-time members, is June 13. This is an opportunity to think about our faith heritage and remember those who helped shape it. After worship that day, a new group of names will be dedicated on the Memorial Wall in a brief ceremony that recognizes those names as part of the Communion of Saints.

If you have a loved one you would like to honor with an engraving on the Memorial Wall, contact Sam Cooke or Sandy Wilson in the church office. For more information, visit www.ewestminster.org. The person being honored does not need to be a member. Pricing for one name is \$1,550, which allows the church to care for the Garden in perpetuity. If you act by May 21, the name will be part of this year's June 13 dedication.