

FIRST CHURCH COLUMBARIUM



WHY HAVE A COLUMBARIA AT FIRST CHURCH?

“Christian belief honors the body as the earthly temple of the soul. When we die the soul is freed from the body to return to God through Jesus. The Church through the ages has always sought to treat the body after death with reverence, and to designate dignified places for repose for whatever remains of the material part by which we have been known here, be it dust or ashes.”

Both the Narthex and the Prayer Garden Columbaria provide a serene, spiritual setting for prayer and meditation while remembering a deceased loved one.



THE COURTYARD & MEMORIAL PRAYER GARDEN

Now that the courtyard and memorial prayer garden have been completed, the church is accepting purchase agreements for niches in the Prayer Garden Columbarium. To date seven (7) niches have been sold. This beautiful courtyard has provided First Church with a location for memorials, a prayer garden, a memorial wall, and a columbarium. There are 32 niches in this columbarium centered on a wall directly in front of a bench where family members can sit while they pray and honor the memory of a loved one. There is space to expand and add another 32 niches.

WHAT DOES A NICHE COST?

Niches in either the Narthex or the Prayer Garden are \$1800 for a single or \$2000 for a companion. The purchase price includes one urn for a single niche, two urns for a companion (double) niche, engraving and perpetual care.

Checks should be made out to First United Methodist Church with “Columbarium” in memo section.





NARTHEX COLUMBARIUM

The Narthex Columbarium is a magnificent handcrafted cabinet. This cabinet has 16 niches installed. Seven (7) niches are sold and five (5) loved ones are inurned. There is space to add another 32 niches.

TESTIMONIALS

“Knowing that Anne is back in the church she loved so much, where she served the children for 34 years, gives me peace and closure.”

Pearson Cannon

“Being able to visit Mom and Dad in the Narthex Columbarium while I am at church is so comforting. When Dad was interred elsewhere, it was so inconvenient to visit him that I rarely did so; now I can stop and reflect and pray every Sunday.”

Barbara McFadden

HOW IS THE COLUMBARIA FINANCED?

Both the Narthex and Prayer Garden Columbaria are self-sustaining, financed by a “Columbaria Fund” entirely separate and apart from our church’s other finances and apart from the capital campaign.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FINANCIAL OFFICE

- Purchase Application and Purchase Agreement can be accessed on the website as a separate link or in the church financial office.
- Rules/Regulations and Narthex/Prayer Garden Charts (for selection of niche location) are available in the church financial office.

Practically speaking, cremation is much less expensive than burial and having two Columbaria at First Church is a very cost effective, convenient and maintenance fee-free service to our congregation. Cremation cost information is available in the church office.

