

Davidson United Methodist Church Columbarium Fact Sheet



What is a columbarium?

A columbarium is a place for the inurnment of cremated remains and memorializing those who have shared the fellowship of Davidson United Methodist Church. It is a place for church members and their families who have a desire to be laid to rest on the grounds of a church that they loved and served and to be a reminder to us that those who went before us are not forgotten.

Why does our church want to build one?

There are many for whom this church has been an important focal point of their lives. They desire to be laid to rest on the grounds of this place that they have loved and served throughout their life. We are building the columbarium to honor their wish and to serve as a constant reminder of the saints who have gone before us in ministry.

Where will it be located?

The columbarium will be located behind the Congregational Care House near the pathway from the parking lot to the Congregation Care House.

How much will it cost to build?

It is estimated to cost \$353,000 to build the columbarium.

How many niches does it contain?

The columbarium contains 219 double niches for cremains. The columbarium will also have 75 memorial plaques to remember those who wish to have a symbolic portion of their cremains scattered in the garden surrounding the columbarium or who have had their cremains scattered elsewhere.

How much does a niche cost?

The final niche cost of a double niche will not be determined until final construction costs have been ascertained. Using the current estimate of construction costs, the price per double niche would be about \$2,400. This price also includes the cost of engraving the niche cover, the opening and closing of the niche at time of inurnment, and a provision for the long-term care of the columbarium.

Who may buy a niche?

Inurnment in the columbarium will be limited to members of DUMC, or former members of DUMC, and members of their immediate family.

When will the niches be sold, and how can one be purchased?

Once the columbarium is approved and the final niche price has been established, the Columbarium Committee will begin selling niches. At the time anyone desiring to purchase a niche must file a written application on the form provided by the Church and include payment for the purchase price. The buyer shall provide the names of those whose cremains will be placed in the niche. No niche can accommodate more than two persons. A single, shared space may be purchased. When the Columbarium Committee approves the application, the applicant will receive a certificate for the niche purchased. Applicants can then select from available niches which will be numbered and recorded in the church office.

If you are interested in learning more about purchasing a niche please contact Patti Waldeisen, Director of Finance & Operations. She can be reached via email at pwaldeisen@davidsonumc.org or by telephone at 704-892-8277.

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