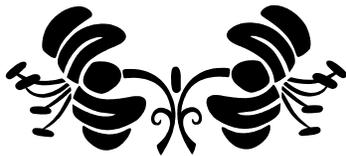


Columbarium

The Plainfield United Methodist Church Columbarium and Memorial Garden offers church members and their families a simple, dignified option to a traditional burial as a final resting place for their loved ones



What is a columbarium?

A columbarium is a repository to house the ashes from a loved one's cremation. The ashes are placed in a container that fits in a small compartment called a niche. Columbariums are not a new option when it comes to burial – it could be thought of as an alternative to the old-fashioned “church cemetery”, only vertical and compact. One positive aspect of a columbarium is that an individual's family can move the remains very easily if needed or preferred.

The columbarium is a ministry of the Plainfield United Methodist Church for those who choose cremation.

Why does a columbarium belong in a church?

Historically, the church has been the final resting place of deceased members – either within the church building or an associated burial ground. Burial inside the church was reserved to honor the noteworthy clerics, nobles and other important citizens. A columbarium allows God's people, so desiring, to be buried within the church building or grounds.

A columbarium fulfills the obligation of the church to serve its members from baptism to death; provides a faithful stewardship option, and offers a final homecoming for church members.

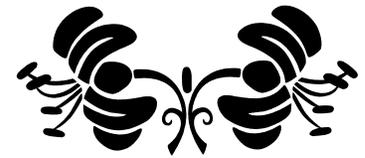
What does the columbarium look like?

Located to the south of door #14, the columbarium is a modular unit installed within the wall of the church building adjacent to the Chapel. The columbarium consists of 64 niches sized to receive the remains of one or two deceased. Two urns are provided with each niche. A black granite niche cover is provided for engraving with the name of the deceased along with the dates of birth and death.

What are the benefits?

A columbarium in the church provides a safe, comfortable, ecologically sound, theologically appropriate, and economical way to honor the dead.

A columbarium provides an additional ministry to the congregation and relieves much stress at the time of death about what to do with the remains of the departed.



What is the cost?

The cost for the burial right for the use of a niche is \$1,750 and will accommodate two, if desired. The actual cost of engraving a granite niche cover is to be paid by the Grantee (and is typically in the range of \$150-\$350).

The cost of construction is funded by the sale of the burial rights of niches and by generous donations. Additional money received will be used to develop the adjacent memorial garden. An endowment will be formed for the continued support of the columbarium.

For more information about
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*“...Surely goodness and love will
follow me all the days of my live
and I will dwell in the house of
the Lord forever.”*

- Psalm 23



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