



The Columbarium at Elfinwild Presbyterian Church

Applications are now being accepted for reserving a niche in the Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Columbarium. In response to a need for this type of burial, our church has established a special facility for the care and safekeeping of cremated remains. If you are interested in purchasing a niche, please call or visit the Church Office to secure an application. Selection will be on a first come, first serve basis and selection begins January 15, 2011.

By establishing a columbarium at our church, it is possible to once again return to the tradition of making one's final resting place on the grounds of the church. Such a place has been established at Elfinwild Presbyterian Church. Our church is the first in the community to have a columbarium and throughout the year we have worked closely with the Shaler Township Board of Commissioners to bring this ministry to fruition.

The following are answers to questions you may have:

What are the benefits to using a columbarium?

For church members the economic advantages are many. A niche in a columbarium is modest in cost. The columbarium is liturgically satisfying and ecologically sound. This choice invites quiet meditation and reflection and is a peaceful gathering place for families and friends.

How large is the Columbarium and where is it located?

The EPC Columbarium is located on the rear of the Chapel. The columbarium is where the ashes in urns can be placed in niches, one container to a niche. The EPC Columbarium contains 56 niches which surround a Celtic bronze cross. Individual niches are 6" in diameter with a depth of 9 3/8". Each niche will accommodate one standard urn. The niche cover is a faceplate made of polished black granite which will be engraved.

Memorial Plaque

The niche holder will be responsible for engraving the granite faceplate of their respective niche through the church's preferred vendor at the time the engraving is ordered. Currently, the preferred vendor is Etched in Glass, located in Gibsonia, PA.

The lettering will be uniform on all niches and cost around \$30 subject to change with the vendor.

Fees

Effective for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 the installation price of a niche to be located in the Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Columbarium will be \$800.00 per niche. Effective January 1, 2012 the installation cost per niche will be increased to \$900.00 per niche. This fee includes a niche for the urn, interment, and perpetual care.

Payment for the initial installation as well as any future niche opening is due, in full, at the time of purchase or request to open. No monies will be accepted as a down payment or "holding fee." Payment is to be made in cash or a personal check made payable to: Elfinwild Presbyterian Church.

Selection

Selection of niche location will be by the purchaser in the order of application.

Funeral Arrangements

As customary, arrangements for the funeral and burial will be made with the Church.

Reservations

Reservations may be made by contacting the Church Office at 412-486-5400.

Title and Rights

No property right of any kind will be acquired by the purchaser and legal title to all columbarium niches will be retained by Elfinwild Presbyterian Church. Permission to use a niche for burial cannot be sold or transferred to any other person without the consent of the Church. Through a signed document the purchaser must agree to the Terms and Conditions associated with purchasing a niche. Niche selection will be granted in the order in which the applications are received.

Would you like more information?

Please contact the Church Office at 412-486-5400.