

**Davidson United Methodist Church  
Columbarium at the Prayer Garden  
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 a columbarium?**

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 DUMC's Congregational Care House (located at 262 South Street). It will be easily accessible from the church parking lot, using Cathey Street entrance.

### **How much will it cost to build?**

It is estimated to cost \$353,000 to build the Columbarium, which is being ENTIRELY SELF-FUNDED through the sale of niches.

### **How many niches does it contain?**

Our 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 will 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 DUMC's Columbarium at the Prayer Garden will be limited to members of DUMC, or former members of DUMC, and members of their immediate family.

### **How can a niche be purchased?**

A Columbarium Packet, which contains an application and a copy of Columbarium Rules and Regulations, is available through the Church Office (704-892-8277).

The application, along with payment of the purchase price, should be submitted for approval to the Facilities Manager. 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.

Once approved, you will be contacted to finalize your niche selection. Upon final acceptance of the application, a certificate covering inurnment ownership rights will be sent to the purchaser.

**If you have additional questions, contact Keith Reavis, Facilities Manager  
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