



# COLUMBARIUM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **WHAT IS A COLUMBARIUM?**

A columbarium is a place where urns of cremated human remains are stored (inurned) in niches, with each niche storing urns for two subscribers.

## **WHERE IS HPUMC'S COLUMBARIUM LOCATED?**

The Columbarium at HPUMC is located on the west end of Cox Chapel, between the end of the Chapel and the west playground. Each niche in The Columbarium holds two urns.

## **WHO CAN USE THE COLUMBARIUM?**

Inurnment in the Columbarium will be available to any member or former member of the Church, ordained Methodist ministers (with a relationship to HPUMC), and the spouses, parents, grandparents, children and grandchildren (natural, adopted, foster or step) of the above-stated persons.

## **MAY I CHOOSE THE NICHE LOCATION FOR MYSELF AND MY FAMILY?**

Yes, you may choose from all unsold/unreserved niches.

## **WHO HANDLES THE CREMATION?**

You should contact the funeral home or cremation service of your choice to arrange for the cremation and return of cremains to you. Either the cremation service or a family member will transfer the cremains (cremated remains) to the urn (provided by HPUMC) prior to bringing them to the church for inurnment.

## **CAN SMALL MEMORIAL SERVICES BE HELD IN THE COLUMBARIUM AREA?**

An inurnment service is usually held when an urn is placed into its niche. It is a very brief service, lasting about 10 minutes and normally attended only by immediate family and the officiating pastor. Memorial services are held in our worship spaces to accommodate more guests. The inurnment service may be held immediately before or after the memorial service or on another day.

## **HOW DO I ARRANGE AN INURNMENT SERVICE?**

Contact Pastoral Care at 214-523-2241 or [care@hpumc.org](mailto:care@hpumc.org) to schedule a service.

## **WHAT KIND OF IDENTIFYING MARKER IS ON EACH NICHE?**

The granite niche cover plate is engraved with the person's name and years of birth and death.

## **CAN I VISIT ANYTIME I WANT? MAY I BRING FLOWERS OR OTHER ITEMS?**

The Columbarium can be visited daily at any time between daylight and dusk. Because the Columbarium space is so compact, flowers and other remembrances are prohibited.

## **HOW MUCH DOES A NICHE IN THE COLUMBARIUM COST?**

The cost includes niche cover engraving, opening and closing for inurnment, perpetual care, and urns. Currently the cost is \$6,000 and accommodates 2 urns.

If you need space for only one urn, some single spaces are available in the original phase for \$2,500 each.

## **WHEN IS PAYMENT DUE?**

The full amount must be paid at time of purchase.

## **HOW DO I RESERVE A NICHE?**

To learn more or reserve your space in the Columbarium at HPUMC, we invite you to contact Pastoral Care at 214-523-2241, email [columbarium@hpumc.org](mailto:columbarium@hpumc.org), or visit [hpumc.org/columbarium](http://hpumc.org/columbarium).