

WHAT IS A COLUMBARIUM?

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

WHERE IS AHUMC'S COLUMBARIUM LOCATED?

The Columbarium at AHUMC is located just east of the main sanctuary in the center of campus. The secluded courtyard includes a fountain and granite walls that list the names of our dear, departed members on the front of each niche.

WHO CAN USE THE COLUMBARIUM?

Inurnment in the Columbarium will be available to any AHUMC member or former member, any AHUMC employee or former employee, ordained Methodist ministers, 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 available niches.

WHO HANDLES THE CREMATION?

Contact the funeral home or cremation service of your choice to arrange for the cremation and they return the cremains to you. Either the cremation service or a family member should transfer the cremains to an urn (provided by AHUMC) 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. 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 Leah Jayne at 210-826-3215 extension 111 or ljayne@ahumc.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?

Each niche can accommodate two urns and is \$1,100. The cost includes niche cover engraving, opening and closing for inurnment, perpetual care, and two urns. There are no single-space niches.

WHEN IS PAYMENT DUE?

The full amount must be paid at the time of purchase.

HOW DO I RESERVE A NICHE?

To learn more or reserve your space in the Columbarium at AHUMC, contact Leah Jayne at 210-826-3215 extension 111 or email ljayne@ahumc.org.



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