

## What is a Columbarium?

The word “columbarium” is derived from “columba”, the Latin for dovecote, a compartmented house where doves, the symbol of God’s Spirit and Peace, come to roost. In modern terms, a columbarium is a consecrated structure used for the inurnment of the deceased after cremation. It is a fitting place for the remains of a Christian; a place where cremated remains of a beloved individual are treated with respect and dignity and where others can gather for quiet meditation and prayer.

## The Highlands Columbarium

The Columbarium is an exterior facility with ninety-six niches situated within an elegant masonry structure in the Prayer Garden. The Columbarium structure is manufactured by Matthews International. Each niche holds two solid brass urns, which are locked into place inside the niche and protected by a bronze faceplate. Attached to the faceplate is the scroll, which displays the name, date of birth, and date of death.

The Columbarium consists of ninety-six niches, located in our Prayer Garden. Your personal selection is based on availability.

Cost: \$4,000 (if paid in full at time of purchase)

Payment options available with \$500 down:

\$4,100 - 12 months, 12 payments of \$300

\$4,200 - 24 months, 24 payments of \$154.66

\$4,300 - 36 months, 36 payments of \$105.55

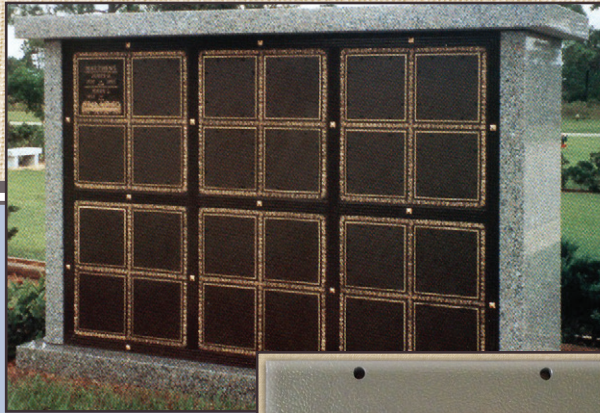
*Pricing includes niche and two urns. It does not include cremation, funeral arrangements or engraving.*

Niches within the Highlands UMC Columbarium will be offered to:

- † Current and former members of Highlands and their spouses.
- † Children and stepchildren of current and former members and their spouses.
- † Grandchildren of members and their spouses.
- † Parents and grandparents of members.
- † Current and former ministers of the Church, their spouses, children and stepchildren.

## Why a Columbarium?

In life, the church is our spiritual home on earth. It is the place where families in Christ worship and have fellowship, where children are baptized and confirmed, and where we celebrate marriages and mourn the loss of our loved ones.



Sample Bronze Scroll



For over 100 years, Highlands United Methodist Church has provided these same meaningful private, personal, and congregational services.

Located on the south side of the church, the Columbarium will be a place of peace, comfort, and meditation. This special space is adjacent to the beautiful stained-glass window of **Christ the Great Comforter** and will affirm the sacredness of our Church and its surroundings.

The Columbarium is a visible sign that Highlands cares for its members from birth and baptism to death and eternal life. The Columbarium offers a practical and comfortable way for its members to make pre-death plans. Having arrangements pre-planned relieves the surviving family of difficult decisions at the time their loved one dies. By selecting your niche now, that burden is resolved, and you remain near your family and friends and within the spiritual comfort of the church.

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## Columbarium Benefits

### A Spiritual Connection to Highlands

In life we connect to families and church friends through worship and service. In death our family and friends can remember us in that same context.

### A Help to the Family

There is much to be done when a family member dies. Having pre-death plans in place relieves much of this burden on family members and friends. Obtaining a place in the Highlands Columbarium can also reduce the emotional stress of the passing of a loved one.

### Cost Considerations

Inurnment in the Highlands Columbarium can be much less expensive than a funeral service and traditional burial. At present, the average North American traditional funeral costs between \$7,000 and \$10,000 and upwards.

### A Better Environment

The environmental impact of death is a growing concern for funeral consumers. Traditional burial in the U.S. has come to encompass a wide variety of expensive services and products, such as embalming, tombstones, lacquered caskets, and heavily manicured grave sites. Cremation uses far fewer resources than almost any other disposition option.



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