



# The Columbarium At First United Methodist Church

-Hot Springs, Arkansas-

A permanent place for inurnment  
of ashes following cremation.

## Helpful Definitions:

- **Columbarium** – The term is derived from a Latin word meaning, *resting place of the dove or spirit*. Today, a Columbarium is a collection of niches in which are placed one or two urns containing the cremains of loved one/ones.
- **Cremation** – Preparation of the body of the deceased by incineration.
- **Cremains** – Remains of the deceased following cremation
- **Urn** – A vessel containing cremains
- **Niche** – Openings in a cabinet sized to accommodate one or two urns.
- **Inurnment** – Placement of the urn or urns in a niche

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Cremation is a biblically, theologically and economically sound alternative to the traditional preparation of the body for burial underground. In response to requests from many FUMC members, the church has provided a permanent resting place for those choosing cremation.

The site in the triangle in front of the Education/Office Building, which provides a garden-like setting on church property, is reminiscent of the church cemetery of past years. This location affords family members and friends the opportunity to visit at times of their choosing.

Any member of First United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, is eligible to reserve the right to inurnment in the Columbarium, both for himself/herself and for members of the immediate family, understood to mean the spouse, child, step-children, parents and step-parents of a member.

In the event that a member of FUMC desires to reserve inurnment rights for someone other than a person constituting his or her immediate family, the member shall make application to the Columbarium Committee, which will consider the request taking into account all relevant family circumstances and other facts presented by the member.

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If you are interested in further information about, or reserving inurnment rights in the Columbarium, please contact the Columbarium Committee or FUMC staff members at 623-6668.