

# TO APPLY FOR A NICHE

Application forms are available from the church office. Upon approval of the application and receipt of payment, a Certificate of Ownership together with the Regulations of the Columbarium will constitute a contract between the applicant and Dunwoody United Methodist church.

For further information contact the DUMC Director of Administration at 770-394-0675.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

**How do I get to the Prayer Garden and Columbarium?** The Columbarium is located in the Prayer Garden and near the church offices. There is one door to enter the garden located near the Young Adult Suite. The garden is directly across from the Asbury rooms.

**What is the process to purchase a niche?**

Contact the Director of Administration at 770-394-0675 and ask for an application. If you are a church member, submit the application with the payment to the Director of Administration and it will be reviewed. If you are not a church member, submit the application and payment and it will go before a church committee for approval. Once your application is approved, you will be notified and at that time, you can choose a niche from those available.

**Can I pick out my own niche?** Absolutely. We want you to pick out the niche that you want. You will need to make an appointment with the Director of Administration so that she/he can show you which niches are available.

**What do I need to tell my loved ones about my arrangements?** Tell them you have purchased a niche at the Dunwoody UMC Columbarium. They can call the church offices at the appropriate time and we will guide them through what needs to be done at that time.

**Can anyone visit the Columbarium?** If the church is open, the garden door is accessible. If someone absolutely needs to visit and the church is closed, we can make arrangements for someone to meet you at the church to open the doors.



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## PRAYER GARDEN COLUMBARIUM





Throughout the history of Christianity, the church has provided for burial on church grounds or in crypts. This ancient tradition is consistent with the church's belief in a decent and reverent burial for all. For family and friends, a measure of comfort may be drawn from interment on consecrated church property.



While in modern times the tradition of grave sites on church grounds has virtually disappeared, Dunwoody United Methodist Church (DUMC) provides a well maintained place for the interment of ash remains of church members and their families. The Columbarium, located in the Prayer Garden, contains niches for ashes, and is a beautifully landscaped interior courtyard located on the Chapel side of the Sanctuary. The garden is designed as a quiet space for meditation and reflection.

The ash remains of members of Dunwoody United Methodist Church and their families may be interred in the Columbarium. Niches will be assigned by Church Administration in consultation with the member or family who is purchasing the niche. A plan of the location of occupied or reserved niches is maintained in the church office.

Brass plaques will be affixed to the front of the niche with the name(s) of the person(s) interred, together with the dates of birth and death. This plaque is prepared by an outside company and the church charges only for the cost of the metal. That cost varies and the Director of Administration can tell you that amount.

Each niche will accommodate two (2) urns. These are urns specifically designed to fit in the niche. Do not purchase an urn from a funeral home or crematorium.

The fee for each niche is one thousand dollars (\$1,000). The entire fee must be received at the time of application. A Certificate of Ownership will be provided when the application is approved and payment is received. Should you change your mind, your money will be refunded and ownership will be returned to Dunwoody United Methodist Church.

The Columbarium is administered by the Board of Trustees of DUMC, and the church has full control of the Prayer Garden/ Columbarium.

Access to the Columbarium is during church office hours and every Sunday morning. No artificial flowers may be placed at or near the Columbarium at any time.



In my Father's house  
there are many mansions.  
If it were not so, would I  
have told you that I go  
to prepare a place for you?

— JOHN 14:2 —

