



COLUMBARIUM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Why should I choose columbarium interment? (Revised 4/1/25)

Cost consideration: Interment in a columbarium niche costs much less traditional burial as it eliminates the need for a full gravesite, casket, grave marker, and burial vault. In our columbarium, all niches are companion niches which may contain two cremation urns thus doubling the savings.

Environmental Impact: Cremation followed by placement in a columbarium is an environmentally friendly option as it reduces land usage and avoids some materials used in traditional burials.

Maintenance Convenience and Flexibility for Relocation: Niches in a columbarium require no upkeep by the family and cremation urns can be moved much more easily compared to a full burial.

2. What other costs are involved in being inurned at PCUMC Columbarium and Memorial Garden?

Cost does not include Cremation and other funeral home expenses such as the purchase of an urn, Memorial Service, (Non-Members) Honorarium for Minister, Musicians etc. (Non-Members)

3. Can I choose the location for the urn or does PCUMC assign the location?

Yes, you choose the location from the inventory of available Niches.

4. What does the price include for inurnment in PCUMC Columbarium?

Niche inurnment is for a maximum of two urns. Engraving the Niche face plate with name and life dates of the person(s) whose cremains are inurned, choice of available niche, opening and closing of the inurnment space, record keeping, and maintenance in perpetuity.

5. How do I purchase a Niche?

Submit a written application for the reservation of a niche.

6. Where are ashes kept after cremation until interment?

PCUMC will not be used for storage of cremains (urns) while awaiting placement within a cremation niche. Urn with cremains will be retained by the family until interment is performed.

7. Can I move the urn and ashes to a different location at a later date?

Movement of the urn within PCUMC Columbarium and Memorial Garden is discouraged, but not forbidden. Removal the urn and cremains for inurnment elsewhere within PCUMC Columbarium Memorial Garden can be arranged; however, there is an administrative fee for this service.

8. Do I own the Niche?

No, the Niche purchase agreement is only a reservation to use the Niche.

9. Does the price include a memorial service at PCUMC Columbarium and Memorial Garden?

Yes, for members of PCUMC only. Non-members may choose to pay a fee for a memorial service.

10. When will payment be due? (Revised 1/1/25)

Generally, payment will be made when the niche is selected.

11. Are there any financing options? (Revised 1/1/25)

Financing options are available, but the niche cannot be selected or used until payment is made in full.

12. Who can be inurned in PCUMC Columbarium and Memorial Garden?

(Revised 1/1/25) Purchase of a niche reservation and interment is open to the public based upon application approval.

13. What is inscribed on the Niche Cover?

The person's or persons' full name(s) with month(s), date(s) and year(s) of birth and death.

14. What is the size of the Niche?

12" wide x 12" high x 16" deep.

15. What size urn is required at PCUMC Columbarium and Memorial Garden?

The urn should be no larger than 11.5" x 11.5" x 8" to allow for 2 urns in the niche.

16. Can I use a plastic bag or box instead of an urn?

Plastic bags or boxes are not approved containers for the cremated remains at PCUMC Columbarium and Memorial Garden. Only approved non-biodegradable urns are acceptable to be placed in the Niche.

17. May other items be inured with the cremains or within the Niche?

No valuables, trinkets or medals of any kind shall be placed in the urn or Niche.

18. May I inurn my pet at PCUMC Columbarium and Memorial Garden?

No. PCUMC does not allow pet's cremated remains in the Niche.

19. May I remove ashes from the Columbarium for any reason?

Yes, in the event there has been an inurnment in a Niche, and the personal representative or immediate family of the person whose cremains have been inurned wish to permanently remove the cremains from the Niche, they may do so. However, there will not be any reimbursement and there is an administrative removal fee.

