



# Monte Sano United Methodist Church Columbarium and Memorial Garden

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## The Need

- The Monte Sano United Methodist Church (MSUMC) family and the Monte Sano community need a beautiful, peaceful, spiritual and affordable place on the mountain as an option for a final resting place.

## The Mission

- Provide a Columbarium/Memorial Garden on the MSUMC property for inurnment or scattering of ashes and memorialize loved ones
  - Columbarium contains 40 niches (capable of double or single inurnment)
  - 40 memorial plaques are integrated into the structure for those not choosing inurnment.



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## Niche and Memorial Plaque Pricing\*

\*Prices do not include cremation services and must be arranged by next of kin.

### Columbarium Niche

- Companion-depth columbarium niche (can accommodate 2 urns)
- Memorialized facing stone, accent frame and tamper resistant screws
- Polished, Sheet Bronze Urn(s)
- Urn identification plate(s)
- MSUMC Member Price (single/double): \$1750/\$2250.
- Non-Member Price (single/double): \$2000/\$2500

### Memorial Wall Plaque

- Memorialized plaque matching niche facing stones (6" X 4")
- For those who wish to be memorialized in the garden but do not choose a niche in the columbarium
- For those who choose ash scattering in the garden
- To memorialize those members of MSUMC who have been laid to rest elsewhere
- MSUMC Member Price (single/double): \$400/\$500
- Non-Member Price (single/double): \$525/\$625

### Naming Opportunities

- Columbarium Structure: \$7500
- Shade Tree: \$350

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## Who can purchase niches or memorial plaques?

- The Columbarium/Memorial Garden are open to members of MSUMC and their families and to the Monte Sano community.
- The inurned does not need to be a member of MSUMC.
- The Columbarium/Memorial Garden are intended to be for the use of MSUMC members and the Monte Sano community.
- Exception of other individuals may be approved by MSUMC trustees.
- Members of MSUMC are given priority as the need arises.

## Who will manage the memorial columbarium?

- The Trustees of MSUMC will manage the Columbarium/Memorial Garden.
  - Trustees are responsible for approval of columbarium, plaque and scattering applications.
  - Application and fees are required before inurnment or scattering.
  - Trustee will manage the columbarium funds in a separate account.
  - MSUMC will maintain records of all niche and memorial plaque purchases, as well as records of those inurned in the columbarium and cremains scattered in the garden.

## Will I be purchasing a specific niche or plaque location?

- Yes. The location of each niche or plaque will be noted on the purchase agreement.
- Niche and plaque locations are selected by the purchaser on a first come, first served basis.

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## Can I sell or transfer my niche or plaque?

- Sales of niches or plaques are considered final.
- Niche and plaque partial refunds can be made upon approval of the MSUMC trustees.

## What is the inurnment process?

- Cremains are contained in a metal urn (provided) that fits into the niche space.
- The niche is opened with a special tool, and the urn is placed inside by a MSUMC trustee.
- After the niche is closed, the facing stone is attached.
- MSUMC is not responsible for arranging memorial services.

## Can cremains be removed from the columbarium?

- Cremains can be removed and relocated from the columbarium upon written approval from the MSUMC trustees.
- Rights of inurnment for the niche will revert to MSUMC
- No refunds will be made

## Is the church liable for damage to the columbarium?

- No. The church member, any members of the trustees, the pastor and officers will not be liable for the contents of the columbarium.
- A damage rider is included in the church's insurance policy.

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## **Where can cremains be scattered?**

- Cremains may be scattered only within the memorial garden which is a sacred space.

## **Is there a fee for scattering cremains?**

- Cremains may be scattered at no cost, but the purchase of a memorial plaque is highly recommended.

## **Is perpetual care included in the price of the niche and plaque?**

- Yes. The price includes a perpetual care allocation

## **Is cremation and inurnment or scattering of ashes sanctioned by the United Methodist Church?**

- Yes.

## **Where can I get more information?**

- The columbarium policy can be found on the MSUMC website <http://www.msumc.net/columbarium>

## **Who do I contact if I'm interested in purchasing a niche or plaque?**

- Make out an application found on the MSUMC website <http://www.msumc.net/columbarium>
- Contact the church office [montesanoumc@gmail.com](mailto:montesanoumc@gmail.com) or 256-533-6083