



The Columbarium Committee is excited to announce that work on our Memorial Garden is underway! Eighty niches (the containers that will house up to two urns of cremains) will be installed and 19 have been reserved, leaving 61 still available. Start with the *Columbarium Checklist* (available on this site) to guide you through the steps to get started in purchasing a Right of Inurnment.

And if you wish to memorialize loved ones who are interred elsewhere, please consider a Memorial Wall Plaque Scroll. Two large bronze plaques, installed on either side of the Columbarium, will hold a total of 40 individual scrolls, engraved with the name of your loved one - forever a part of our Church home and Memorial Garden.

All the applications, forms and documents you might need, along with a list of FAQs are available here. All forms can be printed, completed and sent or delivered to the Church Office. If you are interested in receiving a hard-copy packet of information, just contact the Church Office and we will be sure to get you one.

The garden portion of the project, enhanced by our existing lovely dogwood and crape myrtle, will include beautiful hardscapes, plantings, landscape lighting and fencing. The new and improved Memorial Garden, with added seating, could be used for prayer, reflection and meditation as well as small group meetings or outside reception space adjacent to our Fellowship Hall.

Donations are always accepted for the Memorial Garden Project. What a meaningful way to memorialize or honor your loved ones and/or our church family members and fund this important ministry. Yes, it is a ministry - to those that have passed and those that are left behind.

Any questions may be addressed to anyone on the Columbarium Committee by emailing columbarium@pmumc.org or calling:

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We will keep you posted as to the progress on this important and sacred ministry!