

We Love Thy House, Oh Lord

We love Thy house, O Lord - the house which our fathers have builded; the house we rejoice to call our home.

This is the house where our children are baptized, and come to Thy Kingdom, O God; this is the house where our youth learn Thy precepts, and follow the path we have trod. This is the house where two hearts join in marriage, ever trusting in Thy loving care; this is the house where all our families gather, the work of Thy Kingdom to share.

We love Thy house, O Lord - where we gather to join in worship, knowing Thy presence is there, as we take of Thy Holy Communion and seek out Thy comfort in prayer.

And in this house we mourn our departed. We mourn our departed, but all who gather can see our faith, which tells us so surely that life is eternal with Thee.

For in Thy house, O Lord, we have heard the glad news - the glad news of salvation which Thou hast opened to every one, with the proffer of life everlasting through the glorious gift of Thy Son!

And now we thank Thee, O Lord, for the blessings which Thou hast bestowed upon us, and on this earthly dwelling, which was fashioned for Thine own abode, which we rejoice to call our home.

In the oncoming years wilt Thou watchfully guide us, so this house may evermore be a worthy mansion of Thy Holy Spirit, a home for our living with Thee.

Thy house, O Lord, shall ever be our home.

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THE COLUMBARIUM

of the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church
7001 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, Maryland



For family of

Name

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Birth and death dates

Interment date

Columbarium defined

A Columbarium is an area set aside for the cremated remains of the deceased. It seems the answer in today's crowded world, allowing for interment in the consecrated grounds of the church where the great events of Christian life... Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, regular worship of God, and death itself... have been celebrated.

History of CCUMC Columbarium

Chevy Chase United Methodist Church has had a beautiful Memorial Garden located between the main sanctuary and the chapel since 1966. It seemed the perfect setting for a Columbarium. A Columbarium Committee was formed in 1983 with the approval of Reverend Chester Kirk to research the project and determine the response of the congregation. With the approval of the Administrative Board and the Board of Trustees the CCUMC Columbarium was constructed in the fall of 1984 and dedicated on January 6, 1985. There are 190 niches each of which can accommodate two urns. The first interment was on January 31, 1985.

Purchase of niches

The purchase of niches is reserved for member and former members of CCUMC and their immediate family. However, at the discretion of the Ministers and the Columbarium Committee ashes of non-members may be accepted for interment. The purchase of a niche does not include the cost of the urn, the opening and closing of the niche or the brass plate on the Memorial Board. All costs are subject to change. Current costs are available in the church office.

Memorial Board

A Memorial Board for the Columbarium is located at the ground level landing of the narthex of the main sanctuary. The board contains 190 brass plates which are mounted to correspond to the pattern of the niches in the Columbarium. The plates are stamped with the names and dates of birth and death of those interred.

Memorial Book

In addition to the Memorial Board, a Memorial Book is kept in the safe in the Church office as a permanent necrology. The names of those interred are chronologically recorded in this book.

The Columbarium Committee

There is a continuing Columbarium Committee to act in matters of administration, finance and care of the Columbarium. The Administrative Board of CCUMC and the Board of Trustees are represented on this committee, which works closely with the Memorials, Gifts and Bequests Committee and the Garden Committee.

“...and the Lord will wipe all tears from their eyes...for the former things are passed away.”

REV. 21:4

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