## Frequently Asked Questions

How many niches and memory plaques will there be?

Mas of right now, there are 96 niches and 192 memory plagues total. When all of the units are sold, there are plans to add two more structures which would double the total niches and plaques.

How many urns does one niche hold?

One niche holds two urns.

Can Hope members only purchase a niche?

 ★ Only members, former members, and their immediate family can be purchase a niche or plaque.

Who should I contact if I have any questions?

You may contact anyone on Hope's Columbarium Board, or you can reach out to the Finance/Office Manager during business hours at 724-776-3141 or officemanager@hlc.church



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Growing Together with Hope

# Columbarium & Memorial Plaque Garden



Thy remembrance shall endure into all generations -Psalm 102:12

#### What is a Columbarium?

A Columbarium is a fixed structure containing niches, or spaces, where urns containing the remains of cremated loved ones are kept.

Columbarium comes from the Latin word "Columba" meaning dove. It was formally referred to as a dovecote, and in Roman times came to mean compartments for storing cinerary urns that were stored partly or fully underground.

Today's columbaria can be either free standing units or integrated into a mausoleum or church building. As cremation is becoming more popular throughout the years, the need for safe storage of ashes has increased.

These structures will become an integral part of Hope's ministry at the end of life. Hope Lutheran Church is blessed to be able to provide a safe, peaceful, and spiritual resting place for its parishioners and their family.

## A Final Resting Place

Hope currently has 96 niches for sale to members of its congregation. Each niche can hold two urns so that those joined in holy matrimony may rest eternally together. The front of the niche will have an engravement plate of the names of the deceased followed by their birth year and death year. A special ceremony similar to a grave site ceremony will be completed at the time the ashes are to be interred within the columbarium.

Hope also has 192 memorial plaques for sale that adorn the sides of the columbarium and are a separate purchase from a niche. Upon purchase, an engraved nameplate will be installed. The will include the name of the deceased, their year of birth and their year of death



### **Pricing Information**

For niches:

| Tier                  | Member     | Nonmember  |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Level | \$3,400.00 | \$3,600.00 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Level | \$3,000.00 | \$3,200.00 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Level | \$2,800.00 | \$3,000.00 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Level | \$2,600.00 | \$2,800.00 |

Memorial Plaque Price: \$625.00 for members and \$650.00 for non members.

Steps Needed to Secure a niche or plaque:

- Contact the Finance/ Office Manager to receive paperwork. After reviewing paperwork, contact the Finance/Office Manager again to schedule a meeting with a board member.
- Meet with the board member to review
  the contract and rules. Complete contract
  with said board member who will take it
  to the rest of the board for review and
  approval.
- Upon approval from the Columbarium Board, payment must be remitted within 90 days.

Special terms of 36 month interest fee payments are available. Contact the Finance/
Office Manager for more information.