

### **Cremation and the Church**

Through the ages, Christians have stated their belief in the life to come with the words from the Apostle Creed: "I believe...in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting."

But Christians have always been quick to point out that the resurrection hope does not depend on the presentation of one's mortal remains.

The power of the resurrection applies every bit as much to those who have died from explosives or accidents, or those whose bodies cannot be recovered, as it does to those whose bodies are burned in a crematory.

Cremation, therefore, is entirely consistent with a Christian's understanding of the resurrection.

### **1 Corinthians 15:51-55:**

*Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."*

*Where, O death, is your victory?  
Where, O death, is your sting? –*

## **For More Information**

We will be happy to speak  
with you about our  
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Pleasant Hill Presbyterian  
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## Appearance and Placement

The Columbarium at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church respectfully and discreetly complements the beautiful architecture of Pleasant Hill. Family members and friends have access to The Columbarium and will be able to pause and remember their loved ones and all those who have died in a quiet and private prayerful place. The niches are reverently placed beside the main Sanctuary.



## Why a columbarium at Pleasant Hill

† Provides comfort to the family having a memorial to their deceased family member within the church grounds.

† Affirms our faith that those who die in the Lord remain not only with God, but with all those who have gone before us in the faith and also with the living.

† Is a visible sign that the church cares for its' members from birth and baptism through death and eternal life.

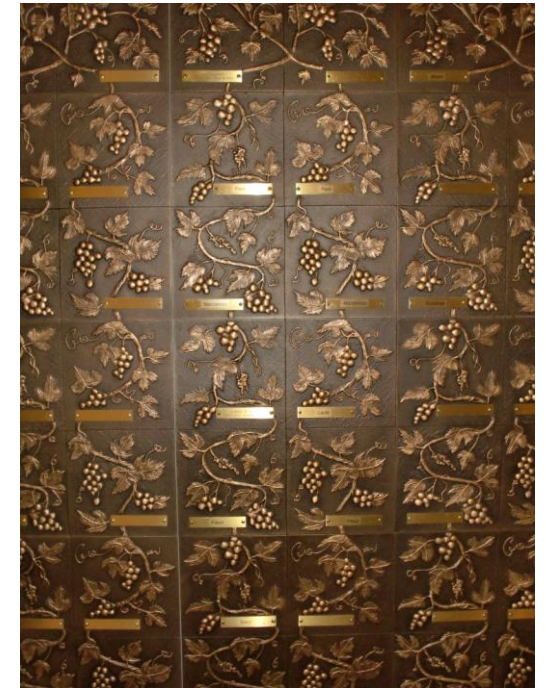
† Offers a practical and comfortable way to make advance plans, relieving the surviving family of difficult decisions.

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*Psalm 23:6*

*Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

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A columbarium is a group of small compartments or “niches” designed to hold the cremated remains (cremains) of loved ones who have died. It can be a place of remembrance, contemplation, meditation and prayer.