

## SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS

### ARRANGEMENTS

Participation in either of the programs is open to members of SHUMC congregation (past and present) and their immediate family members.

Contractual arrangements for using either the Memorial Columbarium or the Biblical Garden may be made by a member of SHUMC before death or by a family member of the deceased following the death. Applications can be made by calling the Church office and making an appointment with the Chair of the Memorial Columbarium/Biblical Garden Committee. The Committee Chair or a member of the Committee will assist the applicant or the applicant's family in taking all the steps necessary to complete the arrangements.

Memorial Columbarium and Biblical Garden arrangements are finalized at the time the contractual documents are signed and payment in full has been received.



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### MINISTERIAL ASSISTANCE

Prior planning for the disposition of one's own remains after death, as well as for the memorial service, can contribute to the well being of the family in a time of emotional stress. Any member of the Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church ministerial staff or their designee will be glad to assist Church members in pre-planning for memorial services.

It is the policy of SHUMC that a Christian service be provided for any committal in either the Memorial Columbarium or the Biblical Garden and that the service be performed by a minister from SHUMC unless otherwise approved in advance by the Senior Pastor.



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Memorial Columbarium and Biblical Garden

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## SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS MEMORIAL FACILITIES

Christians have for centuries drawn a measure of comfort from the ancient practice of burial within the Church premises.

Today, our Church is providing an alternative to ground burial — it is cremation with memorialization. Cremation accelerates the process of returning our bodies to the elements of the earth from which we were formed. Two memorial settings are available within our Church premises, and are administered by our Church for its members and their immediate family. Each option provides beauty and simplicity in a dignified setting and provides lasting care and safe-keeping. These options include inurnment in the Memorial Columbarium or scattering the remains in the Biblical Garden.

The Memorial Columbarium is located just east of the Chapel and near the Bell Tower and the Biblical Garden is located on the southeast corner of the Church property adjacent to Meeker Boulevard just west of the driveway entrance.

### MEMORIAL COLUMBARIUM

Memorial columbarium niches are located within the walls which enclose the consecrated area providing a quiet, personal environment for reflection and meditation. A fountain, permanent benches and selected flora complete this serene setting. Single and double niches are available to accommodate individuals as well as families. Each



niche is identified with a uniform commemorative bronze plaque. Each plaque bears the family name, Christian names along with birth and death dates. A Veteran's Medallion may also be attached for military veterans.



### BIBLICAL GARDEN

The Biblical Garden is a carefully planned area which provides year round exposure to the elements. The Biblical Garden contains a variety of trees and flora which grow well in Arizona and whose names appear in Biblical references. Paths are provided to lead viewers throughout the garden. A brochure is provided at the entrance to the Biblical Garden which identifies each planting.



Those who prefer this option will be identified with a bronze plaque on the heading wall which bears the family name, Christian names along with birth and death dates. A Veteran's Medallion may also be attached for military veterans.