

January 2010

In Fall 2009, St. James' Vestry established a columbarium committee to research and explore interest in a columbarium for our church. A proposal was presented at the annual meeting on January 24, 2010.

The columbarium is to be located on the west wall of the alcove in the nave of St. James and will accommodate 40 niches or burial sites. A "paper columbarium" is hanging on that wall. Please visit the church to see the actual size and location. You may select a niche to reserve – record the number shown on the front. Niches will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

The columbarium provides a place for ashes of the deceased to be placed within the church. It also provides a safe, comfortable place for family and friends to come, pray, and remember those who have passed to life eternal. This is, within our Christian tradition, theologically sound. Also, the economic advantage is favorable when compared to other methods of internment.

Only members of St. James Episcopal Church may be buried (inurned) in the columbarium and niches will be sold only to members of St. James. Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Vicar and the Vestry. Once sold, the niches cannot be resold or given to anyone else. If not used by the original purchaser, the unused niche becomes the property of the church.

The cost of each niche (one burial site) is \$400. The site is chosen at time of purchase and the owner's name added next to the niche selected for future use.

We need to hear from potential users by March 1, 2010.

An alternative to the columbarium is placing ashes in the church garden. A bronze plaque may be purchased to record the name of those whose ashes are scattered in the garden. The cost of the engraved plaque is \$100. This includes the cost of engraving the name and dates of birth and death. The same eligibility rules apply to the garden plaque as to the columbarium. March 1st is the response date.

Contact Al Lacock, Columbarium Project Chairman, at 479-363-9205 with any further questions.

Upon receipt of your payment a certificate of ownership will be provided for your space.

Complete the application for reservation of Niches in the St. James Columbarium or Garden Plaque space and return to our church office.

St. James' Episcopal Church
28 Prospect Ave, Eureka Springs, AR 72632

Application for Reservation of Niches and/or Plaques
St. James' Columbarium and/or Garden Plaque

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Number of Niches reserved @\$400/niche _____

Number of Plates reserved @\$100/plate _____

Full payment enclosed _____

Note: Columbarium committee will assign niches close to preferred location based on availability and priority.