



The Dwelling Place is a Columbarium and Memorial Garden designed to provide a final resting place for the remains of devoted members and friends who wish to be remembered as a part of our community of faith. On the grounds of Banner Elk Presbyterian Church and adjacent to the Banner Elk Cemetery and Lees-McRae College, the site occupies a setting where both memory and hope are generated for the living. The unity of the physical and spiritual realm is readily experienced.

In this lovely garden setting, niches have been crafted to permanently house interred ashes. Additional units will be added around the raised garden of wildflowers, creating a cloistered place with a vista of the mountains. The granite units have been crafted to match the color and character of the church buildings and surrounding rock structures. Each occupied niche is marked with an inscribed bronze memorial plaque.

In the center of the garden is a rock planter over which the "scattering of ashes" may be performed when this mode of interment is preferred. A bronze tablet memorializes the names of those thus interred. A second tablet at the archway is available to memorialize those buried elsewhere.



### **The Concept**

The Christian Faith has its foundation in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Church has always helped its members face death with hope, rather than fear or despair.

Through the centuries, many churches have designed their church grounds to include a cemetery. The Columbarium, ancient in concept, is designed to continue that tradition, to meet the growing trend in our society to use cremation at time of death, and to have interment of members near the church.

### **Arrangements**

Upon receipt of a written application and of the appropriate financial considerations, the church will issue a certificate of purchase form for interments in niches or by scattering.

The agreement form issued at that time outlines the shared obligations of the church and of families, including the transfer of rights.

### **The Invitation**

Participation is invited by members of the Banner Elk congregation, members of the larger community and friends of BEPC.

### **Available Options**

Niche interment  
Scattering of cremains

Memorial plaque

For more information, call 828-898-5406