

## **St. Andrews Episcopal Church**

### **Columbarium – Executive Summary**

February 2016

The Columbarium Committee recommended to Vestry, and Vestry approved, that our Church spend approximately \$29,500 to acquire and install twin columbaria, to be placed on either side of the Martha and Mary stained glass window, in the chapel.

The twin columbaria would hold 40 niches each, for the cremated remains of Church members and their families. The niches themselves are metal, and manufactured by Everest Columbarium Systems of North Carolina. The niches would be housed in locally made custom cabinets of fine wood, which matches the wood that frames the stained glass window. Each niche would be covered by a bronze faceplate, and feature an engraved nameplate showing the name of the deceased, and his or her year of birth and death.

The twin columbaria would provide a final resting place for the remains of our members who choose this type of interment. Niches would be priced between \$1,650 and \$1,250, depending upon placement location, which is far less than traditional burial, and which will recoup the cost of the columbaria and provide a net cash inflow to St. Andrews.

Inside this material are pictures and exhibits about the Columbarium, considerations that the Committee made, and an alternate location, outdoors.

The approximate time needed to install the Columbarium and make it operational is approximately 90-100 days. This allows for manufacturer lead time and for construction of the custom cabinets.

Questions may be directed to Jeff Queen, and to any member of the Committee: Rick Brockmeier, Judy Cohn, Andrew Modrall and Jenny Rice.