

SEASIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunset Beach, North Carolina
Garden of the Disciples

Eligibility

Members of Seaside United Methodist Church, spouses of members, children or step-children of members, parents or step-parents of members and employees of the church are eligible for interment of their cremains in the Garden. Past members who have reserved a site in the Garden while members of Seaside United Methodist Church may maintain their eligibility.

Interment Sites

The official plat of the sites and niches available in the Garden is maintained by the Secretary of the Garden Committee. A duplicate copy of the plat is available in the church office showing which sites and niches have been reserved and which are currently available.

Current fees approved by the Trustees for reserving an interment site or niche:

Fee for in-ground site (Does not include a granite/bronze marker, about \$300)

Site for one eligible person.....\$400
Site for two eligible persons.....\$700

Fee for a niche in the Jerry Lowry Corner (36) (Does not include a bronze marker, about \$250)

Top Row 1..... \$1,000
Row 2..... 900
Row 3 850
Row 4.....800

Fee for a niche in the Apostles' Corner (72) (Does not include engraving of a granite marker, about \$300)

Nine sections of eight niches.....\$1,500 each*

*Fee for the first ten niches reserved..... \$1200 each

The above fees include the cost of perpetual maintenance of the site or niche.

An eligible person may reserve an in-ground site or niche by completing an application and paying the prevailing fee by check made payable to the SUMC Garden of the Disciples. Eligible persons who find it difficult to pay the entire fee at one time should contact the Secretary of the Garden Committee, regarding payment options. (Secretary Dick Fickes - 579-3331)

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Important

At the time of application and payment of the full amount or the initial payment option, a site or niche may be selected from among the sites available on the plat of the Garden in the church office.

After recording the reservation on the official plat and on the duplicate plat in the church office, the Secretary of the Garden Committee will issue a Certificate of Reservation when the required fee is paid in full.

The privilege to use an interment site or niche may not be transferred to another party whether by sale, gift or inheritance. The holder(s) or the holder(s)' legal representative may surrender a reservation by written notice to the Garden Committee. A refund of the amount paid shall be made when another eligible person(s) has paid to reserve that site or when the Committee determines it has sufficient operating funds to do so.

It shall be the responsibility of the holder(s) of the reservation to keep the church advised at all times of their current address and the address of their next of kin or legal representative. When necessary, the church will normally contact the holder(s) of the reservation.

All memorial markers identifying the cremains interred in the Garden must conform to the standard established for the Garden. In order to assure this conformity, arrangements for all memorial markers must be made through the church.

If desired, a durable water-proof container (PVC) for the interment of the cremains of one person may be purchased for ten dollars (\$10).

A single, live floral arrangement, if desired, may be placed near the in-ground site or niche on the day of interment and on Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Memorial Day. Such floral arrangement shall be removed from the Garden within 48 hours. On Veterans Day, November 11, an American flag may be placed at the in-ground interment sites of those who have served in the armed services of the United States. No other decorations or memorabilia will be permitted in or on the Garden premises.

The Garden is open for visitation and meditation during daylight hours only.

A copy of the policies, rules and regulations approved by the Trustees for the management of the Garden is available upon request at the church office.

Please refer any questions you may have to the church office (579-5753).

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Application to Reserve an Interment Site or Niche

1. I/we wish to reserve site # _____ or niche # _____ in the Garden for interment of the cremains of the following person(s):

	Member of SUMC
	Yes _____ No _____
	Yes _____ No _____

2. After reviewing the eligibility criteria and the prevailing fee schedule, I/we believe that \$ _____ is the correct fee for the location I/we wish to reserve.

3. Please read and sign the attached Conditions of Agreement (page 2) which is a part of this application.

4. Attach to this application a check for the full amount or the initial payment option made payable to SUMC Garden of the Disciples.

5. Submit the completed application and check to the church office. After reviewing the application, the Secretary of the Garden Committee will record the reservation on the official plat and on the duplicate plat in the church office. The Secretary will issue a Certificate of Reservation when the required fee is paid in full.

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Conditions of Agreement

I/we agree to the following:

1. To abide by all of the policies, rules and regulations approved by the Trustees for the management of the Garden.
2. That Trustees have the right, at their sole discretion, to alter or amend such policies, rules and regulations at any time.
3. That only the cremains of the eligible persons named on this application may be interred in that site or niche.
4. That no interest in property, real or otherwise, is conveyed by SUMC nor acquired by the payment of the reservation fee.
5. That SUMC shall have the right to move the Garden to another location if it becomes necessary by an act or decision of the Church or by order of any federal, state or local authority. Such relocation, if required, shall be made at the expense of the Church.
6. That a Christian service in accordance with the accepted practices of the United Methodist Church will be held when the cremains are interred in the Garden.

Signature of Applicant(s):

_____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Name and address of next of kin or legal representative:

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ Telephone _____