

Luncheon

The Board of Christian Care stands ready to assist you with a funeral luncheon. Our Fellowship Hall may seat 150.

The church office will connect you with a member of the board to determine menu and expected number of guests.

Fees

Funerals are essential to our Christian ministry and we do not charge for use of God's House. The following fees provide for the ongoing ministry here.

Pastor: Honorarium
(\$150 is appropriate)

Musician: \$100

Reception: \$75

**Luncheon: \$2-\$3 per plate
plus \$50 for janitor services.**

As a convenience, funeral directors will often include the pastor and musician fees in their arrangements. Fees are customarily paid on the day of the funeral to the church office.

*And when the storms of life are done,
and life is gone like setting sun,
He'll take you to a splendid place
Where You will see Him face to face.
No pains of life will harm you there,
No sickness, death or worried care,
You'll be forever with the Lord,
The Rock of Ages gave His Word.*

~The Wise and Foolish Builder

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I Want to Plan a Funeral



*"God is our hope and strength,
a very present help in trouble."
(Psalm 46:1)*

Dear friend,
If you are reading this at the loss of your loved one, know you are not alone. God has prepared a time for you to gather with family and friends. He will bring you to rejoice in memories and reminders. He will show you that not even death can separate you or yours from His love, which Jesus demonstrated for all.

Whether you are in the midst of loss or planning your own funeral in advance, let this brochure introduce you to how our church can provide the context you need to celebrate God's gracious and eternal gift of living to a unique and beloved human life.

The Lord be with You.
Pastor Steven Newberg

The Service

In the very midst of grief and loss, the Christian Funeral service leads people to celebrate life and reconciliation on the basis of Jesus Christ's promise:

*I am the Resurrection and the Life,
Whoever believes in me, even though He die, yet shall He live. John 11:25*

Jesus' own resurrection Easter morning means we can acknowledge death in a straightforward and joyful manner, seeing and believing that it leads to life.

If you are planning your own funeral ahead of time, please use the accompanying application [light green form] to record scripture, hymns, songs, prayers, themes and remembrances for your service. At any point we encourage you to meet with Pastor Steve or a fellow church member for help in finding words for God's grace in your life.

If you are planning the service of a passing loved one, contact Pastor Steve and he will assist you right away.

Planning

In addition to choosing scriptures and hymns, you will want to consider:

- Times and services for visitation. The church is available for meeting with loved ones prior to the service.
- Whether to invite certain individuals or groups to share remembrances during the service.
- What sort of interment and committal service will best express God's immediate and certain care.
- Suggested memorials in memory of the deceased.
- Whether to host a meal at the church or elsewhere following the service.

Pastor Steve can guide you in any of these considerations.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new. Revelation 21:4-5