

Expenses...

There are expenses that go along with the death and burial of a loved one such as those created by the removal, cremation, preparation or burial of the body. Individual preferences will vary. From a Christian perspective, however, good stewardship of resources is important. Our expression of love for the deceased is not enhanced by great expense for burial practices.

Memorial Service Fees...

Fees for Members:

There is no fee associated with the use of Church space for services. The family may desire to give an honorarium to the officiating clergy. The amount is up to you. If you are making arrangements with a funeral home, it may handle this honorarium for you. Please check with your Funeral Director.

Fees for Non-Members:

A non-member service may be held at the Church for a fee of \$400 (Chapel) or \$600 (Sanctuary). Typically an additional honorarium, in an amount of your choice, is offered to the minister.

Music Fees:

A fee of \$125 will apply for services requiring an organist or pianist. An additional fee of \$125 will apply for a vocal specialist.

Reception Fees:

Receptions may be held at the church. Fees for refreshments are as follows:

Cookies, fruit and punch:	\$3.00 per person (no minimum)
Finger sandwiches:	\$5.00 per person (\$150.00 minimum)

Payment of Fees...

Please pay any required fees to Shawna in the church office on or before the date of the service. If there are difficulties in meeting the required fees, please discuss the matter with the minister.



*Community Church is committed to helping you
celebrate the life of your loved one.*

*“Give me a sign of your goodness...
for you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.”*

Services of Celebration and Remembrance

Ministry at the Time of Death



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Our Church family seeks to compassionately support those of you who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

In the case of immediate or imminent death of a family member...

Please notify the Church Office immediately at (772) 562-3633. Evenings and weekends, please call (772) 559-2390. A pastor will contact you as soon as possible.

Arranging a Memorial Service...

The Church should be notified of the family's intent to hold a service at the Church. The Church Office will arrange a meeting of the family with a member of our clergy to plan the service. The meeting will involve family members in planning the service, reception, selecting the music and information for the bulletin, and arranging necessary details. Family members and friends are welcome to share remembrances of the deceased during the service (a 500 word maximum is suggested).

Every service is a celebration of the life of the individual and the eternal promise of the loving grace of God for all people. Services will be arranged with the goal of bringing a sacred comfort, honor, respect and hope to all those attending.

Times and Dates...

Memorial services should be officially cleared on the Church calendar before notice is printed in the local newspapers. The Church is available for services Monday-Friday at 10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. or 2:00 p.m.

The Worship Setting...

The Grace Chapel holds up to 125 people; the main Sanctuary holds up to 1,000 people. Both settings have an organ and a piano.

Music...

Music offers a powerful healing ministry to the grieving. We ask the family to select pieces of music that are respectful, meaningful, and spiritual in content. The officiating clergy in consultation with the Music Director will approve all selections prior to the service. Our Church uses live music exclusively in services of worship.

Bulletins...

The arrangement of the service of worship outlined in the bulletin should be approved by the officiating minister before printing. The Church will print your bulletins.

Ushers...

A volunteer usher from the Community Church is available at the service.

Deacons...

One or more deacons are customarily present to offer the hospitality of the congregation to the family.

Interment and Cemetery...

These services should be arranged with the officiating Minister.

Audio CDs...

Audio CDs are available for all services held at the Church. Complimentary recordings of the service are provided to the family if requested in advance.

Reception...

The Fellowship Committee will, if desired, host a reception immediately following the service with your choice of cookies, fruit and punch or finger sandwiches for a specified price.

Additional ministries during times of grief...

Community Church provides continuing spiritual support through our Caring and Sharing Grief Support Group which meets weekly at the Church. Our Prayer Circle provides ongoing prayers for families who have lost loved ones. Pastoral care is readily available through our clergy staff. The clergy staff will direct you to printed materials that may help you through the grieving process.

Community (non-members) services...

Community Church has an intentional ministry to the community at large. We are open to providing a sacred worship space to local families in their time of grief. A clergy from our staff will be a participant in the service and involved in the planning of the service. Please see fee schedule for costs relevant to non-member services.