

The Creed

We are not alone,
we live on God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
Who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Funeral Services
at
St. Stephen's-on-the-Hill United Church



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Funerals at St. Stephen's-on-the-Hill United Church

Funeral services held at St. Stephen's-on-the-Hill United Church are offered in Christian hope and faith in the promise of Christ's resurrection at Easter, that "in life, in death, in life beyond death, we are not alone. God is with us" (United Church of Canada, 'A New Creed'). The death of a loved one is a time to recall the miracle of life, to give God thanks for the life of the deceased, and to mourn our loss. The Service may be called "Funeral", "Memorial Service", or "Service of Remembrance and Celebration"; all include Scripture, prayers, and commendation of the one who died into God's eternal care. There may be music, photographs and other symbols of the deceased. The Service may include a casket, or urn, or neither. Family members are very important in the planning of the service.

The minister provides pastoral care and guidance for the family including the arranging of the service.

Funeral Receptions

The United Church Women (U.C.W.) of St. Stephen's have a ministry to members of St. Stephen's in providing continuing comfort and care immediately following the service, if people wish a Reception at the Church. The U.C.W. uses a catering company to help prepare food for the Reception. The funds earned are used for the ongoing mission projects of the U.C.W.

Guidelines for Funeral Receptions

A. There are two menu options:

1. Light Refreshments: (we suggest this option is appropriate following an afternoon Service)

Tea, coffee and punch
Variety of breads
Fruit tray
Cheese/cracker tray
@\$6.50 per person

50 people	\$ 325.00
100 people	\$ 650.00
150 people	\$ 975.00
200 people	\$1,300.00
225 people	\$1,462.50
250 people	\$1,625.00

2. Light Lunch: (we suggest this option is appropriate following a morning Service)

Tea, coffee and punch
Variety of sandwiches
Fruit tray
Cheese tray
Variety of squares
@\$8 per person

50 people	\$ 400.00
100 people	\$ 800.00
150 people	\$1,200.00
200 people	\$1,600.00
225 people	\$1,800.00
250 people	\$2,000.00

Both options include candles and serviettes and flowers if needed.

B. Please make cheque payable on or before the date of the service to: St. Stephen's-on-the-Hill U.C.W.

C. Cheques are to be in the church office before the time of the service.

Other fees:

Minister	\$200.00
Use of Church	\$350.00
Organist (Sunju Koh)	\$150.00

St. Stephen's-on-the-Hill Memorial Garden

Our Memorial Garden is located on the west side of the church building, a place of beauty where members, friends and others in the community may inter the cremated remains of their loved ones. It is not a cemetery, there are no plots or markers, for ashes are placed directly into the ground at a depth of twenty inches and covered with earth. Names are recorded in a Book of Remembrance in the Church Narthex. Please speak to the minister or see the brochure in the Church Office for more details.