

THE MAKING OF A COLUMBARIUM

TIMNATH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2008-2015

A Columbarium Feasibility Committee was approved by our church's Session in September 2007. Our committee received permission to educate our church members about the benefits of having a columbarium, and to determine the level of interest. We chose Homecoming, Inc., as the best provider of columbarium supplies.

It was important that this project be financed independently, without impacting the church's operating budget.



Several concepts were presented and discussed for an outdoor columbarium and memorial garden area. Architect Allen Curtis drew up numerous versions of the plans at no charge to the church. We also began compiling the rules and regulations associated with the development and ongoing ownership of a columbarium and memorial garden.

Because of the church explosion in August 2009, our plans were put on hold for much of 2009 and 2010. The columbarium proposal was formally approved by The Presbytery of the Plains and Peaks on 7-16-2011, by our church session, and by our congregation in a special meeting on 8-7-2011.

Our columbarium site
plan was approved by the
Town of Timnath Planning
Commission in July 2013.

A Columbarium Committee was formed, consisting of:

Raleigh and Edith Brooks

Gordon and Edith Kruse

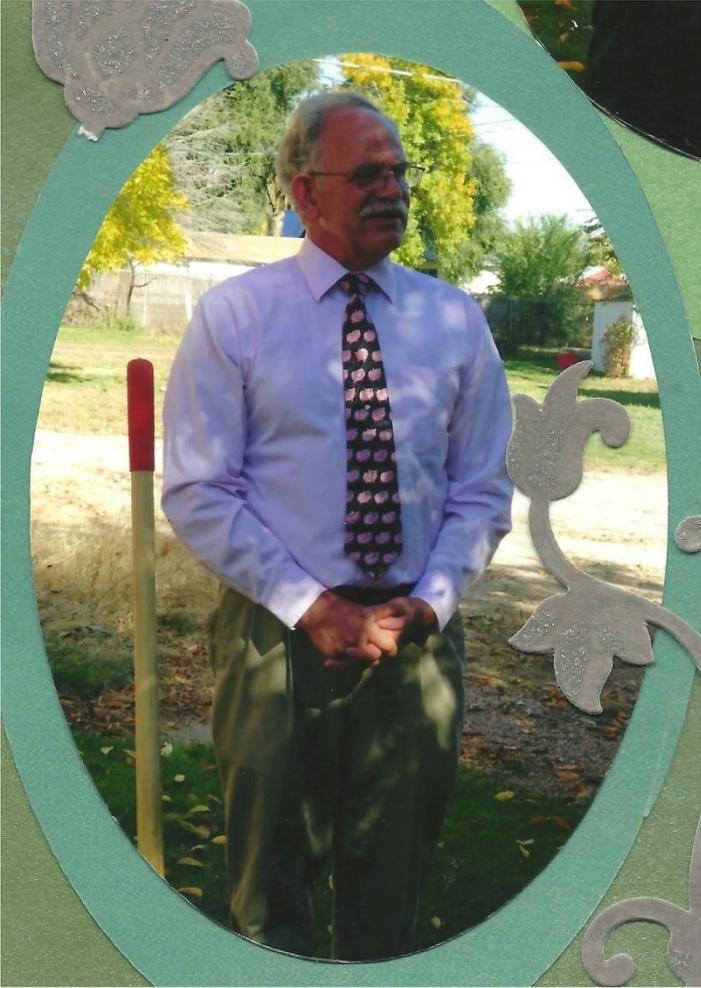
Paul and Mary Ellen Moyer

Clarence and Phylis Sitzman

As of May, 2016, the same committee is in place, with the exception of the late Rev. Paul Moyer, whose support and guidance is sorely missed.

Pastor Matt Webber
At
groundbreaking



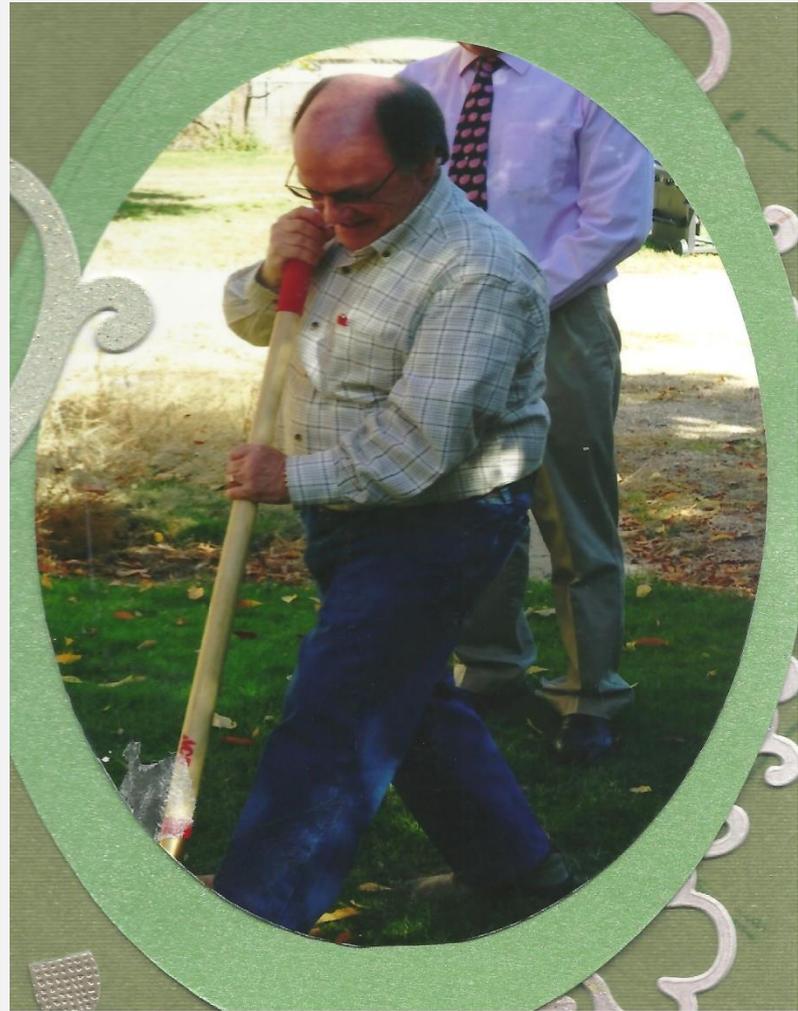


Clarence Sitzman at
groundbreaking

Phylis Sitzman at
groundbreaking



Allen Curtis, our
Architect, turning
a shovelful of earth

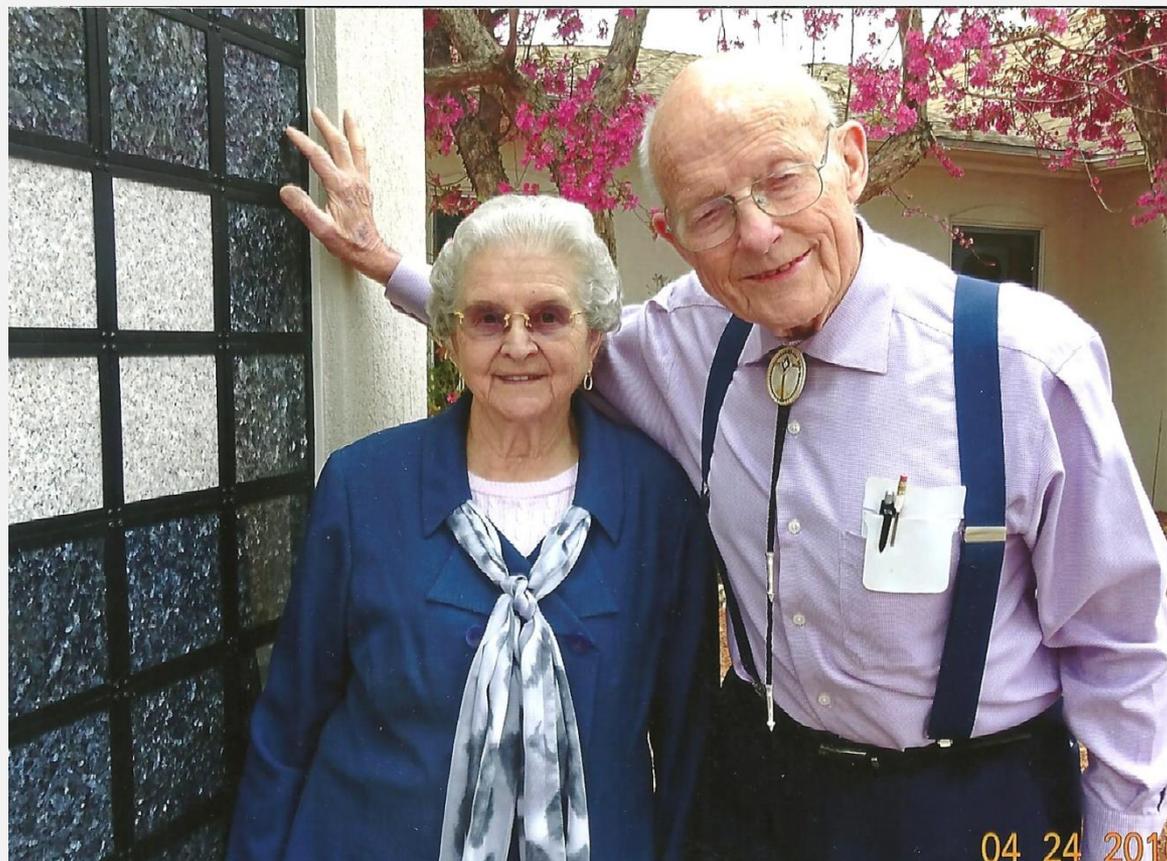




Mary Ellen Moyer
Breaking ground



Edith and Gordon Kruse
At groundbreaking



Columbarium Committee Members
Edith and Raleigh Brooks



Site Preparation

The columbarium is located just South of the Church office; west of the Narthex. The existing sidewalk to the office needed to be relocated; the septic tank filled. A pine tree on the site had been removed previously.



Concrete
poured
in
shape
of
a
Cross



Kiosks being framed;
almost ready to receive
finish coat and have niches
inserted.



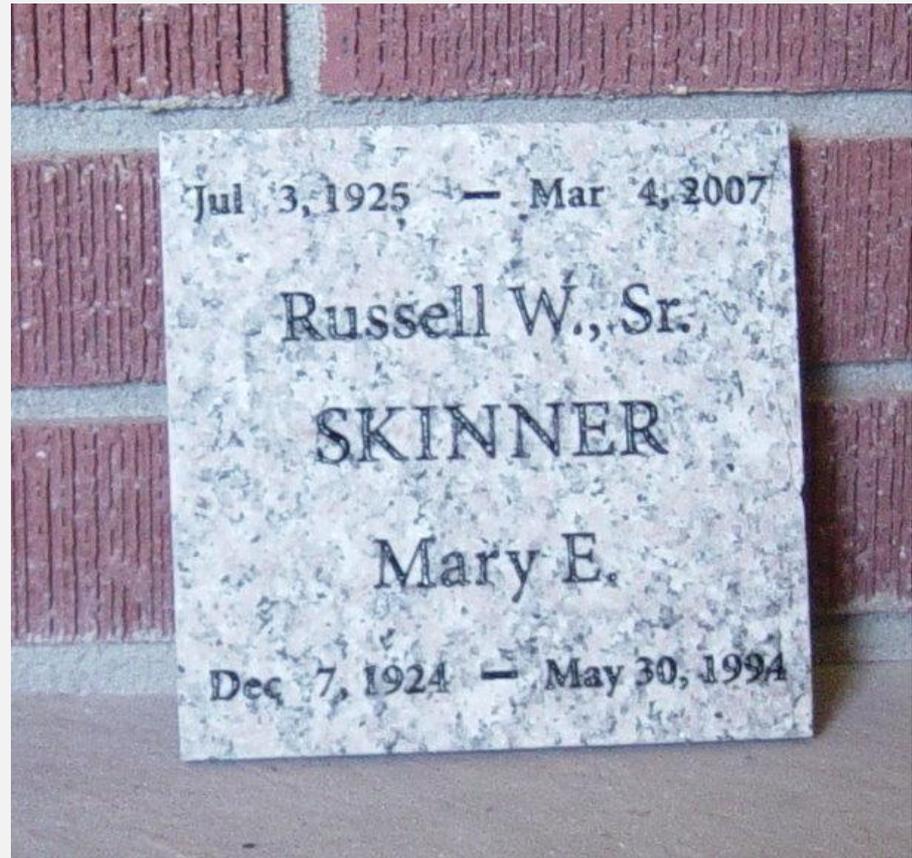
Pastor Matt Webber at Columbarium Dedication



First Kiosk, with
face plates in place.
As of May, 2016,
seven niches have
urns inserted and
face plates engraved.



Example of engraved granite face plate to be fastened to niche. Granite color is “Gris Montecruz Sonoma”





South wall, ready for remembrance plaques
to be installed.

The remembrance wall in the TPC Memorial Garden. Persons whose remains are elsewhere can have their names engraved on granite plaques as a form of remembrance.



Of the five kiosks constructed, niches have been installed in only one. The other four will have niches, as the need arises. TPC member Sharon Jones has offered to paint decorative scenes to cover the plain plywood facing on these four kiosks. The first two of Sharon's paintings are shown below.



Thanks to Sally Herbert, who took
most of these photographs.