

Cemetery Rules

Effective 5 January 2020

A cemetery plot will be issued to members of Plank Chapel United Methodist Church only. A plot is one grave measuring 4 feet wide x 10 feet long, one plot per member.

People who move their membership from Plank Chapel United Methodist Church shall forfeit their rights to any cemetery plot.

All future plots shall be marked with corner markers. The Cemetery Administrator must be notified prior to placing corner stones or any permanent marker.

All future graves must have a vault or liner.

A permanent marker must be placed at the grave within six months after death.

Walls shall not be permitted.

Shrubbery shall not be permitted.

Families choosing cremation will discuss plot selection with the Cemetery Administrator. Cremains shall be buried in appropriate containers including a vault and liner. Spreading of cremains on top of the ground or digging holes for cremains without a vault or liner is prohibited. A marker shall be placed with the cremains within six months.

Flowers or other decorations placed on the graves must be removed from the cemetery at the end of their useful season. The Cemetery Committee reserves the right to remove dead flowers, faded or unsightly seasonal arrangements, torn or tattered flags, or broken decorations as deemed necessary.

Any member needing a change in these rules must make a written request to the Cemetery Committee and will be notified within thirty days with its decision.

Each person or family assigned to a cemetery plot is encouraged to make an annual donation to the Cemetery Fund at Plank Chapel United Methodist Church. This donation will be used for the continuous maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery or grounds of the church.

A copy of these Rules and Regulations shall be distributed to the member upon assignment of the plot.

Copies of these Rules and Regulations shall be available to any member of Plank Chapel United Methodist Church or persons making general inquiries regarding the cemetery and shall be provided to local funeral homes, monument companies, and the church groundskeeper.

These Rules and Regulations were updated and approved by the Cemetery Committee on June 10, 2019.

These Rules and Regulations were presented and approved to the Board of Trustees on September 15, 2019 and updated on November 19, 2019.

These Rules and Regulations were presented and approved by the Administrative Council on January 5, 2020.