

Cokesbury Memorial United Methodist Church
Abingdon, MD 21009
January 7, 2019

CEMETERY OPERATION RULES

1. No grave will be opened until all upkeep arrearages are satisfied. The purchase price for each grave is \$600.00.
2. No deed or letter of ownership may be transferred outside the immediate family without the expressed consent of the Board of Trustees.
3. If the owner of immediate family wishes to sell their graves(s), they must be sold back to the Cokesbury Memorial UMC Cemetery. Owners of the immediate family will be paid the original **purchase price or the portion equal to the number of graves(s) being returned.**
4. There will be a \$100.00 Cemetery fee for each time the gravesite is opened.
5. No burial will be made without the use of a permanent container (Vault), to include full burial and cremation, except in the case of infant burial.
6. There is a maximum of two burials per grave.
7. The financial arrangement of all lots shall be completed before a grave may be opened. 80% of the total cost of a lot or grave will be deposited in the Trust account, the returns of which shall provide for the Perpetual Care of the lot.
8. The planting of trees, flowers, shrubs, etc., is prohibited. Cut and potted flowers may be placed on the graves at any time; however, such flowers and containers will be removed on February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1 of each year. The cemetery and its Trustees are not responsible of any lost, stolen or broken containers or temporary markers.
9. So-called "permanent wreaths" will not be permitted on a grave for over thirty days. They may be removed by the family. If removed by the Cemetery attendant, the cemetery will not be responsible for their return.
10. The following size tombstone will be used on all graves: 3' x 8" thick to 2' joint to top, 3' x 8" x 2" from left joint to top, base 3' x 10" left to right 1'2" front to back 8" high. The Trustees reserve the right to review plans of a private marker, and it must be installed by a professional monument company.

11. It is required that a permanent identification marker or plaque be placed by the family of the deceased within one year. Corner markers are mandatory.
12. Graves must be opened by a Board of Trustees approved grave opening company.
13. Broken stones and monuments will be repaired at the expense of the families or be removed from the Cemetery.
14. "Members of Cokesbury Church" shall be restricted to those registered on the membership book of Cokesbury Memorial United Methodist Church or their parents.
15. No animals are allowed to be buried in the Cemetery.
16. As of this January 7, 2019, these rules supersede all previous cemetery rules.

Board of Trustees
1-7-2019