

New Hope United Methodist Church

Rules for the distribution and care of cemetery property

Because land belonging to the United Methodist Churches cannot be sold or deeded to individuals or groups, these rules govern the use of cemetery property.

1. **Assignment of sections:** Sections can be only obtained by church members for the immediate family, spouse, children, and grandchildren. Former pastors can also obtain a section.
2. **Assignment of responsibility:** The Chairman of the Cemetery Trustees will be responsible for the assignment of all sections.
3. **Size of sections:** The size of a section will be determined by the number of burial plots within it.
4. **Fees for the use of sections:** A fee of \$150.00 will be charged for each burial plot when a section is obtained. A fee of \$20.00 per burial plot will be charged annually from the time a section is obtained to provide for the maintenance of the cemetery grounds, primarily the cutting of the grass at reasonable intervals. The plot fee may be waived by the cemetery committee in the event of a hardship case.
5. No burial will be allowed until the initial section fee has been paid and thereafter no burial will be allowed until the maintenance fees have been paid.
6. Persons who move their church membership will forfeit their burial plot or section unless they continue to meet the requirements of the stated cemetery rules.
7. Any person desiring to dispose of their plot or plots shall return them to the church. Initial burial plot fees will not be refunded.
8. Each family will be limited to one section unless prior approval is given by the cemetery committee, administrative board, and Trustees.
9. All persons are prohibited from planting flowers, trees, shrubs, or plants on cemetery grounds. Flowers placed on gravesites shall be secured. Live settings shall be discarded when appearance warrants. Seasonal flowers should be removed by February 15th.
10. The church shall in no event be liable for loss or damage from causes beyond its control, or for loss or damage caused by the elements, acts of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief-makers, explosions, riots, military, or civil authority.

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the above rules concerning New Hope United Methodist Cemetery and will abide by them.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Number of burial plots: _____

Revised: _____

Chairman Cemetery Committee

Chairman, Administrative Board

Chairman, Board of Trustees