

South River UMC
Cemetery Rules and Regulations
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Church Members:

1. Members of the church will be granted plots at no charge for themselves, their spouse and any dependent children residing in that household, until each child reaches 18 years of age. As each child reaches 18 years of age, they would be responsible for attaining their own plots.
2. Any church member may request to reserve grave plots in the cemetery. This number will be limited to no more than the number in the immediate family including children under 18 years of age.

Non-members:

1. Non-members may not reserve plots. Plots may be purchased at time of death for \$1200.00 each. Plots must be paid for in full when purchased.
2. In the event a non-member is buried in the cemetery and there is a surviving spouse, that spouse would have 30 days to request an adjoining plot. A fee of \$1200.00 would be incurred and is expected to be paid in full within that 30 day period.

General Rules

1. Before opening any grave or reserving a plot, location of burial site must be approved by the Cemetery Committee.
2. All caskets and urns must be buried in metal or concrete vaults.
3. Headstones will be aligned with grave markers. Graves are requested to be marked with a permanent marker.
4. Cornerstone markers must be buried level with the ground, and should always be in line with existing graves or markers.
5. Any new monument or above ground structures will be bordered with a minimum of 6 inches of concrete at ground level, and 8 inches deep.
6. Markers (headstones, plot markers, and foot stones) may be left up to the individual, except where said markers are not in keeping with the general appearance of other markers in the Cemetery.
7. The following specifications should be used in marking off graves:
 - 1 Grave - 9 ft. long x 4 ft. 6 inches wide
 - 2 Graves - 9 ft. long x 9 ft. wide
 - 3 Graves - 9 ft. long x 13 ft. 6 inches wide
 - 4 Graves - 9 ft. long x 18 ft. wide
8. Due to problems with Cemetery mowing and upkeep, no grave coping may be put above ground level.
9. No trees or shrubs shall be planted in the Cemetery
10. When flowers are removed from graves, they must be removed from the premises. They are NOT to be left in the woods near the Cemetery.
11. Any unsightly or torn flowers and arrangements will be removed at the discretion of the Cemetery Committee.
12. Plots may not be transferred or sold.
13. The Cemetery Committee will review regularly with the Administrative Council of South River UMC regarding the Cemetery Rules and Regulations and reserve the right to amend them as deemed necessary.