

## **Memorial Garden Policies and Rules of Operation**

Cremated remains of members of the church and their families, and former members and their families, may be interred in the Memorial Garden. The Session may extend the use of the garden to others at its discretion, but is not required to do so.

Ashes will not be interred in containers, but will be placed below the surface of the earth. No markers of any kind will be used to indicate the place. No ornaments, flowers or greens (real or artificial) will be allowed in the Memorial Garden except those provided by the Memorial Garden Committee.

Plaques will commemorate those whose ashes are interred in the Memorial Garden, but only those as provided by the Memorial Garden Committee will be used. Fraternal, patriotic and lodge markers will not be used.

Plaques will contain the name and year of birth and death of the deceased. Plaques will be mounted on the exterior face of the Christian Education Building near the Memorial Garden, generally in chronological order of death, and positioned in vertical columns from top to bottom. If interment is purchased for both spouses, space will be reserved so that spouses' names may be displayed contiguously, but this same provision is not extended to other family members.

An interment fee approved by the Session will be charged by the Committee. The fee may be modified at the discretion of the Pastor. Once an Interment Agreement has been received, approved by pastoral staff and fully paid, no future charges shall be made. An Interment Agreement may not be transferred or sold for the use of another person, and will not be refunded if unused.

Services for the interment of ashes shall be under the direction of the Pastor.

These policies and rules of operation may be modified from time to time by the Session.

