

St. Paul's United Church of Christ Cemetery Regulations

These regulations are provided by the Consistory and Trustees of the church to provide guidance for families whose loved ones are interred in the cemetery, honoring their memory by placing flowers, greens, and other remembrances at the grave memorials. The enforcement of the regulations assists in protecting the cemetery, preserving an attractive setting and ensuring that the interests of all concerned parties are addressed. St. Paul's requires an adherence to these regulations in order to maintain a respectful, well maintained final resting place for all of our loved ones.

Care of the cemetery is the responsibility of the church Trustees and includes cutting the grass at reasonable intervals, maintenance of road access and parking, snow removal and periodic general cleanup. The church has no responsibility for the maintenance, repair or replacement of any marker, monument or memorial placed on the burial plot by the owner or purchaser of burial rights or their agents.

- No shrubbery or trees may be planted without the express written approval of the Trustees.
- Benches, chairs, or other durable furniture impedes required maintenance and is prohibited. Requests for exceptions may be submitted as indicated below.
- Flowers or other decorations on graves must be removed from the cemetery grounds at the end of their useful season. Any items not removed will be discarded at the periodic cemetery cleanup. The Trustees will assume no responsibility for items removed and discarded.
- All plot surfaces must be kept at grade level and no enclosures of any kind are permitted. Grassy corridors must remain unimpeded and grass will cover all plot surfaces. Nothing is to be attached to the stone memorial markers. Fresh cut or artificial flowers may be placed in front of monuments or surface memorials at any time throughout the year in pin-type metal containers. Brass or bronze service designations with or without flag holders are welcome.
- Plants with pots not exceeding eight inches in diameter (8") may be placed in front of the monument where a pin type metal vase would be placed. Ground planted flowers should be modest height, for example, Shasta daisies and Hydrangeas would be inappropriate. Since fresh cut flowers and plants require regular watering and trimming, the Trustees suggest they only be used by families who visit regularly. The cemetery does not have a water source, so water would have to be brought from home.
- Please be sensitive to the need to mow and trim the grass corridors and around the monuments.

Christmas Greens: The church, has in the past, participated in the Wreaths Across America program honoring all U.S. Veterans by placing a wreath on grave memorial stones in December and speaking the name of the deceased veteran. Individually provided wreaths and sprays of boughs may be provided beginning November 15th and if not removed, will be discarded in the general cleanup after January 15th.

In general, the Trustees reserve the right to take remedial action to preserve the dignity and attractiveness of the cemetery area for the benefit of all the families whose loved ones are interred here. Any requested departures from the above regulations must be submitted in writing addressed to the Trustees, St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 101 Worthington Road, Exton, PA 19341-1440

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