

St. John's (Burry's) United Evangelical Protestant Church Cemetery
New Sewickley Township, Beaver Co., PA

Rules, Regulations and Procedures
Governing Body- Church Council
Revised 2012

1. The Trustees of the Church shall be responsible for the perpetual care of the cemetery. "Perpetual Care" shall mean the general preservation of the grounds, walks, roadways, boundaries and structures, to the end that said grounds shall remain and be reasonably cared for as cemetery grounds forever. The Trustees shall be responsible for hiring and supervising the necessary personnel to maintain perpetual care. The Trustees shall also be responsible for the purchase and maintenance of necessary equipment and machinery. Perpetual care shall be included in the purchase of a lot not to include the opening or closing of a gravesite or the monument or concrete base. Damage to a monument or base caused by vandalism or acts of nature will not be part of the perpetual care.
2. There shall be two funds maintained: a Cemetery Fund and a Perpetual Care Fund. Eighty percent (80%) of the sale of all graves and lots shall be entered into the Cemetery Fund; Twenty percent (20%) shall be entered into Perpetual Care fund. All dividends from monies invested shall be entered into the Cemetery Fund. The Church Council shall elect a treasurer yearly to transact and record all cemetery monies. It is the duty of the Church Council that all money received for Perpetual Care is legally invested.
3. Council shall appoint three church members to serve as a Cemetery Committee. The current Cemetery Treasurer will serve on this Committee. The Cemetery Committee will be responsible for selling lots, grave reservations, keeping the records and handling the financial business of the cemetery. The Council shall appoint one member of the Cemetery Committee as the Sexton of the Cemetery. The Sexton, or his appointee, shall attend all interments. All graves shall be opened under the supervision of the Sexton after verifying the legal right of the deceased to be buried in this Cemetery. The Sexton shall set or supervise the setting of all corner stones. He shall supervise the placing of all foundations which shall be at least three (3) feet deep of solid concrete.
4. Transfer of a lot or part thereof will be permitted only with the approval of the Church Cemetery Committee. The transfer cannot be done for a profit above the original purchase price. In the case of transfer the old deed must be submitted and a new deed issued. Transfer fee will be \$25.00. Members cannot purchase graves with the intent to transfer to nonmembers.
5. Lots or part of lots that are not going to be used by owners may, with approval of the total Cemetery Committee, be purchased back; the price will be the original purchase price. The original deed or notarized proof of ownership must be submitted.
6. Lots shall be used for no other purpose than a place of burial for the human dead and the erection of a monument to their memory. Monuments and inscriptions thereon shall not be permitted if deemed improper or offensive by the Church Council. Monument height shall be no more than 42 inches above ground level.

7. One casket, one casket and a cremation, or two cremations are permitted on an individual grave site.
8. No spreading of ashes over the grounds will be permitted.
9. The Cemetery Committee will level and seed all new graves and will see that all graves are kept level with the surface of the lot and must conform to the grade of the cemetery.
10. If a headstone is marking a grave and a cremation is buried on top it may be marked by a flat marker ground level in front of the headstone where flowers are usually planted.
11. No footstones, fencings, edging, gravel, shrubbery or trees are allowed on any graves or lots. Flowers may be placed only at a small area near the headstone, no more than 12 inches from the stone. Flowers, wreaths, and flags will be removed when, in the opinion of the Trustees,
they become a detriment to the appearance of the grounds.
12. No electrical (solar) lighting, unsightly cans, pots or any glassware will be permitted on graves.
13. It is strictly prohibited to use the Cemetery lawn as a driveway, parking area or a place to strew garbage and litter.
14. All temporary markers must be replaced within one year of the death with permanent markers or headstone.