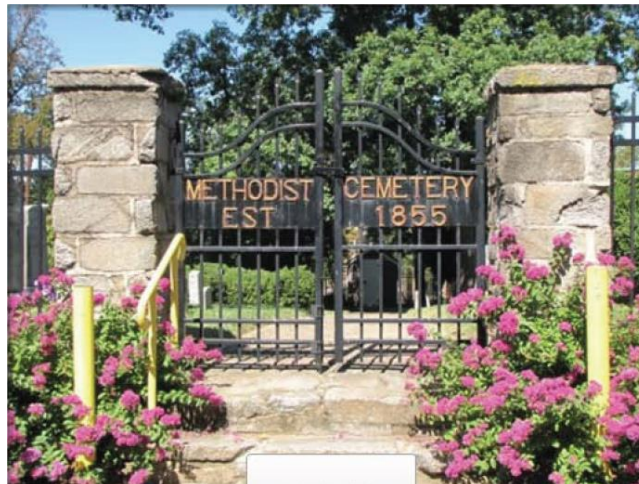


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The Annual Meeting for The Methodist Cemetery Association will be held on **Sunday, May 21, 2017, 2:00 p.m.** at Friendship Terrace, 4201 Butterworth Place N.W., in the 5th floor lounge. This building is directly behind the cemetery, off 42nd Street. Please come if you possibly can!

The Year at a Glance

There is some significant news from this past year. First, the good news: The Columbian Harmony Society generously made a substantial donation to us at the end of the calendar year. We are truly grateful. The bad news: Over the winter one of the large and exceedingly tall trunks of the alanthus tree came down. The multi-trunked alanthus tree was in the far back right corner of the cemetery, close to the church parking lot. The trunk fell parallel to the fence beside the church, with its branches stretching almost to the alley. The damage was much less than it could have been, but one tombstone was broken at its base and another stone was toppled. The broken stone is that of "Christie A., wife of Richard E. Ricketts," 1826-1900. The toppled one, now upright but slightly sunken, is that of "Ruth Lucy Titus, March-April 1905."

The remaining trunks of the alanthus tree have now been taken down, all the debris has been removed, and the stumps

have been ground down. According to the tree experts one of the possible causes for the existence of multi-trunked trees is the growth from old stumps which have not been ground down.

The tree experts also recommended pruning our huge white oak and tulip poplar trees to remove the dead wood and conflicting branches. There were innumerable small branches from these trees already down on the ground from the winter storms. This trimming and cleanup has now been done in order to facilitate spring grass cutting.

The tree experts have also recommend fertilizer and insect/disease control treatment for the white oak tree. This should be done soon, in the spring, pending your vote.

Tombstone repair needs to be addressed at the meeting.

Thanks to Steve Shoemaker in Pennsylvania, who has donated a lot of his time and effort, we are continuing to develop our new website. Please click on: <http://methodistcemeteryassociation.org/> to check it out. Look on the "Burials" page for your favorite ancestor -- in many cases we have posted photos and other important references under "Additional Information" by each name. And, please, if you have anything appropriate to add, we would be delighted! Currently we are working on posting the unmarked graves to the "Burials" page - about half done at this time. As many of you may know, there are as many unmarked graves as there are tombstones in our cemetery. The information about the unmarked burials comes from the DAR 1939/1940 documents, from the numerous death certificates donated by diligent researchers, and from familysearch.org.

Your Support is Needed

We ask for your support by attending this year's meeting if at all possible. This year we need to elect the Board of Directors, approve the budget for the next two years and discuss and approve any other important business.

Please don't forget: membership dues are due by the time of the annual meeting (May 21, 2017).

Volunteer labor is also welcome any time.

Please mark your calendars. Annual meetings are always tentatively scheduled for the third Sunday in May (the Sunday after Mother's Day).

Agenda for the May 2017 Annual Meeting

1. Collection of membership dues
2. Old business
 - a. Minutes from past years' meetings
 - b. Treasurer's reports
3. New business
 - a. Election of Board of Directors
 - b. Approval of new Budget
 - c. Discussion
 - d. Next annual meeting: 20 May 2018