

History



In 1887, Frank Bren gifted land on a hill to the Bohemian Evangelical Church of Deephaven Junction in Hennepin County, Minnesota for the purpose of church construction and burial of the dead. In 1900 the congregation became Presbyterian and was renamed the Bohemian Presbyterian Church.

Another name change occurred in 1939 when the congregation was named the John Hus

Presbyterian Church. In 1968 the Glen Lake Presbyterian Church merged with the John Hus Church and the congregation's new name became Faith Presbyterian Church. In 2016, Faith Presbyterian Church separated from PCUSA and affiliated with the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. The congregation is commonly referred to as Faith Church.

Throughout this history the cemetery has been under the governance of the officers of the church and those they delegate to oversee cemetery operations. Organizationally the church is deemed to be a private, not a public, cemetery.

Members of the original church families are buried in this cemetery as are their heirs and other persons who later joined the congregation and later died. On occasion, non-members of the church have been given permission to bury their dead in the cemetery.

A fire in 1933 destroyed the entire church structure and all its contents, including church and cemetery records. It was rebuilt and occupied by 1934. By examination of headstones, burial records were reconstructed and operational cemetery policies and rules long engrained by common church practice continued to be followed.

In March of 2005, the session of Faith Presbyterian Church approved the establishment of the Faith Cemetery Board of Trustees: The board of trustees will be a separate financial entity from Faith Church, having its own books, records and the authority to direct any fundraising effort for cemetery improvements and maintenance. The trustees will have the authority to make and amend the cemetery bylaws in compliance with state and local laws.