

WEDDINGS

All weddings are normally solemnized in the Church.

As early as possible the date and time should be chosen and this information given to the Pastor, that it might be entered upon the church calendar. Also, times for the pre-marital consultations must be set with the Pastor. No less than three hours should be allowed for these consultations.

Facilities and Appointments For The Ceremony

The Church provides the kneeling bench for the ceremony and the candles on the altar. If a white aisle runner is desired, the church can provide it. The use is free but there is a charge for the laundering of same. If extra candles are desired, the candelabras and candles can be arranged for through the florist.

Music at the Wedding

All music at the church is under the direction of the Pastor and the Director of Music. The Director is the logical person to serve at the wedding. However, if one prefers to have a guest organist, arrangements must be made at the discretion of the Director of Music before such a person is permitted to use the organ.

Since the wedding ceremony is a worship of God, it is required that all music be in good taste and suitable in the worship setting. Vocal music must be approved by the Pastor and the Director of Music. A soloist, if desired, can be provided by the Director of Music.

Fees and Honararia at the Wedding.

The following fees are required when neither bride or groom is an active member

of the Church.

Pastor -----	\$ 50.00	—
Use of Church -----	100.00	
Director of Music -----	40.00	
Soloist (when used) -----	30.00	
Caretaker -----	25.00	
Aisle Carpet (when used) -----	25.00	
Unity Candle (optional) -----	20.00	
Total	<u>\$290.00</u>	

If either the bride or groom is an active member of the church, the only fees would be:

Director of Music -----	\$ 40.00
Soloist (when used) -----	30.00
Caretaker -----	25.00
Aisle Carpet (when used) -----	25.00
Unity Candle (optional) -----	20.00
Total	<u>\$140.00</u>

Fees are to be placed in separate envelopes, each envelope designating the purpose, and these given to the Pastor at the time of the wedding rehearsal. The marriage license is also to be presented to the pastor at the time of the wedding rehearsal.

Pictures at the Wedding

No picture taking will be permitted by a photographer or any other individual once the wedding processional has begun. The photographer and friends should be informed of this rule.

Pictures may be taken before the wedding service in the Narthex as the bridal party prepares to enter the sanctuary. Pictures may be taken at the altar and elsewhere AFTER the ceremony is concluded. The Pastor will be available for these pictures, if requested.

Floral Arrangements at the Wedding

The primary rule as regards floral arrangements is that no floral piece nor basket is to be placed on or directly in front of the altar. When flowers are desired, arrangements of flowers in paper-mache baskets can be secured for the credensa on either side of the altar. Additional baskets of flowers may be placed on either side of the Altar and of the Chancel, at the Lectern and Pulpit.

Use of Rice at Weddings

No rice is to be thrown. With hunger rampant in the world, it is better to throw confetti or bird-seed outside the church building. Nothing is to be thrown inside the church building.

Note: If the couple desire the Pastor and his wife to attend the wedding reception, notice of this should be expressed through an invitation in advance.

Use of the church's Friendship Hall and kitchen facilities for a wedding reception must be cleared well in advance and permission granted by the Church Council. The current rate for non-members is \$75.00 per hour plus \$50.00 for custodial services. Present Church policy excludes the use of alcoholic beverages on the premises.

An advance payment equal to all the building use fees is required at the time the arrangements are made.