



*First United Methodist Church
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**WEDDING
POLICY
BOOK**

Suggested Scripture Lessons

Genesis 1:26-28, 31a	The creation of man and woman
Song of Solomon 2:10-14, 16a; 8:6-7	Love is strong as death
Isaiah 43:1-7	You are precious in God's eyes
Isaiah 55:10-13	You shall go out in joy
Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Rejoice in the Lord
Isaiah 63:7-9	The steadfast love of the Lord
Matthew 5:1-10	The Beatitudes
Matthew 7:21, 24-27	A house built upon a rock
Matthew 22:35-40	Love, the greatest commandment
Mark 2:18-22	Joy in Christ as at a wedding
Mark 10:42-45	True greatness
John 2:1-11	The marriage feast of Cana
John 15:9-17	Remain in Christ's love
Romans 12:1-2, 9-18	The life of a Christian
I Corinthians 13	The greatest of these is Love
II Corinthians 5:14-17	In Christ we are a new creation
Ephesians 2:4-10	God's love for us
Ephesians 4:1-6	Called to the one hope
Ephesians 4:25-5:2	Members one of another
Philippians 2:1-2	The Christ-like spirit
Philippians 4:4-9	Rejoice in the Lord
Colossians 3:12-17	Live in love and thanksgiving
I John 3:18-24	Love one another
I John 4:7-16	God is love
Revelation 19:1, 5-9a	The wedding feast of the Lamb

Suggested Hymns from UMH

642 As Man and Woman We Were Made	645 O Perfect Love
451 Be Thou My Vision	408 The Gift of Love
158 Come, Christians, Join to Sing	138 The King of Love My Shepherd Is
164 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life	643 When Love Is Found
695 O Lord, May Church and Home Combine	549 Where Charity and Love Prevail
	647 Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here

Suggested Psalms and Canticle

23 (UMH 128, 136-38, 518,754)	The Lord is my shepherd
33 (UMH 767)	Rejoice in the Lord
34 (UMH 769)	I will bless the Lord
37 (UMH 772)	Trust in the Lord and do good
67 (UMH 791)	May God be gracious to us
100 (UMH 74, 75, 821)	Make a joyful noise to the Lord
103 (UMH 139, 824)	Bless the Lord, O my soul
112 (UMH 833)	Happy are those who fear the Lord
145 (UMH 857)	The Lord is gracious
148 (UMH 861)	Praise the Lord from the heavens
150 (UMH 96, 139, 862)	Praise the Lord
Canticle of Love (UMH 646)	Two shall become one in love

I. REGULATIONS FOR WEDDINGS

- A. The use of the church building for weddings and rehearsals must be reserved through the Church Office or Senior Pastor.
- B. The wedding license is to be provided to the church at least three (3) days prior to the wedding.
- C. No flash photography may be taken during the wedding ceremony. The minister or wedding coordinator must be consulted in reference to any photographs taken in the church. At no time is the photographer allowed to disrupt the ceremony by walking among the bridal party and altar area taking pictures. The balcony and sacristy are acceptable areas from which pictures may be taken. Please be sure this is stressed with your photographer.
- D. No confetti, birdseed, or rice may be thrown at any time for a wedding. Bubbles may be used outside of the church building only.
- E. No alcoholic beverages and no smoking is permitted in the church building or on church grounds. Members of the wedding party will absolutely refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages before the rehearsal or the ceremony.
- F. No illegal drugs or weapons are permitted on church property.
- G. No tape or wire can be used to attach decorations to the pews, pew candles, or candelabra. Pipe cleaners or ribbon may be used.
- H. When using Wesley Hall or the Epworth Room for a reception, use only the hooks provided for putting up decorations. (No scotch/masking tape.)
- I. Overnight parking privileges will be permitted if arrangements are made with the Church Office.

II. SCHEDULE OF FEES

- A. Member of Church
 - 1. “Member” for weddings and receptions applies to bride, groom or the immediate family of either bride or groom (mother or father).
- B. Contributing Constituents and Connectional Members
 - 1. “Contributing constituents” applies to non-members who have attended church for at least six (6) months and contribute regularly.
 - 2. “Connectional member” is meant a member in good standing in any United Methodist Church. This will be determined by the pastor contacting the pastor of the church in which the individual is a member.
- C. Non-members
 - 1. “Non-member” is meant to be a person who is not a member of the church and who does not attend regularly.

III. WEDDING FEES

	<u>Member/ Constituents</u>	<u>Non- member</u>
Prepare & Enrich Survey	\$ 35	\$ 35
Pastor’s fee	—(up to family)—	200
Soloist provided by church	40	40
Organist	150	175
With soloist—additional	25-50	50-75
Additional rehearsals	10	25
Pew Candles	N/C	25
Building Use	N/C	200
Personnel provided	175	175
Sound Technician (if needed)	70	70

All persons must vacate the building before 11:00 p.m. Custodial services necessary after normal hours will be an additional \$20.00 per hour.

IV. USE OF THE CHURCH ORGAN

Our Church Organist will play for all services and weddings. Any exception to this rule must be approved by the Pastor and/or the Organist.

V. WEDDING MUSIC

Prior to your wedding, all music (including solos) must be approved by our Director of Music/Organist, Sylvia Johnson [(810) 364-8258]. You are responsible for contacting her for your music needs and/or organ use. Please make your first contact with Sylvia as soon as possible after your initial consultation with the pastor. The pastor will provide a Wedding Music Checklist to you.

VI. THINGS TO CONSIDER

- A. Will you be using an aisle runner?
- B. Will you have a guest book?
- C. How would you like your guests dismissed?
- D. Will you be using the pew candles?
- E. Will the mothers be lighting the unity candle?
- F. Will there be a soloist and/or reader?

Please contact the church office prior to the wedding so that details can be finalized.

VII. CHURCH HOURS

- A. The church hours are Monday—Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- B. The church will be opened two hours prior to the wedding. If additional time is needed, please let the office know prior to your wedding day so that arrangements can be made.
- C. Please let your florist know the church hours so that floral arrangements can be delivered.

VIII. PHONE NUMBERS

- A. Organist—Sylvia Johnson.....(810) 364-8258
- B. Church office—Debbie.....(810) 985-8107