

POLICY FOR WEDDINGS AT FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Marriage is an important step in your life and in the life of your families. There is much planning to be done, many decisions to be made. Our church has provided this information basic questions you may have.

In the eyes of the church, the wedding ceremony is a service of worship, a service which celebrates the couple's relationship and their commitment to God. The participants in this worship service are the bride and the groom, the minister officiating, and the congregation. We look forward to planning and participating in this celebration of your marriage covenant.

General Guidelines

- * **Counseling:** Premarital counseling session(s) between the couple and the minister to discuss relational questions and wedding plans are required. The number to be determined by the Minister.
- * **Divorce and Remarriage:** The United Methodist Church recognizes "the right of divorced persons to remarry. God's forgiving and redemptive love allows us to become whole persons who are capable of beginning a new family, undergirded by faith of God." (The Book of Resolutions of the United Methodist Church, page 103.)
- * **Scheduling:** When several tentative dates have been decided upon, contact the minister with this information. After consultation with the couple, the minister will then finalize the date on the church calendar.
- * **Minister:** Wedding ceremonies at Fairview United Methodist Church are to be performed by the minister. If a guest pastor is

desired, this may be arranged after consultation with the minister.

- * **Rehearsal:** The rehearsal times should be set in consultation with the minister at a time convenient to the minister, bride and groom, and the organist.
- * **Bulletin/Program:** If a bulletin for the wedding service is desired, arrangements for this should be made by the couple.
- * **Music:** The organist at Fairview United Methodist Church is sometimes available to provide music for weddings. The bride and groom should contact the organist directly as soon as a date is set if they wish to use the church organ in their ceremony (Any fees are a private transaction between the organist and the couple). The wedding ceremony is an order of Christian worship, so the music selected should be in keeping with the beauty and joy of the occasion. Final selections are approved by the minister. If you wish to provide your own organist or pianist, you may do so upon consultation with the minister.
- * **Photographers:** Pictures may be taken in the sanctuary or fellowship hall before or after the ceremony. Because the wedding is a service of worship, no flash pictures are to be taken in the sanctuary during the ceremony. (Time exposures may be taken. The photographer is to check with the minister before the ceremony.)
- * **Flowers:** Please use appropriate containers. Please use protective coverings under any candelabra.

Use of Premises

- * **Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the building or on the**

grounds.

- * Smoking is restricted to outside the building.
- * The use of rice is prohibited. Bird seed may be used; however, its use must be confined to outside the building.

Wedding Use Fees

SANCTUARY USE

Seating Capacity is approximately 150 people

Members of Fairview UMC

Sanctuary: No Charge
Pastor: Donation
Custodian: \$50

Non Members of Fairview UMC

Sanctuary: \$500
Pastor: Negotiated
Custodian: Negotiated, depending on decorations used – minimum of \$50

The fee allows for use of the sanctuary, dressing rooms, restrooms, etc. for rehearsal and wedding. However, the fee does NOT include Pastor honorarium and custodial fee. If Fairview organist is used; that is a private transaction between the organist and the couple.

Staff

Rev Kate McClain and Rev Kathy Rollings
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MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM USE (assumes 12 hr reservation)

Seating Capacity is as follows:

No Tables – 200 people; With Tables – 180 people

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Use of the space is FREE, but a reasonable donation is suggested!

Non Members of Fairview UMC

Reception w/Kitchen Use \$400
Reception w/o Kitchen Use \$250

A refundable deposit of \$250 is REQUIRED to reserve the Sanctuary only. If BOTH the Sanctuary and Multi-Purpose room are needed, a refundable deposit of \$500 is REQUIRED.

Checks should be made payable to
Fairview United Methodist Church or FUMC