

Planning your Wedding
at
Hilltop United Methodist Church

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You are considering Hilltop UMC as the place for your wedding! We hope that your wedding day and married life together will be blessed! We are committed to do all in our power to not only help you have a beautiful wedding day, but a blessed marriage!

To begin:

- Please make an appointment to visit with the Pastor in order to discuss your wedding plans or to set a date
- Establish dates to begin marriage counseling classes. This will involve 4-5 sessions or 8-10 hours of your time.
- Review together the policies and fees and expectations adopted by Hilltop UMC.

Our church and pastor expectations:

1. Please do not set any date or make any commitments **until** you have checked with the pastor through the church office. **No wedding date will be placed on the church calendar until you have met personally with the pastor and set an appointment to begin marriage preparation sessions with the pastor.**
2. Divorce is a regrettable reality in our society; we do not exclude or judge those whose lives have been broken by divorce; we are willing to marry couples who are willing to go through these preparation classes.
3. Music for the wedding should be discussed and cleared with the pastor and organist.
4. Video cameras are permitted during the ceremony, but only after consulting with the pastor and technician regarding placement.
5. Flash pictures are **not permitted** during the worship.
6. The Sanctuary should not be re-arranged without prior consultation with the pastor. The organ may not be moved. If the chancel is re-arranged for the wedding, you are asked to help restore it.
7. Fees for organist, church, custodian, and sound technician are to be paid before the wedding rehearsal.

Sanctuary Use Fees

Members	No Fee
Non-Attenders	200.00
Custodian Fee	75.00
Custodial Fee for Hall	40.00
Organist Fee	Contact the Organist
Sound Technician	50.00

Payments to the custodian, organist and sound technician are to be made directly to those persons. Names are available from the church office.

Reception Fees

If you wish to use our fellowship hall for a reception, please discuss fees with the pastor.



Restrictions

Please ---

- **No alcoholic beverages are permitted in the church.**
- **No smoking in the building.**
- **Bird seed throwing is restricted to outside the building.**
- **No rice thrown.**
- **Saturday weddings should be scheduled so that the church will be cleared by 5 pm, so we may prepare for Saturday evening worship service.**
- **Personal items need to be taken from the church immediately following the ceremony.**

