

YOUR WEDDING AT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FAYETTEVILLE

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Welcome to the United Methodist Church of Fayetteville. It is our pleasure to work with you as you prepare for your wedding! Weddings are a special part of our ministry, and we look forward to making your wedding one which will reflect your personality and dreams.

Christian marriage is proclaimed as a sacred covenant, and therefore, your wedding service will be a Christian wedding. We will work with you to make this a meaningful celebration. Our time together will be spent looking at the marriage covenant, the wedding service, and practical expectations for your marriage. The decision to perform the ceremony is the right and responsibility of the pastor, all plans for the service will be approved by the pastor. The pre-marital counseling will include but not be limited to: relationship building, the wedding service, the marriage, decorations, photography, and/or video recording. Any other clergy to be involved will come at the invitation of the host pastor.

Please read the following for some initial guidelines for your wedding. We look forward to meeting with you.

- A. **LICENSE** - The license must be brought to the rehearsal. New York State will issue a certificate of marriage.
- B. **PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING** - All couples being married at the United Methodist Church of Fayetteville will have a series of pre-marital consultations with the pastor. This will enable the pastor to become acquainted with the couple, and to design a wedding service which meets the couple's needs and expectations. The number, length, and type of meetings will be decided through consultation with the pastor. Please contact the church office at least 6 weeks, preferably 6 months, prior to the wedding to set-up the first pre-marital counseling session.
- C. **DEPOSIT** - A **non-refundable deposit** of \$50 will be required to secure a date on the church calendar. This deposit is **not** applied to any of the other fees associated with the wedding. All other fees are to be paid in cash the evening of the rehearsal. The pastor in charge will receive the fees for distribution.
- D. **MUSIC** - must be planned with the Church Organist. Pre-recorded music will be considered in consultation with the pastor and organist.
- E. **PHOTOGRAPHERS** - The couple will provide the name of the photographer and anyone videoing the service to the pastor during pre-marital consultation. Arrangements for video and photography will be confirmed by the pastor before the ceremony begins.

Flash pictures will not be taken during the ceremony except as the bride processes to the chancel and recesses from the chancel. Groups may pose for pictures following the ceremony.

Any photographer taking in excess of 1 hour after people have finished with the receiving line will be charged \$30 (one of the staff must stay until that process is complete to lock up the church).
- F. **FLOWERS** - are the responsibility of the couple. Flowers may be left in the Sanctuary for Sunday worship. Please schedule this in advance with the church office.

G. **PROPERTY ETIQUETTE** - It is understood that those attending the wedding service will comply with the church's values including no alcoholic beverages being brought on church property, no smoking on the property, and respectful behavior in the sanctuary. This is a facility which is used by many groups, therefore, each person is asked to leave the facility the way it was when they arrived. All rooms which are used for dressing, etc will be cleared after the service.
Following the wedding, the bride and groom may be greeted outside by bubbles.

H. **WEDDING COSTS**

MEMBERS

Use of building	waived
Suggested Clergy Honorarium	\$200
Wedding Coordinator (optional)	\$ 75
Organist	\$150
Custodian	\$ 50
Candelabra (optional)	\$ 3/candle

NON-MEMBERS

Use of Sanctuary	\$200
Suggested Clergy Honorarium	\$250
Wedding Coordinator (optional)	\$ 75
Organist	\$150
Custodian	\$ 50
Candalabra	\$ 3/candle

ALL FEES are to be paid before the wedding service takes place.
(If paying by checks, please request a list of names from the church office.)
Clergy Serving Fayetteville United Methodist: Pastor Nate Lange