

Wedding Policy Information



Stroudsburg United Methodist Church

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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT!

We are looking forward to journeying with you during this exciting time.

In celebrating your wedding, we look forward to supporting you as you plan for marriage together. One of the ways we have found to support couples in their preparation is through pre-marital counseling.

COUNSELING SESSIONS REQUIRED WITH PASTOR:

Session 1 – Introductions and Expectations

Before Session 2, please take Prepare/Enrich inventory online. The pastor will register you electronically.

Session 2-5 – Discuss your relationship based on results of the inventory.

Session 6 – Wedding Service Planning

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IN ORDER TO CELEBRATE YOUR WEDDING AND MARRIAGE, PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

SERVICE, SCHEDULE, & FACILITIES:

We celebrate your blessed day in the midst of the other ministries at the church. Times and dates for the wedding and rehearsal will be set jointly with the couple, the pastor, and the Church administrator on behalf of the church facility schedule.

Our wedding services reflect Christian worship. An outline of the service is in this booklet. Specific requests and liturgical desires should be discussed with the pastor.

Music is a blessing in many services. If you wish to have music, please contact our musician, Marti Lantz at 570-421-6020. This includes the use of the piano, organ, and sound system.

Bulletins often assist your guests during the service.

If you would like the church office to produce worship bulletins, information must be to the office a week in advance. Candles and flowers are the responsibility of the Wedding Party.

Ministries continue at the church. All set-up and clean-up are the responsibility of the wedding party. The wedding party is responsible for ensuring the set-up of the room is restored and clean-up completed. Clean-up arrangements can also be made for a fee.

Our facility is the site of many ministries. Please help us to maintain it. Please do not throw anything which cannot be easily cleaned from the site by the wedding party. Bird seed, rice, confetti, and candy are examples of items which are deemed NOT acceptable. We are a non-smoking property; therefore, smoking is prohibited.

Please arrange building openings with the church office or pastor,

Pictures may be taken before, during, and after the ceremony.

Fees: These fees are negotiable if need exists. Our goal as a congregation is to help you grow in the fullness of life in Christ.

- **Deposit of \$100 to reserve date.**
- **Building Use Fee for Non-members/Non-attenders:**
\$600
- **Honorarium for Pastor:** At the discretion of the wedding party (suggested honorarium is \$300).
- **Music Director:** \$200 (Includes Rehearsal and Wedding)
\$50 if coordinating other musicians
- **Janitorial Service:** \$100
- **Bulletins:** \$25 (if church produces and provides. Fee may vary in relation to number of bulletins needed)
- **Prepare/ Enrich Premarital Inventory:** \$35 paid directly to Prepare/Enrich at www.prepare-enrich.com

\$100 *deposit* required to reserve date

Balance is due at Rehearsal

Maximum sanctuary capacity: 250

Please Ask! If you have questions, hopes, needs, ask us about them.

Guidelines for A Service of Christian Marriage

Greeting

Declaration of Intention

Declaration by the Man and the Woman

Response of the Families and the People (If appropriate)

Prayer

Sermon

Intercessory prayer

Exchange of Vows

Blessing and Exchange of Rings

Ceremony of Unity (i.e. candles, sand)

Declaration of Marriage

Blessing of the Marriage

Communion (if desired)

Dismissal with Blessing

Introduction of the Couple

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.
Romans 12:1-2,9-18	The life of a Christian.
1 Corinthians 13	The greatest of these is love.
2 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 Christlike spirit.
Philippians 4:4-9	Rejoice in the Lord.
Colossians 3:12-17	Live in love and thanksgiving.
1 John 3:18-24	Love one another.
1 John 4:7-16	God is love.
Revelation 19:1, 5-9a	The wedding feast of the Lamb.
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.

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.

Suggested Hymns from UMH

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

