

# Wedding Policy Information



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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. Number may vary.

**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 site.

Our wedding services reflect Christian worship. Specific requests should be discussed with the pastor.

Bulletins 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.

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

Please bring your wedding license to the wedding rehearsal.

### **Fees:**

- **Prepare/ Enrich Premarital Inventory:** \$35 paid directly to Prepare/Enrich at [www.prepare-enrich.com](http://www.prepare-enrich.com)
- **Honorarium for Pastor:** At the discretion of the wedding party (suggested honorarium is \$200-400).

# **Guidelines for A Service of Christian Marriage**

**Greeting**

**Declaration of Intention**

**Response of the Families and the People (If appropriate)**

**Prayer**

**Meditation**

**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 Hymns from United Methodist Hymnal**

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, My 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

## 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. Members
Ephesians 4:25-5:2	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 Matthew 5:1-10	The wedding feast of the Lamb.
Matthew 7:21, 24-27 Matthew 22:35-40	The Beatitudes.
Mark 2:18-22	A house built upon a rock. Love,
Mark 10:42-45	the greatest commandment. Joy
John 2:1-11	in Christ as at a wedding. True
John 15:9-17	greatness.
	The marriage feast of Cana.
	Remain in Christ's Love.
Psalms 23 (UMH 128, 136-38, 518, 754)	The Lord is my Shepherd.
Psalms 33 (UMH 767)	Rejoice in the Lord.
Psalms 34 (UMH 769)	I will bless the Lord.
Psalms 37 (UMH 772)	Trust in the Lord and do good.
Psalms 67 (UMH 791)	May God be gracious to us.
Psalms 100 (UMH 74, 75, 821)	Make a joyful noise to the Lord.
Psalms 103 (UMH 139, 824)	Bless the Lord, O my soul.
	Happy are those who fear the
	Lord.
Psalms 112 (UMH 833)	The Lord is gracious.
Psalms 145 (UMH 857)	Praise the Lord from the
	heavens.
Psalms 148 (UMH 861)	Praise the Lord.
Psalms 150 (UMH 96, 139, 862)	Two shall become one in love.
Canticle of Love (UMH 646)	