

Hopewell United Methodist Church

Wedding Policy

The people of Hopewell United Methodist Church are happy to host your wedding. Our desire is to help build strong and Christ-honoring marriages and provide a service of worship recognizing God's grace for all couples in our sanctuary. We wish you every happiness in your new life together. We are not here simply to facilitate weddings held in our building, so we ask that you adhere to the following policies.

MAKING THE INITIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Call the pastor at 410-914-5276 to discuss your wedding and/or reception plans. The pastor will notify the chairperson of the Board of Trustees for final approval of the arrangements.

CHURCH PREPARATIONS:

1. Make the church as festive and as beautiful as possible! Remember that a church wedding is a service of worship and consecration. Therefore, make all preparations accordingly.
2. Arrange the flowers, candles, etc., as to not hide the altar. In fact, the sanctuary should purposely be decorated to direct attention to the altar.
3. Do not place decorations on the altar other than the regular altar ornaments: the cross, candles, and altar vases with flowers. Use dripless candles.
4. Do not use thumbtacks anywhere in the church, or move church furniture.
5. Do not move the lectern, pulpit, kneelers, or anything on the altar.
6. You may move the communion table, but it must be returned to its original location.
7. Place all decorations no earlier than one day before the wedding.
8. The sound system, if needed, can only be operated someone authorized by the church.

RECEPTION

1. You may, if you desire, have your reception in our social hall. At least one member of the church must be present during the reception.
2. Decorate and arrange the social hall as you wish, but please return it to its former condition after the reception. Trash bags will be provided for your convenience.
3. You may use the kitchen, but please leave the kitchen clean and return all items to their proper location.

FEES

1. The following are fees for non-member use of Hopewell's facilities:

Church	\$500
Social Hall	\$200

2. There is no fee for the use of the facilities for members of Hopewell. There is a fee of \$100 (to pay for utilities) to use Hopewell's facilities for members of Wesleyan Chapel.
3. The following are fees to be paid by both members and non-members:

Organist	\$100
Janitor	\$85
Sound System	\$100
4. The pastor's fee for non-members is to be negotiated with the pastor.
5. The church organist is to be used unless unable to attend.
6. All fees are to be paid separately at the rehearsal.

PROHIBITIONS

1. No throwing of rice. No throwing of birdseed in the building.
2. No smoking in the building.
3. No alcoholic beverages on the premises.

We understand and agree to abide by the policies stated herein:

Bride _____ Date _____
Groom _____ Date _____