

Planning Your Wedding

You are considering Hilltop United Methodist Church (UMC) as the place for your wedding. We hope that your wedding day and married life together will be blessed.

To that end, we are committed to do all in our power to not only help you have a beautiful wedding but also a blessed marriage.

HOW 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 involved 4-5 sessions or 8-10 hours of your time.
 - Review the policies, fees and expectations adopted by Hilltop UMC.
1. Please do not set a date or make any commitments until you have checked with the pastor through the church office. A wedding date will not be placed on the church calendar until you have met personally with the pastor and set an appointment to begin marriage preparation sessions.
 2. At least six weeks before your wedding ceremony, go to the church website hilltopmethodist.org and click "Wedding Policies" in the footer. Fill in the information that is requested and submit.
 3. Divorce is a regrettable reality in our society. We do not exclude or judge those whose lives have been broken by divorce and are willing to marry couples who are willing to go through preparation classes.
 4. Music for the wedding should be discussed and cleared with the pastor and organist.
 5. Video cameras are permitted during the ceremony, however, only after consulting with the pastor regarding placement.
 6. Flash pictures are not permitted during the wedding ceremony.
 7. The sanctuary should not be rearranged without prior consultation with the pastor. The organ may not be moved. If the chancel is rearranged for the wedding you are asked to help restore it.
 8. Fees for the pastor, organist, church, and sound technician are payable before the wedding rehearsal.

EXPECTATIONS AND FEES:

- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the building.
- Smoking is not permitted in the building.
- Bird seed throwing is restricted to outside the building.
- No rice thrown.
- Personal items need to be taken from the church immediately following the ceremony.

Sanctuary Use Fees

Members	No Fee
Constituents	
Sanctuary	\$200.00
Fellowship Hall	\$100.00
Non-members/Non-constituents	
Sanctuary	\$300.00
Fellowship Hall	\$200.00

Additional Fees

Pianist/Organist	Contact individual
Sound technician	\$75.00
Pastor's honorarium	\$200.00

All technology — microphones, instrument cables, soundboard, screens, — are off limits unless you have made arrangements for a Hilltop technician.

Payments to the pastor, pianist/organist and sound technician are to be made directly to those individuals. Names are available from the church office.

Capacities

Sanctuary seating	175 maximum
Fellowship hall	
Round tables	56 maximum
Rectangle tables	80 maximum