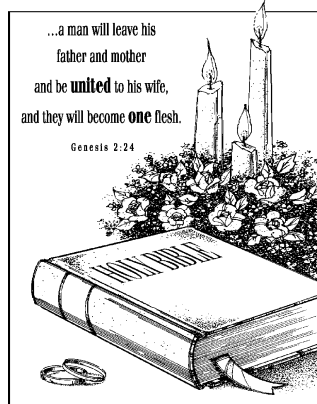


# Harrisburg United Methodist Church

## *Wedding Guide*



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You are considering Harrisburg UMC as the place for your wedding! We hope that your wedding day and married life together will be blessed!

### *To begin:*

- Please make an appointment to visit with a Pastor in order to discuss your wedding plans or to set a date
- Establish dates to begin marriage counseling classes. This will involve 4-5 sessions or 8-10 hours of your time.
- Review together the policies and fees and expectations adopted by Harrisburg UMC.

Harrisburg United Methodist Church is a "*Marriage Savers Church*". That is, we are committed to do all in our power to not only help you have a beautiful wedding day, but a blessed marriage!

We believe that God established the sanctity and companionship of marriage, that God intends the bond of husband and wife to last a lifetime, that we have a responsibility to participate in and to promote pre-marital preparation in an effort to improve the understanding and mutual commitment of couples who wish to be married, that we have a responsibility to participate in and to support activities designed to strengthen and nourish existing marriages and to do all we can to help heal troubled marriages.

Our church and Pastor expect that:

1. Six months advance notice be given. Please do not set any date or make any commitments **until** you have checked with the minister through the church office. **Wedding dates 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 with a Pastor.**
2. Pre-marital classes are required with the Pastor. These usually take 8-10 hours of your time. The Pastors use two "inventories". **One called "Prepare" will cost the couple \$35.00 for computer scoring.**

3. A couple planning their marriage may be asked to utilize a “mentor couple” who will serve them as a support and encouraging couple who can share wisdom and advice to help their marriage form healthy marital habits and love for each other.
4. Divorce is a regrettable reality in our society; we do not exclude or judge those whose lives have been broken by divorce; we are willing to marry couples who are willing to go through these preparation classes.
5. Music for the wedding should be discussed and cleared with the Pastor and organist. *Christian music is preferred.*
6. Video cameras are permitted during the ceremony, but only after consulting with the Pastor & Technician regarding placement.
7. Flash pictures are **not permitted** during the worship.
8. The Sanctuary should not be re-arranged without prior consultation with the Pastor involved. The Organ may not be moved.
9. Fees for organist, church, custodian, sound technician, and Pastor are to be paid before the wedding rehearsal.
10. Audio needs from the Sound Tech need to be arranged well in advance of the wedding; those needs can be discussed with the pastor. There is a Technician Request Form you are asked to fill out.
11. If you would like the Pastor and spouse to attend the wedding reception or rehearsal dinner, an invitation would be most appreciated.

### Sanctuary Use Fees

Members (Bride or groom or his/her parents are members of the church) A \$100.00 usage fee will be required; this helps pay for Air Conditioning/ Utilities

Non-Members there will be a \$300.00 usage fee and \$100.00 deposit for weddings of non-members (see Kitchen Use section)

**Additional Fees:**

Custodian Fee	\$75.00
Custodial Fee if Hall used to be negotiated	
Organist Fee	\$75.00
Clergy Honoraria	\$100.00
Sound Technician	\$75.00-100.00

### Reception Fees

**If you desire to use our fellowship hall for a reception, please discuss fees with the Pastor.**



### Restrictions

*Please ---*

- **No alcoholic beverages are permitted in the church or on the premises**
- **No smoking 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.**