

Hillsboro First United Methodist Church
Wedding Policy

Life is a fragile gift from God and Christian marriage is God's plan for a man and a woman to share this gift together as they live life under His guidance and to His honor. Therefore, the wedding ceremony which begins this sacred experience is in itself a service of worship and is to be a beautiful and memorable experience.

Weddings must be held upon approval of the pastor. Any minister approved by the minister of Hillsboro First UMC may perform the ceremony and will consult with the pastor.

The piano will not be moved. Other equipment or furnishings shall not be moved without the permission of a trustee who shall be present when furnishings are moved.

No alcoholic beverages are permitted on church property. No tobacco products are permitted in the church building.

No rice, birdseed, bubbles, etc. shall be used inside the building.

Any damage done to the furniture or furnishings by florists, photographers, or caterers shall be repaired by the person or firm responsible to the satisfaction of the Church Trustees.

The church assumes no responsibility for clothing, jewelry, money, or other items left at the church at any time.

Member Weddings

Member weddings are weddings in which one of the persons being married or at least one of the parents of the persons being married is at present a full member in good standing of Hillsboro UMC. Others in this category include persons actively involved as constituents of the church who may not have joined the church formally, but who regularly participates in the life of the church.

Non-Member Weddings

Non-member weddings are weddings in which none of the parents or persons being married are currently full members in good standing of Hillsboro UMC.

Music

Since the wedding ceremony is a sacred service, appropriate music, which will enhance the sacredness, shall be used. The pastor can give counsel in regard to the selection of music that will be appropriate.

If the wedding party uses the church pianist, an honorarium of \$100 is expected.

Only properly instructed persons from the church will be allowed use of the sound system, and an honorarium of a minimum of \$50 is expected.

Fees

Non-members will pay a fee of \$100.00 to help defray the cost of church utilities.

After the function is over, the building and grounds are to be cleaned and equipment is to be restored to its usual place. All garbage is to be removed immediately after the wedding. A \$100 deposit is required for all weddings and will be returned if no additional cleaning is needed; however, the wedding party is expected to leave the church clean.

Caterers

Caterers must make arrangements with the church staff to use any church equipment. Unless previous arrangements have been made through the church office, church dishes, silverware, etc. . . are not to be used. Church personnel are not responsible for cleaning dishes, china, silverware, etc. . .

The caterer shall consult with the church staff at least one week prior to the wedding date.

The kitchen should be left in good order, i.e All garbage carried off, etc. . . .

Everything in the kitchen/fellowship hall is to be left as found.

Florists

The florists or persons doing the decorating should consult with the church staff about “setup” time at least one week prior to the wedding.

No tacks, nails, pins, screws, or any other like objects shall be driven into the walls, floors, furnishings, etc. . .

No objects shall be placed on the piano.

Protection must be placed under all pots, palms, and vases so that no dampness seeps through.

When lighted candles are used, the holders must be protected by cups and protective coverings placed under the holders so that there will be no drippings on the carpet or furnishings.

All debris and decorations should be removed as soon after the wedding as possible.

It should be clearly understood that a wedding is a worship service and that it should be so conducted that neither the service nor the place of worship is abused.

Signed

Date

Total Received By:

Musician: _____

Sound System Operator: _____

Church Utilities & Maintenance _____

Cleaning Deposit _____