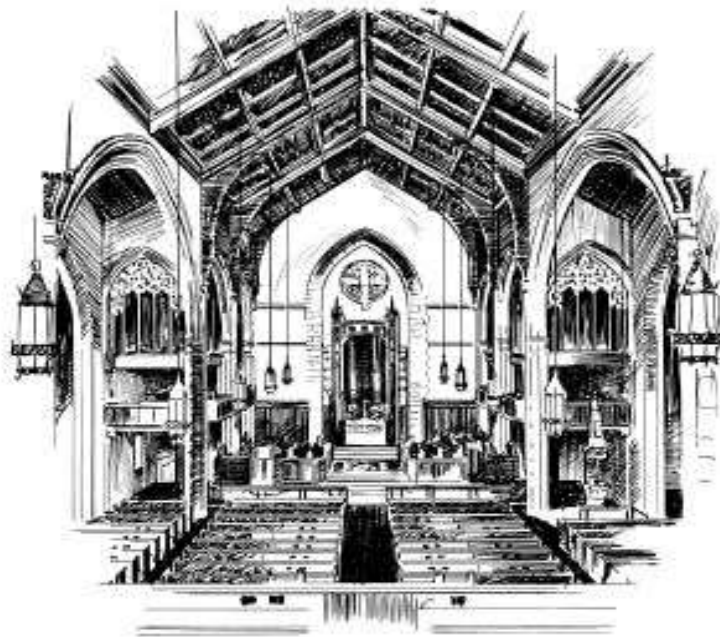




Trinity United Methodist Church

Wedding Guidelines



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Welcome from the Minister at Trinity UMC

Greetings and welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church. As the pastor of Historic Trinity UMC, we as a faith community in downtown Youngstown are committed to helping you have a wonderful wedding worship service.

As the officiating clergy at your wedding, I do require that you as a couple attend worship at Trinity, at least once prior to your wedding day in order to see that space and meet the members of the church who will be praying for you as you begin your marriage.

Additionally, I will contact you to schedule a consultation with myself at least 30 days prior to your wedding. This benefits me and both of you as a couple, so that we might get to know you better and to develop a relationship with Trinity.

I am pleased that you have chosen Trinity United Methodist Church as the church for your wedding worship service.

We look forward to your upcoming wedding and celebrate your new life together.

Joyfully in Christ,
Rev. David Andrews

Worship Spaces

Trinity United Methodist Church offers wedding couples three unique spaces for your wedding ceremony:

- . The Chapel of Friendly Bells— Seating capacity 60
- . The Sanctuary— Seating capacity over 400

Wedding dates and times are on a first-come-first-served basis. It is possible for Trinity United Methodist Church to have more than one wedding on any given day, so reservation of your time is very important. **Your wedding date and time will be reserved on the church wedding calendar after TUMC receives your \$250 deposit AND a signed wedding contract.**

Payment in full for the balance of your wedding must be in Trinity's office 30 days prior to your wedding date.

Fees are as follows:

Sanctuary wedding: \$1175

Chapel: \$ 525

All fees include: Minister consultation, marriage ceremony, church wedding coordinator, the church musician, custodial fees, rooms to dress, and time for photos.

Additional wedding options are available.

Minister Only Wedding: \$150

You may schedule your ceremony in the chapel from Monday

Thursday, 10am—1pm, with immediate family or witnesses only. This fee does not include any of the additional wedding options.

Wedding Coordinator

You must use the Trinity UMC wedding coordinator for your ceremony and rehearsal. The church wedding coordinator will be present for your rehearsal and for your wedding.

Please remember to have someone supervising small children. It is not the responsibility of the church wedding coordinator to watch small children.

The wedding coordinator will contact you prior to your wedding to check-in with you and see if you have any questions.

The wedding coordinator will unlock the church doors ninety (90) minutes prior to your ceremony allowing access for any members of the bridal party, photographer, or florist.

All payments are to be mailed to the church office, not to the wedding coordinator.

The wedding coordinator will be on-hand after your ceremony during pictures. YOU WILL HAVE THIRTY (30) minutes for pictures in the church.

Wedding Rehearsal

Our Sanctuary Weddings include a wedding rehearsal one day prior to your wedding ceremony. The Chapel and Minister Only Weddings do not include this service.

It is important that the wedding party be **ON TIME** for the rehearsal.

Trinity UMC allots one (1) hour for the wedding rehearsal., and the rehearsal and ceremony are entirely under the direction of the Trinity Pastor and wedding coordinator.

Professional wedding consultants, party planners, florists, etc are not permitted to participate in the conducting of the rehearsal or ceremony.

The marriage license must be into the wedding coordinator before the ceremony begins.

Guidelines

Trinity United Methodist Church is a smoke free, alcohol free facility and we do not allow smoking or drinking anywhere on the premises.

The wedding party or florist are responsible for removing flowers and other decorations from the church immediately following the ceremony.

Please do not tape anything to the altar, pews or doors.

Trinity UMC prohibits the use of aisle runners as a safety concern. No live flower petals are permitted to be scattered in the church spaces.

We allow bubbles or bells to be used outside to shower the bride and groom upon leaving the church. No streamers, confetti, or silly string may be used in the church. The city of Youngstown does not permit throwing of rice or birdseed downtown due to environmental issues.

Please refrain from moving any Church Bibles, candles, paraments, and other church decor items.

No weddings will be held after 4pm.

United Methodist Same-sex Marriage Guidelines outlined by the Bishop

June 27, 2015

The United States Supreme Court ruling, that state prohibitions against same-gender marriage are unconstitutional, is consistent with our United Methodist position that everyone should have equal treatment under the law. I celebrate the fact that we live in a country that seeks to treat everyone equally and does not restrict religious freedom. However, the ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court does not determine our theological position. The United Methodist Church is a worldwide denomination that has yet to recognize same gender marriages, allow its pastors to perform same-gender weddings, or allow its churches to be used for such services. The traditional Christian view is that marriage, by definition, is between a man and a woman.

While some members of our church have advocated for a change in both the law and our theological position, others have advocated for a change in civil law while maintaining our theological position on marriage. Still, others have advocated for no change in the law or our theology. Our theological position on marriage will undoubtedly be debated during General Conference 2016 in Portland, OR. What is decided there – by delegates from around the world – will apply to all United Methodist churches in our country and abroad.

Bishop John L. Hopkins

East Ohio Conference The United Methodist Church

Music & Additional Info

Please discuss with the church pianist / organist selections suitable for your wedding. Music must be appropriate to a wedding ceremony.

Our church musician is the only person permitted access to the pipe organ or piano.

A music prelude will be performed by the church organist during the seating of your guests.

Trinity United Methodist Church has the obligation to abide by all copyright laws,
photocopy of non-public domain music is illegal.

Your photographer must consult with the Pastor and wedding coordinator prior to the ceremony regarding photos during the ceremony.