



Preliminary Preparations:

1. The first step in arranging for a wedding is to consult with the administrative assistant regarding the date and hour you wish to have the ceremony, and the availability of the Minister and (if required) the Music Facilitator.
All marriages shall be approved or ratified by the Worship Committee of Faith United.
2. Both parties to a marriage must meet at least once with the Minister after the wedding date has been requested. **Until this interview takes place, no wedding plans can be considered confirmed.** Arrangements will also be made for a rehearsal at which the couple and all of the attendants should be present. The couple is required to meet with the Minister a minimum of two (2) times for planning purposes.
Invitations or announcements should not be extended or made before these first 2 steps are done.
3. It is strongly recommended that all couples go through a marriage preparation program with the Minister or another church-sponsored program.
There is real value in these programs for couples planning to get married. The role of the Minister will not be to tell the couple how to live a happy life. Each couple forges their own way – a way suited to their own personalities. The Minister's role will be to help them discuss the basics upon which that way will rest. These sessions will focus on communication skills and understanding some of the realities of the joys and challenges of married life.
4. A valid wedding license must be obtained by the couple to be married. Anyone holding a legal marriage license in the province of Ontario, and is willing to have their marriage take place in the context of Christian worship, is welcome to be married at Faith United Church. The license should be obtained well in advance of the ceremony (licenses are valid for 90 days) and may be kept in the church office until the date of the wedding.
5. The covenanted Minister of the congregation has the right to preside at marriages held as services of Faith United Church. In the case of the absence from the Pastoral Charge of the covenanted Minister (e.g. holidays) the Worship Committee may allow another minister to officiate, who shall respect and follow the marriage policies set by Faith United Church. Should a couple desire that a minister other than the covenanted Minister (such as a friend or relative) participate in the celebration of a wedding, this may be allowed at the discretion of both the covenanted Minister and the Worship Committee.

The Wedding Ceremony:

1. **Worship** – The wedding ceremony is a service of Christian worship. The order of worship will be developed by the Minister in consultation with the couple. Personal conduct will be in keeping with the church setting; the use of alcohol or drugs is not permitted and will result in the postponement or cancellation of the ceremony.

a) The Minister’s fee is \$250 for weddings at the church and \$350 for weddings offsite (Rev. Larry Doyle will only do offsite weddings for persons associated with Faith United.)

2. **Music** – Music to be used is expected to be fitting for a service of worship and must be approved by the Music Facilitator and/or Minister. Faith United is happy to offer our Music Facilitator (if required) for your wedding at the church. (Additional fees may apply for rehearsals, soloists, etc.)

b) The Music Facilitator’s basic wedding fee is \$150

3. **Church Building** – \$150 A deposit of \$100 at time of booking. \$50 will be returned if the booking is cancelled. The balance of all fees is due in the Church office by the Wednesday preceding the wedding. The Church will pay the individuals involved. Confetti (rice, birdseed etc.) must not be used within the church or on church property. Decoration of the sanctuary should be discussed with the Minister.

4. **Caretaker** – \$75 The caretaker will:

- i. Make sure the building is open and proper furniture in place.
- ii. Clear the building and lock up after the wedding
- iii. Clean up after the wedding as necessary.

Total Fees - \$625 (in church, with musician)

Pictures – The Photographer shall consult with the minister regarding the taking of pictures. The general custom is that pictures may be taken during the processional and recessional, and at the signing of the register. Pictures may not be taken at such a time or in such a way that will disturb the ceremony. The wedding may be video-taped providing the camera is in a stationary position and no auxiliary lighting is used. Time for pictures on the church property must not interfere with another wedding.

We agree to abide by the Faith United Wedding Policy:

(Print) _____

(Signed) _____ Date: _____

Ph: _____ Email: _____ Wedding Date: _____

Deposit Rec’d: _____ Church Rep: _____