



Weddings at Knox United Church

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Congratulations!

You will soon be married. The Church rejoices with you in the love you have found with one another and we want to support you in your plans for your special day. This pamphlet is designed to answer questions you may have regarding a Christian wedding at Knox.

A Christian Wedding

A Christian wedding consists of two parts:

- A legal ceremony
- A service of worship

In it, we pray to be open to God's presence as we ask for God's blessing and guidance for the couple being married. A Christian wedding focuses on Christ's love as our model for love in marriage. Whether the wedding is large or small, formal or informal, this spiritual dimension is essential for a church wedding.

Setting the Date

Call or email the church at least three months prior to the wedding to see if your desired date is available.

Our office hours are Monday to Friday, 9 am - 12 noon.

Meet the Minister

After you have checked the availability of your desired date, your next step is to make an appointment to meet our minister. All couples being married at Knox must first speak with our minister before the date is confirmed. If you wish to have someone other than our minister preside at your wedding, it will be at the minister's discretion.

Worship

We invite you to attend church services as you prepare for your wedding. Worship time is 10 a.m. on Sundays. Feeling at home in the church and sharing your spiritual lives with one another will add to your comfort and ease on your wedding day. We will support you through prayer.

The Marriage Licence

A marriage licence is required from the Provincial Department of Vital Statistics in order for you to get married. We ask that you bring the licence to the church office, along with the required fee for the wedding at least two weeks before the service. If either person has been previously married, legal documentation of divorce is required.

Planning the Wedding

About one month before the wedding you should make a last appointment to meet with the minister for the final planning of the wedding service.

Music

Our musicians on staff are available to speak with you about music for your wedding. They have a repertoire of wedding music and can play either the organ or piano at your wedding. They may also oversee other musicians you invite to play our instruments. We welcome soloists at your wedding. However if you would like one of our musicians to accompany them, please first confirm with the church.

Preparing the Sanctuary for Your Wedding

Our church officer is available to work with you on arrangements for the Sanctuary. The church officer will be present at the rehearsal and the wedding service. The church will be open for a maximum of two hours for the rehearsal and three hours for the wedding. The wedding service will be approximately thirty minutes in length. It is important to be on time for both the rehearsal and the wedding.

Candles, Flowers, and Bows

If you wish to have candles, flowers, or pew decorations, you are welcome to do so. Some couples wish to have a unity candle and two family candles on the communion table. Please ensure that all candles are dripless. If you wish to have candles, please bring them to the rehearsal. We ask that there be no other items placed on the communion table.

We also have four flower stands for you to use. Flowers should either be brought to the rehearsal or delivered before the wedding.

Pew bows or ribbons may be placed on the pews with ribbon or special holders. Tape is not to be used. Please bring these items to the rehearsal. In addition, please ensure that you have someone to take all your decorations with you when the wedding service is over.

Photographs

Public flash photographs may be taken as the wedding party enters and leaves the Sanctuary and when the marriage register is signed. You may only have one designated photographer to take photographs during the entire service. Non-flash photography may be taken during the ceremony. If you wish to come back into the Sanctuary for photographs after the wedding service, you may do so, provided you stay within the one-half hour time limit. A surcharge will apply in the event you require more time.

Confetti/Rice: We ask that no confetti, rice or bird seed be thrown in or around the church building/property.

Financial Arrangements

Our Fee for weddings is \$1,100.00. The fee includes the use of the sanctuary and sound system, service of the minister, musician and church officer, administration, facilities upkeep, and a donation to the church. If our musicians are not required, or if Knox has agreed that you can provide your own minister, the fee will be \$1,000.00. Please call the church office for more information.

The first \$100.00 of the total is a booking deposit that is paid to confirm the date. The balance must be paid at least two weeks before the wedding. Cheques should be made out to: Knox United Church.

*We hope your wedding day will be a joyous and a memorable one.
The church offers its prayers, not only for your wedding,
but for your marriage in the days and years ahead.
May God bless and keep you now and forever.*