



Planning Your Wedding

Welcome!

We of First United Methodist Church (FUMC), Santa Barbara, are delighted that you have chosen this church for your wedding. The church is, as you have discovered, a beautiful setting for this most important adventure you are about to undertake. The information below will acquaint you with what we have to offer.

WEDDING DATE: Please make your wedding date as far in advance as possible with the Administrative Assistant. It is his/her responsibility to coordinate your wishes with other items on the church calendar. The date you request can be confirmed only after the calendar is cleared and your deposit received. A Wedding Coordinator will then be assigned to assist you, conduct the rehearsal, and direct the wedding.

THE SANCTUARY: Our sanctuary accommodates up to 500 persons and yet can effectively be used for more intimate settings. Our pipe organ is an Aeolian Skinner; a grand piano is also available.

FORMAL WEDDINGS: Formal weddings receive the services of a Wedding Coordinator, use of the Bride's Room and a Groom's Room, a kneeler, altar candles, and other candles as specified by you. The services of an organist are furnished. A white cloth aisle runner is available. PLEASE NOTE: All members of the wedding party—including grandparents, parents, and those who are to receive special ushering—should attend the rehearsal.

IMPORTANT: The wedding rehearsal will start at the time specified by you on the wedding arrangements sheet.

WESLEY CHAPEL: A carpeted fireside lounge accommodating up to 40 persons, is also available for *informal* intimate private weddings.

YOUR WEDDING COORDINATOR is assigned to you when the wedding is scheduled. She will meet with the bride, groom and other interested parties, as soon as needed to coordinate the ideas you have for your wedding (within the guidelines of our church). She will be an active part of your wedding plan: will help direct the rehearsal, will be at the church two hours prior to the wedding to allow wedding party, florist, photographer, and videographer time to set up.

UNITY CANDLE may be made a part of the wedding service if desired. The three candles that make up the Unity Candle grouping are to be provided by the bride.

FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS are the responsibility of the bride and groom. A letter outlining the rules of this church regarding the use of flowers at weddings will be mailed to your florist. All floral arrangements must be completed at least one hour before the wedding.

MUSIC should be in keeping with the standards of Christian worship. All decisions must be made prior to the rehearsal and discussed with the Organist and the Wedding Coordinator. PLEASE NOTE: Our FUMC organist will play for the wedding and rehearsal unless you do not wish organ music. A soloist or special music is arranged for by the bride and groom in consultation with the Wedding Coordinator.

PHOTOGRAPHS We would appreciate it if you would instruct your guests that they may not take photographs during the service. A letter outlining the rules of this church regarding photography at weddings will be mailed to your photographer.

VIDEO TAPING is permitted, and a letter will be mailed to your videographer outlining our procedures. All video cameras must be stationary at designated locations during the wedding ceremony (movement distracts those attending the wedding). It would be advisable that you discuss all video taping procedures with the Wedding Coordinator before making your final commitment for video taping.

OFFICIATING MINISTER The minister for your wedding must be one of the ministers on our FUMC staff. An appointment with the officiating minister should be scheduled as early as possible in your plans. We cannot finalize your wedding service until there have been consultations between you and the minister designated for your wedding.

THE MINISTER'S HONORARIUM is included in the wedding cost.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- To ensure the safety of your guests, no rice, confetti, seeds or anything may be thrown in the church buildings or on the church grounds.
- Smoking is NOT permitted in or around the church buildings.
- NO alcoholic beverages or drugs are permitted on the church premises, nor are they to be consumed before the wedding.
- Food brought to church on your wedding day (if any) must be eaten outside the church. No food or drink is allowed in the sanctuary at any time.
- All items brought to the church must be removed by the wedding party following the wedding.

YOUR WEDDING This is your wedding, and we want to assist you in every way we can in making your Wedding Day a very special event in your life. The type of wedding ceremony you want will be discussed with the officiating minister at one of the premarital counseling sessions. In addition, the Wedding Coordinator is available at all times to help you.

PAYMENT OF FEES \$1000 of the wedding fee is to be paid as a deposit to reserve your wedding at the time the date is placed on our church calendar. All fees must be paid in full four weeks prior to your wedding. Any deviation from the above must be discussed with the FUMC Senior Minister.

EXTRA SERVICES There will be an extra charge on a per-half-hour basis if extra services are requested—i.e. sound board technician, extra time required for rehearsal, or extra time requested prior to or after the wedding. Please consult the Wedding Coordinator for these exact costs.



*Love is patient and kind;
love is not jealous or boastful;
it is not arrogant or rude.
Love does not insist on its own way;
it is not irritable or resentful;
it does not rejoice at wrong,
but rejoices in the right.
Love bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.
Love never ends.*