

Wedding – Quick Facts

Sanctuary – No Air Conditioning
Capacity, 900 + People

Deposit: Non-refundable, due at the time of date selection
Members: None
Non-Member: \$100

All remaining fees are to be paid in cash, in full the Monday prior to the wedding.

Total wedding fees for members **approx. \$530**
Non-members **approx. \$905**

For detailed costs, including off-site costs, please contact the church office at 313-965-5422 or email the pastor at:

revpaul@centralumchurchdetroit.org

Sanctuary availability can be addressed through the Church office.

Wedding Information

Date of Wedding _____ Time: _____ Clergy _____

Date of Rehearsal _____ Time: _____ Location: Onsite ___ Offsite _____

Full Name: _____ Full Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ E-Mail: _____

Previously Married? _____ Previously Married? _____

Children? _____ Children? _____

Member of what church? _____ Member of what church? _____

Occupation: _____ Occupation: _____

Address after marriage:

A Non-refundable fee is required to secure your wedding date.

Non-member deposit \$100

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The Wedding Party

Best Person: _____ Best Person: _____

Ring Bear: _____ Flower Girl: _____

Grandparents

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The Wedding Ceremony

Will Grandparents be seated formally ___yes ___no

Will Bridal Party process together? ___yes ___no

Unity Candle? ___yes ___no

(unity candle is provided by the wedding party)

Photographer: _____

Florist: _____

Reception Location: _____

Special Music: _____

Additional Wedding Information

General Information

First step is to contact the church office to determine the availability of the sanctuary on your preferred date. Please note that availability of the building does not guarantee that your wedding can be scheduled. Events at Comerica Park can affect the parking situation at the church. It is therefore imperative that the time and date of the wedding reception be discussed to avoid any conflict in scheduling. The second step is confirming a pastor is available for the date.

Rehearsals are usually held the evening before the wedding and time is coordinated with the pastor performing the ceremony.

All persons who are participating in the wedding are expected to be at the rehearsal, including the parents of the couple. Please be prompt.

Organist presence at the rehearsal is not required. You may request the organist to attend for an additional fee. Please contact the church office one month in advance of the rehearsal if you would like the organist to attend.

Weddings at Central United Methodist are officiated by our clergy. If you wish to have another clergy person involved, please make arrangements through the officiating clergy.

Unity candles are provided by the bridal party. There are aisle candles for an additional \$75 fee.

No smoking is allowing in the building.
No alcohol is allowed on the premises.

Nothing may be thrown in the building or on the grounds.

Two separate dressing areas are provided for the wedding party.

The presence of the church's Wedding Hostess is required.

You must look at the Photography Policy enclosed for photography regulations.

The church will be opened 1 ½ hours before the wedding is scheduled. Use this time frame for floral drop off times.

Clergy's Role

The clergy of the church look forward to working with you to help make your wedding a meaningful expression of your commitment to each other and to Christ, and to help you prepare for a life-long covenant of growth and love together.

One of the clergy at Central United Methodist Church must perform your wedding. Other ministers are welcome to assist in consultation with our pastor. We understand the marriage service to be a service of Christian worship and do not rent the building for other services.

The clergy are responsible for everything that happens on the church property. If a professional wedding consultant is hired, he/she will work under the direction and supervision of the clergy and a wedding hostess.

The United Methodist church requires the clergy to counsel with the couple regarding the meaning of Christian marriage, preparation for a healthy marriage and other concerns raised by the couple. Our goal for these sessions is to develop a relationship between the couple and clergy person and allow the couple an opportunity to reflect on their relationship and faith as they prepare for marriage. These sessions allow time for the creation of a wedding that honors our faith tradition and reflects the couple coming together in marriage. The number and length of the sessions depends on the couple, but generally involves two sessions of an hour each.

Included in the wedding fees is the cost of the resource "Prepare/Enrich". This wonderful resource is a way to allow the couple to reflect on the strengths and growth areas of their relationship.

The church continues to be interested in your marriage after the wedding. The clergy are available for personal counseling at any point through your marriage. You may contact the pastor through the church office at 313-965-5422 or email the pastor at revpaul@centralumchurchdetroit.org

The Wedding Party

It is expected that members of the wedding party will recognize the fact that this is a church and will conduct themselves at all times in a manner befitting the atmosphere of a place of worship.

Immediately prior to both the rehearsal and the wedding, it is expected that members of the wedding party will refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages. No rehearsal or wedding will be performed if any member of the wedding party is under the influence of alcohol.

No alcoholic beverages may be served on the church premises at any time.

Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the building at any time.

It is the obligation of the couple being married or whomever they designate to arrange for the care of the property of the wedding party before, during and after the wedding and for the transportation of such items. Since the church cannot be responsible for personal belongings, we request that you remove all property immediately following the wedding.

The Wedding Service

The clergy will use the Service of Christian Marriage from the United Methodist Book of Worship. This service will be reviewed with the couple prior to the wedding and changes/additions to the service can be made in consultation with the clergy person. All changes to the service must be consistent with the theology of the church.

It is our goal to make your wedding a moment of worship that honors God and makes the service as personal to you as possible. We look forward to the exchange of ideas in creating a personal service which remains true to our tradition and yet is unique to you.

Through the counseling process we will strive to create a service that both the clergy person and you agree upon. At the rehearsal, the clergy officiate will be in charge as you practice the service that has been created during the sessions.

Music

Music is a vital part of this sacred service; its purpose is to maintain and help create a spirit of Christian worship. The clergy person and church organist can help you with music selections and placement in the service. Clergy shall have the final approval of all music for the service.

It is your responsibility to contact the organist as soon as possible to discuss the date, time and music. Arrangements for a vocal soloist should be handled privately, although our organist will gladly recommend a soloist if you desire.

It is the responsibility of the couple to verify that the soloist contacts the organist to arrange for a rehearsal. This rehearsal should be scheduled for a time other than the wedding rehearsal. There is a fee.

In addition to processional and recessional music, we suggest the following places during the ceremony where music would enhance the service:

- **After the seating of the mothers.**
- **A hymn may be sung by all in attendance prior to the processional music, or during other suitable points during the service.**
- **During the lighting of the Unity Candle (choose a selection which reflects the symbolism of the act.)**

If music is selected which requires additional rehearsal/practice time, an additional fee is required.

Approval for a guest organist must be made with the Church organist. If a guest organist is used, a “Bench Fee” is required.

Decorations and Floral Policy

Since our church is already furnished as a place of dignity and beauty, a minimal amount of decorations are required and these should be carefully planned. All decorations must be agreed upon by the pastor or the wedding coordinator prior to the rehearsal.

It is the responsibility of the bridal couple to arrange with the florist for decorations. In the placing of flowers, pew bows or other decorations, care must be taken to ensure that the floors, carpets, walls and furnishings not be damaged.

Decorations must not be hung or suspended from fixtures or furnishings. Ribbon or simple arrangements of flowers may mark reserved pews. Except for these markers, no decorations shall be attached to the furniture. No wires, screws, tacks, nails or scotch tape can be used in decorating.

The florist, family or whomever decorate, must remove all decorations within one hour of the completion of the ceremony. All damage due to decorations (besides those provided by the floral service) are the responsibility of the couple.

The altar must be central to the service. Plants and flowers may not block the visibility of the altar. One arrangement of flowers may be placed on the table.

If your wedding is planned during a seasonal event (Christmas, Easter, etc) please plan around existing decorations.

Flowers may be delivered to the church 1 ½ hours prior to the ceremony. Decorations must be removed within one hour following the service. Flowers may be donated to the church for the Sunday service. Please notify the wedding coordinator of your donation.

Construction of unique or artificial settings is not permitted.

Artificial flower petals are to be used as real petals will stain the carpet.

No smoking is allowed in the building.

Photography Policy

As a wedding is considered a religious ceremony of joy and dedication in the church, certain procedures must be followed, and it is the responsibility of the bridal couple to inform the photographer of the guidelines used by Central United Methodist church. For your convenience we have outlined those guidelines below and have provided a detailed guideline list for your photographer.

Flash pictures may be taken in the narthex before the processional and after the recessional.

Natural light pictures may be taken from the aisle as the wedding party is coming in or going out; when people are seated, pictures may be taken from the back of the sanctuary only.

A time exposure of the ceremony may be taken unobtrusively from the rear of the church by a professional photographer.

If the ceremony is to be video taped, the camera must be in the balcony.

Flash pictures may be taken of the recession from the narthex looking into the sanctuary.

Formal wedding pictures may be taken prior to or following the ceremony.

The photographer may not move around the building or stand in the aisle during the ceremony.

No flash photographs may be taken during the ceremony by the guests.

No smoking is allowed in the building.

Fees

Service	Member	Non-Member
Sanctuary and Changing Rooms	None	\$200 (\$100 deposit required to reserve the date)
Organist	\$150	\$200
Custodian	\$75	\$100
Desk Clerk	\$10 per hr. (3 hr. min)	\$10 per hr. (3 hr. min)
Minister	\$150	\$200
Sound Technician	\$50	\$75
Wedding Coordinator	\$75	\$100
Soloist	\$100	\$150
Instrumentalist	\$100 each	\$150 each

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