

Weddings at True North Community Church

Congratulations on your engagement! And thanks for taking a moment to inquire about having a wedding at True North Community Church.

We appreciate you taking a moment to look this document over.

If you're a regular attendee this won't come as big surprise, but if you're new to True North, you should know that we're a pretty unusual church.

For starters, we don't do weddings at our facility.

Why? Good question. A couple of reasons:

First of all, our church isn't very "churchy." No stained glass windows (or ANY windows for that matter), no wooden pews, no pipe organ or piano.

Secondly, our Sunday services often have elaborate themes or sets that coincide with our current message series. They're typically large or delicate and not removable without proper disassembly so they remain on stage for the duration of that series.

Lastly, our building and auditorium in particular require a trained team to operate the lighting and AV equipment. We love our volunteers and cannot ask them to give more time than they already do.

Most catering halls are more desirable settings for your wedding ceremony. We've officiated at plenty of beach, backyard, and barnyard weddings as well.

Pastor Matt and Pastor Peter as well as Jen Hinst-White (who is a licensed minister) are legal state Marriage Officiants and perform weddings regularly on a rotating basis, pending availability. Pastor Bert's availability to perform weddings is extremely limited.

An honorarium for the Pastor is welcome but not expected. If you do wish to give something, it should be made out to the Pastor performing

the service personally. We do ask that at a minimum, you cover any travel expenses if the wedding is at a distant location.

We are sometimes asked to perform weddings for people who are not a part of our congregation, and are usually happy to help, pending availability.

If True North is not your home church, we ask that you provide at least a \$200 honorarium for the Pastor who performs the ceremony (which can be made out to him or her personally), in addition to travel expenses if the wedding is at a distant location.

The Pastor will probably not attend the reception. Please do not take that personally!

We do not require a pre-marital counseling course at this time, but you will need to have a brief conversation with the Pastor who performs your ceremony, just to discuss the details. If you are seeking marriage counseling services we will happily refer you to list of qualified folks who do that sort of thing full time.

We highly recommend the following books before you take the plunge! No, seriously, read them. You'll thank us later.

The Five Love Languages, by Gary Chapman

For Men Only: A Straightforward Guide to the Inner Lives of Women, by Shaunti Feldhan and Jeff Feldhan

For Women Only: What You Need to Know About the Inner Lives of Women, by Shaunti Feldhan

And that's about it! If we haven't scared you away yet and you still want to have us officiate your wedding, fire off an email to:

info@truenorthchurch.net and send us the particulars. Someone will get back in touch with you shortly.

Thanks!

PS - ** Our pastors categorically do not do weddings on Sundays. They're pretty busy that day! Sunday is a considered a work day for **ALL** our staff so if we have to decline that day please do not take this personally.

PPS - ** In the rare event that none of our staff is available to officiate your wedding we would be happy to refer you to some local, trusted associates who also perform ceremonies on a regular basis.