



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT!

We're honored that you're interested in having your wedding at Northlawn Church. We look forward to assisting you in every way possible!

The joining of two people in marriage is a sacred ceremony in which you and your spouse-to-be enter into a covenant relationship with God and with one another. By choosing to be married by a Clergy person, who is a representative of God, and in a sacred space set aside for the worship of God, you are inviting God's presence to be part of both your wedding ceremony and your marriage.

To visit the church, please join us on a Sunday morning for worship. Let our pastor know in advance of your visit to arrange a brief meeting.



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Getting
Married at
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Church

SAVE THE DATE

A Marriage License from the State of Michigan is required to be married at Northlawn.

Please complete a request online at northlawnmc.org. Once your request is received, we'll check the availability of the building and the pastor and contact you as soon as possible. All weddings must first have approval from the pastor before a date is confirmed

We want God's best for your marriage and your life!. Once a date is scheduled, you will need to schedule a meeting with the pastor. Pre-marital counseling is required and is offered to couples free of charge.

Weddings at Northlawn may be reserved up to year in advance and not less than 60 days in advance.

If you want to use a pastor friend or clergy member of the family, our pastor will extend an invitation after talking with you.

THE SANCTUARY

The Sanctuary features an organ, grand piano, a beautiful Rose glass window, pew-style seating, air conditioning in the church building and fans only in the sanctuary. The Sanctuary, including balcony, seats up to 150 people. Our aisle is fifty feet long. There are twelve pews on the left side of the Sanctuary and fourteen on the right side. We have two cut pews for wheelchair seating. There are two large flat screen monitors for song lyrics or other needs.

FEES

All fees must be paid no later than 30 days before the rehearsal.

Deposit

A security deposit of \$100 confirms your reservation.

The Wedding

The below fees include rehearsal, pastor, sanctuary, sound technician, wedding coordinator and custodial services

\$750 for members*

\$1000 for non-members

This does NOT include fees for musicians. Our pianist is available for hire at an additional charge.

**In order to qualify for member rates, one person of the couple getting married must be an official member, child, or grandchild of a member of Northlawn Church.*

Your reservation is for a specific block of time on the day of the wedding, which includes time for decorating, photographs, and the ceremony. If you exceed the agreed time, additional time can be reserved for \$50 per hour.

Fellowship Hall - If you would like to use our Fellowship Hall for your reception, there is an additional **\$50 per hour fee**. This includes use of the kitchen, tables and chairs. There is also a \$50 cleaning fee.

Building Use Policy

No alcohol, drugs, or illegal substances are to be used in the building or on church property. There is no smoking in the building. Anything thrown in or outside the church (i.e. birdseed, confetti) must be cleaned up by the wedding party.

MORE INFORMATION

Rehearsals are generally one hour the evening prior to your wedding.

Decorating may be done during rehearsal and prior to the ceremony during your agreed block of time. Please plan to remove all decorations immediately following the wedding. The piano may not be moved.

Dressing Rooms - We provide a dressing room for the bride and her attendants, and another area for the groom and his attendants. The wedding party is responsible for removing all clothing, hangers, etc. and leaving the room in a clean orderly condition.

Photographs All pictures taken prior to the ceremony must be completed half-an-hour before the wedding to allow you to prepare for the ceremony. We ask that no flash photographs be taken during the ceremony.

Coffee Hub - You may use the Coffee Hub, located in the Narthex, before the ceremony for snacks (provided by you) at no charge. All food and beverages must stay in this area, and must be removed before or immediately after the wedding. You are responsible for cleaning the area when you're finished.

Candles - We have two candelabras that hold fourteen 12" candles (3/4" diameter). A unity candle may be used during the ceremony. All other "candles" must be battery-operated.