

CHECKLIST

- ☐ Contact the church office at least six months to a year prior to the desired date of your wedding. The office will clear the date on the calendar, arrange for a minister to officiate at the service, and introduce you to the wedding coordinator who will answer your questions.
- ☐ Confirm the wedding date with the church office by providing a deposit. Your date is not reserved until the deposit has been paid.
- ☐ Four months before the wedding, confirm the date and time of the service and the rehearsal time. ANY requested changes in the time of the wedding or rehearsal, or if additional time beyond one hour before to one hour after the start of the wedding is needed, contact the wedding coordinator for prior approval. Other weddings or services may be planned on the same day as your wedding.
- ☐ Two to three months before the wedding, schedule an initial appointment with the pastor.
- ☐ One to two months before the wedding, an appointment should be made with the church organist to discuss musical plans for the wedding. All music in the service must be approved by the organist and pastor.
- ☐ Three to six weeks before the wedding, obtain your marriage license from the county.

Please contact St. Paul's United Methodist Church for availability.

Your Wedding



at

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
Coronado, CA



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A WEDDING: AN ACT OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

A church wedding in the Christian tradition is more than a recognition or commemoration of a legal contract between two persons. We believe that marriage is part of God's desire for human beings, and we celebrate with worship traditions thousands of years old. In a Christian wedding, as the vows of marriage are made, those in attendance give praise to God for the love which has drawn the couple together. The couple makes promises in the presence of God, under the cross of Christ. Here at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, we strive to make the celebration of marriage a holy event in the lives of the couple being wed and their guests.

VENUE DETAILS

The main sanctuary at St. Paul's seats 250 comfortably. An additional 45 persons may be seated in the balcony. Smaller gatherings can be seated using the front portion of the sanctuary only. The chancel area feels crowded if more than 10 persons are in the wedding party. If there are additional persons you would like to have involved in your wedding, they may serve as ushers, guest book attendants, greeters, soloists, or readers.

A pastor from St. Paul's will officiate at the service. The church organist/pianist will provide musical accompaniment. A wedding coordinator is required for weddings at St. Paul's. The fee for the use of the sanctuary, a pastor, organist, and wedding coordinator, as well as custodian, is included in the wedding fee for non-members. The wedding coordinator will be your primary contact person with the church and will assist you and the pastor with the details in planning for the wedding.

MEETING WITH THE PASTOR

Once the date is booked with the church office, you will need to coordinate a meeting with the pastor. The pastors adjust the premarital counseling sessions to the needs and schedule of the couple. If you wish for another United Methodist pastor to be part of the service, he or she will need to speak with the officiating pastor. If you are both from out of town, you may receive premarital counseling in the city where you live. Please ask the pastor/counselor to notify the church office when the sessions are complete. The officiating pastor may wish to speak directly to the pastor/counselor.

PICTURES & VIDEOGRAPHY

Photographers are welcome to take photos before and after the wedding service. However, we ask that no flash photos be taken during the service itself. Professional photographers have the equipment and skills to do their job within these guidelines.

For couples using a videographer, an attended camera on a stationary tripod may be placed against the side wall of the sanctuary, opposite the organ. A second camera may be placed at the rear of the sanctuary or in the balcony. Under no circumstances are person with video cameras to move about the building during the service. No special lights may be used.

MUSIC

Music is an important part of a wedding service. All music for services at St. Paul's is expected to reflect the sacred nature of the service. The church organist can provide beautiful music appropriate for the occasion. Special requests for music must be approved a month in advance of the service by the organist and the pastor. Soloists are welcome in your service and should arrange practice time with the organist outside of the rehearsal time. Recorded music, played over the church's sound system, is allowed. We strongly recommend that you audition any

friends or acquaintances you might ask to provide music for your wedding. Qualified musicians are welcome to use the sanctuary piano.

WEDDING REHEARSAL

Rehearsals are normally scheduled for the afternoon or evening before the wedding. It is important that every member of the wedding party be present and prompt. A rehearsal is not a formal event, and people may come comfortably dressed. At the rehearsal, the wedding coordinator will go over all the details of seating, ushering, placement of the wedding party, and so forth. Wedding rehearsals are not designed to provide rehearsal time for special music. The wedding rehearsal usually lasts about an hour.

VENUE FEES

Fees for weddings at St. Paul's defray the actual costs of maintenance, utilities, and all of the personnel involved in providing a wedding. A deposit is required to be paid to the church office in order to confirm your wedding date. All costs must be paid to the church office in full four weeks prior to the wedding rehearsal. An honorarium for the pastor may or may not be included in the wedding costs. Please read your contract carefully.

Current sanctuary/service fees:	Member - \$1,200.00	Non-Member - \$2,000.00
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OTHER IMPORTANT DETAILS

A tradition has developed of lighting a Unity Candle on the altar. The lighting of the candle is included as an option in the pastors' regular order of worship. The Unity Candle and the tapers used to light it can be provided by the church for an additional fee.

The church does not provide flowers for your wedding. However, flower arrangements in appropriate colors will enhance the beauty of your wedding. The wedding coordinator can recommend skilled florists, as well as other vendors such as bakers, photographers, musicians, etc.

We regret that because of liability issues, the church cannot provide rooms for childcare for weddings.

We do not allow rice or birdseed to be thrown at weddings. You may substitute bubbles or flower petals for this ancient tradition of sending off a newlywed couple.

We do not allow the use of aisle runners or wedding arches in the sanctuary.

We do not provide dressing rooms; however, the Sexton room may be used for the bride and bridesmaids prior to the ceremony. The church assumes no responsibility for personal possessions left unattended during the wedding or rehearsal.

There is no smoking and no alcoholic beverages permitted on the church grounds, and consumption of alcohol by the wedding party should be postponed until the reception.