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## Weddings at United Church on the Green

### Who is eligible to be married at United Church on the Green?

All loving, committed couples who wish to celebrate a religious wedding in the Christian tradition and meet the requirements for legal marriage in the State of Connecticut, Yes, we perform weddings for non-members. Yes, we perform weddings for same-sex couples. Yes, we perform marriages for persons of differing religious backgrounds. Final agreements must be made at least ninety days prior to the wedding date to secure your place on our calendar. Your wedding date will only be added to our official calendar (1) after speaking with our Senior Minister and (2) after we have received your non-refundable deposit.

### Who will perform your service?

When you ask to be joined in marriage at United Church, the Pastor will meet with you for an initial informational session. At that time, if all parties agree, the date and time will be finalized and the wedding and rehearsal will be scheduled officially. A non-refundable deposit will be due at that time. It is expected that the pastor will meet with you for 2 or 3 additional counseling sessions to plan the service and discuss any issues of concern. With the permission of the pastor, a guest clergyperson may be invited to assist in the ceremony. Only in very rare circumstances will an outside clergyperson be given permission to perform the entire service without a UCG Pastor being present. Such a request should be made at the initial meeting.

### How do we plan the service?

The pastor will work with you during the counseling sessions to plan the service. It is important to remember that a wedding is a service of Christian worship. The Pastor has access not only to resources (special orders of worship, vows, readings for weddings, etc.) but also a wealth of experience that enables them to craft a worship service that expresses our Christian tradition and still is tailored to your needs, desires, and taste.

### What about music?

Our organist and Director of Music, is a professional church musician with many years of experience. He will be pleased to help you select appropriate and meaningful music for your service. He can also help arrange for soloists or other instrumentalists at additional cost. You will be asked to meet with him at least two months prior to the service. The couple may invite a guest organist or other musicians to perform only with his permission.

## **How much does it cost to have our service at United Church on the Green?**

The standard fees for members of our church and non-members are set by our Board of Stewards. They are:

- **UCG Members: \$800**
  - Which includes: a non-refundable deposit of \$500 plus the organist's services of \$300; plus any additional fees for soloists and/or extra rehearsal time.
- **Non-Members: \$1,800**
  - Which includes: a non-refundable deposit of \$500, a building use fee of \$500, the organist's services of \$300 and a minister's fee of \$500; plus any additional fees for soloists and/or extra rehearsal time.
- **Small Services (Groups of 10 and under without music and with no rehearsal): \$500**
  - Which includes a \$250 non-refundable deposit plus a \$250 Minister fee.

## **When and how do you pay these fees?**

A \$500 non-refundable deposit is due after your initial meeting with UCG's Senior Minister. The balance of the fees should be paid by check made payable to "United Church on the Green" and given to the Minister at the rehearsal.

## **What are the rules for photographers and videographers?**

We ask photographers to be as inconspicuous as possible since a Christian wedding is first and foremost a service of worship, and attention should not be focused on the photographer. As a general rule, no flash pictures should be taken while the service is in process which means after the processional and before the recessional. Videography should also be done as discretely as possible. There are several locations in the balcony that provide good, out of the way vantage points.

## **What about flowers?**

You will need to make your own special arrangements for the delivery of flowers on the day of the wedding service. Note that the architecture of the Meeting House does not lend itself to one central arrangement display. We recommend that you order two arrangements that can be placed on either side of the pulpit and/or on the stairs to the pulpit. We also ask that you remove all flowers after the ceremony.

## **What about parking?**

On weekends, when most weddings are scheduled, there is some parking on the street around the New Haven Green. Upon special advance request, we may also gain permission from the City to park on the left-hand side of Temple Street across the Green. Your guests are also free to use our lot behind the Parish House at 323 Temple Street at Wall Street.

## **What about receptions?**

Our facilities are available for additional cost for receptions dependent on the size and nature of the event. Our Bradley Room in the lower level of the Meeting House (Church) can host about 60-70 people and our Great Hall in our Parish House (located about a block away from the Meeting House) can accommodate about 100 guests. Both have serving kitchens; but not full prep kitchens. Please contact our Operations Director (203-787-4195 x102, [operations@unitednewhaven.org](mailto:operations@unitednewhaven.org)) to discuss your needs. We can also recommend several excellent facilities in our area.

## **Have more questions?**

Please don't hesitate to contact the church office at **203-787-4195 x101** or email us at: [office@unitednewhaven.org](mailto:office@unitednewhaven.org)