



Union Chapel Indy,
a United Methodist Church



Funerals at Union Chapel

"I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also." John 14:3

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Funerals & Memorial Services



If you are a church member who is caring for a dying family member or if you have lost a loved one, please call the church office at 317.846.3429.

Our pastor and staff are honored to provide a funeral service for church members -- whether that be at Union Chapel, at a funeral home, or graveside -- depending on your family's decision.

Planning Faithfully, Choosing Wisely

What is the difference between a funeral and memorial service? Simply put, at a funeral service the body of the deceased is present, whereas at a memorial service either the decedent's ashes or no remains are present. Both services provide an opportunity to proclaim God's death-defeating acts in Christ as we remember all that God has given us in the life of our loved one.

The Goal of a Funeral Service

A funeral or memorial service should be comforting to those who mourn as well as bear witness to our faith in Jesus Christ. A celebration of life with gathered friends does minister to our grief but, above all else, a funeral is a service of worship to God. All that takes place should be consistent with this principle, including music selections which are to be approved in advance by the pastor.

Do I need to secure the services of a funeral director?

We highly recommend working with a Funeral Director. This professional will ease the strain upon family members by coordinating all the details and thus contributing to your wishes being carried out with dignity and honor. Even if cremation is your desire, a funeral director handles many details that are not taken care of by the church, the pastor, or family members. Attempting to save money by not using a funeral director is likely to cause confusion and frustration at a time when you most need guidance and support.

Planning

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” - Revelation 21:4

Should I make pre-arrangements?

Making the decision to pre-arrange some aspects of your funeral and/or burial is helpful. An appointment with a funeral director in advance of death is a wise step to help you decide what you and your family need from the many services available. If you are a family member caring for a dying loved one, making an initial contact now with a funeral director can be very helpful and will lessen the decisions and demands you'll face later.

When does a funeral or memorial service take place?

Funeral services are generally held within three to five days following death, thereby allowing appropriate time for family members and friends to gather for the service. Memorial services can be held at any time. If a funeral or memorial service is to be followed by a burial that same day, the schedule of the cemetery dictates timing. Cemetery surcharges often apply for weekend burials, and burials are usually not available on holidays. It is also possible to have the burial before the service which allows for a late afternoon or evening service.

Choosing a date at Union Chapel in calendar Years 2021/22

Union Chapel is a vital community center, seven days a week, housing a preschool, music school, a number of recovery programs, and, of course, the daily ministries of the church. That having been said, our pastor and funeral coordinator can sometimes re-arrange some booked groups to accommodate member funerals but there is not guarantee that a specific day or time can be made available..





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Sundays

Sundays are reserved for the worship and activities of the congregation, and therefore, Sundays are not available for church funerals and memorial services. Our pastor may be available to officiate a funeral at another location, or graveside, at his discretion.

Prohibited

The use of alcohol or other recreational drugs is strictly prohibited on the church property.

Guns and weapons are prohibited on the church property, except in the case of sworn law enforcement officers.

Care to be taken

Valuables should not be left unattended in the church or in cars.

Union Chapel does not provide security personnel and is not liable in the case of theft.

Pastoral authority

While other ministers and family members may take part in the funeral service at the discretion of our pastor, the pastor is in charge of all services conducted within our building.

Fees

Based on membership status, there are fees incurred for the people involved in providing the funeral service as well as those who prepare and clean up following the service and reception. Payment of all fees are coordinated through Union Chapel's Funeral Coordinator and are due the day of the service.

Membership

For the purposes of this policy, active members are defined as those members of Union Chapel United Methodist Church who regularly attend church services and contribute to the church as they have generally provided regular financial and personal support for the church. These privileges are also extended to the following: 1. Homebound members. 2. Faithful attendees of the church who attend regularly but who have not yet joined the church as an official member and 3. Those who have served as former pastors of the church.

Fee Schedule



- Visitation room (3 hours) \$0
- Sanctuary and use of tech equipment (Funeral): \$0
- Pastoral services: \$0 (Honorarium accepted if it is part of a preplanned package.)
- Musician(s): \$200-250
- Tech team member: \$175
- Funeral coordinator: \$0
- Cleaning services: \$100
- Graphic design services: \$50/hour + cost of printing

Audio/Visuals*

If a video is to be used during the service, it must be submitted to the church office no later than 24 hours prior to the funeral service for review. All presentations should be in MP3 or Power Point format and should not exceed five minutes in length. All materials must be approved by the pastor.

