

Davisburg United Methodist Church Wedding Policy

*"Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.
It does not insist on its own way; it does not rejoice in wrong doing, but rejoices in the truth.
It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.
And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three: and the greatest of these is love."*

I Corinthians 13:4-7, 13

We are pleased that Davisburg United Methodist Church may be in ministry with you for this very special time in your life! Christian marriage has its beginning with God. Marriage also finds its strength and fulfillment within Christ's power. If Christ lives within the hearts of the persons coming to marriage then the union between the two can be richly blessed with Christ's presence.

*"But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.
For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,
and the two shall become one flesh...
Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate."*

Mark 10:6-9

Since Christian marriages are of God and since wedding services are to be foremost a time of worship, it is expected that persons seeking to be married at Davisburg United Methodist Church will have professed their faith in Christ, been baptized, and are members of a Christian congregation. If this is not the case, Pastor Eric would welcome the opportunity to talk with you about receiving Christ as your Savior, about baptism, church attendance and membership.

In this information, you will find some other guidelines adopted by our church board, which will assist you in your wedding plans.

The first step in planning your wedding is to arrange an appointment with Pastor Eric. Other pastors may officiate at your wedding, but this must first be cleared with Pastor Eric **before** you contact the other pastor(s).

At least six months prior to the chosen wedding date, call the church to set a convenient time for the initial conference with the pastor. After that first initial conference, a wedding date may be confirmed and placed on the church calendar. This is the time that the deposit must be paid. Wedding dates will be determined on a first-come, first-serve basis.

During the first conference, the bride and groom will be asked questions such as:

- Date and time of rehearsal and wedding
- A brief history of your relationship and spiritual background
- Have you been married before
- Reception plans

All plans for the service and music will be done in consultation with the pastor and staff.

At the initial conference, the minister will determine how many sessions are necessary. Pastor may have up to three with each couple. An evaluation tool called Premarriage Awareness Inventory (PAI) will be used.

Our custodian will be needed in making sure the facility is in order for Sunday services. This does not include removal of decorations, so please make necessary arrangements to have this taken care of in advance of the actual ceremony.

Fees for Church Members

A person shall be considered to be in this category if he/she or at least one of the parents of the bride and/or groom is a member of Davisburg United Methodist Church.

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| 1. Sanctuary and Dressing Rooms - | No Charge |
| 2. Fellowship Hall & Church Kitchen - | \$50 refundable deposit |
| 3. Wesley Hall - | \$150 refundable deposit |
| 4. Asbury Room - | \$50 refundable deposit |
| 5. Pianist/Organist - | \$100 minimum |
| 6. Custodian - | \$50 minimum |
| 7. Pastor - | Honorarium |
| 8. Other fees - | \$10 PAI Counseling Resource |

Fees for Non-Church Members

Subject To Change – Please check with the church office for current fee schedule

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| 1. Sanctuary and Dressing Rooms | \$200 + \$50 non-refundable deposit. Includes custodian fee |
| 2. Fellowship Hall | \$100 - \$50 refundable deposit, includes custodian fee |
| 3. Wesley Hall | \$300 + \$150 deposit (\$100 refundable) includes custodian fee |
| 4. Asbury Room | \$50 + \$50 deposit (\$25 refundable) includes custodian fee |
| 5. Pianist/Organist | \$100 for standard service. Additional Fees If Non-Standard |
| 6. Custodian | Included in deposits |
| 7. Pastor | \$150 minimum |
| 8. Other fees | \$10 PAI Counseling Resource. |

Fees for use of the facilities shall be paid to Davisburg United Methodist Church. Fees should be paid directly to the pianist/organist, custodian and pastor, if applicable.

**ALL FEES WILL BE PAID BY THE TIME OF THE REHEARSAL.
SOME ARE REQUIRED PRIOR TO REHEARSAL.**

Use of the Facilities

- After the pastor has approved the wedding, the couple will complete the wedding form and the couple's PAI. The financial deposit(s) should be made with the church office. Should for some reason your plans be changed or canceled, please call the church office immediately.
- The building will be unlocked at least two hours prior to the wedding service unless special arrangements have been made with the staff.
- If you want an aisle runner, you must furnish this or have your florist provide it. The center aisle is a minimum of 50 feet.
- No tacks, nails, screws, adhesive tape, or any other similar objects shall be on the walls, floors, or furnishings.

- If floor stand candles are to be used at the end of the pews, please make sure they are the types that do not deface the wood.
- Any equipment belonging to the florist and all floral arrangements should be removed after the service.
- No smoking is allowed in the building.
- If two weddings have been scheduled on the same day, we ask for special consideration and cooperation from the persons involved.
- Professional Photographic lighting or flash equipment may be used during the ceremony with Pastor's approval and within reason.
- Guests are asked to refrain from any photography/video and posting of wedding pictures until Bride and Groom approve. This is a special day for the bride and groom, your postings may detract from their celebration. PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE.
- Stationary video cameras are allowed without additional lighting. Please have your photographer(s) consult with the Pastor before the wedding.
- No rice, birdseed, confetti, or fresh flower petals are to be thrown in the building or on church property. Rooms are to be left as found.

Wedding Rehearsal and Day

- Be sure the wedding party individuals know what time they are expected to be at the church for the rehearsal.
- Please be on time.
- Davisburg United Methodist Church has ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICY. There will be no tolerance for anyone in the wedding party being under the influence of alcohol or other substances. If anyone in the wedding party is found to be under the influence of alcohol or other substances, Pastor Eric reserves the right to have the person removed or in extreme circumstances cancel the service to be reschedule at a more appropriate time (additional fees may be required).
- Remind people of no flash pictures or lighting during the wedding service. Additional information: We do not provide the unity candle. We do have a candelabra set that may be used but the wedding party must provide the candles.
- Post Service Responsibilities to be certain all involved are aware of their responsibilities for the day.
- The pastor will see to it that the license has been returned to the County Clerk.
- The bride and groom are not usually available to handle follow-up work; therefore, we request that a member of the family be responsible for this. This person should phone the church office to make sure no items were left at the church, and if so, make arrangements to have them picked up.

Davisburg United Methodist Church Wedding Staff