

About Your Wedding

The following is some general information about your wedding at Mayflower Congregational Church. You may use this as a checklist to help you in planning. If you have additional questions, please call the Church office (484-3139). The Church Secretary can answer your questions or put you in touch with the person who can help you. The Minister, the Organist, and all of the Church staff are available to help make your wedding the special event you want it to be.

If you have not already done so, fill out and return the application for use of building for weddings and/or receptions along with all applicable fees and the Wedding Information Form. The building is not reserved for your use until the application form is returned and fees are paid. Be sure to schedule your rehearsal date as well as your wedding date.

Call the Church office and make appointments for your pre-marital sessions with the Minister. These meetings are not optional and it is your responsibility to make the appointments. These sessions can be scheduled on evenings or weekends if necessary.

The Marriage License must be in the hands of the Minister no later than the wedding rehearsal. There is a three (3) day waiting period in Michigan. The waiting period does not include the application day. The license is valid for thirty (30) days.

There are a number of ways to make your wedding a unique ceremony. The Minister will discuss with you your various options and you will need to make some choices. These will include music, Scripture readings, the use of the Unity Candle, and others. You may have a friend or relative whom you would like to include in the wedding in a special way. The Minister can help you decide what you want this person to do and where it will fit into the marriage ceremony.

A Church wedding is a worship service and the music should be chosen accordingly. Songs with scriptural texts, paraphrases of Scripture, hymns, and prayers for the couple are appropriate. Show tunes and other secular songs that contain only romantic lyrics or songs which omit reference to God are not always appropriate for the ceremony, but more appropriately used at the reception. The Church Organist will help in selecting music for your wedding and also will help in finding vocalists and instrumentalists. The participation of any substitute organist or other musician and musical selections are subject to the approval of the Church Organist and the Minister.

The Minister is the final authority as to what may or may not be permitted in any wedding ceremony at Mayflower Congregational Church. If you have any questions, call the Church office and ask the Minister.