

WEDDING INFORMATION

"Two are better than one."
Ecclesiastes 4:9

First of all, we extend to you both our warmest congratulations and God's blessings upon your engagement and upcoming wedding.

This folder contains information in an attempt to answer many of the questions you may have and to set forth a few of the modest rules we have about the Service of Holy Matrimony in the CHURCH.

*". . . which is an honorable estate,
instituted of God, which holy estate
Christ adorned and beautified with
his presence in Cana of Galilee."*

Traditional Service

The minister is also amenable to conducting ceremonies in OTHER LOCATIONS. Please feel free to share your ideas with him.

SETTING THE DATE

The most challenging part of setting a date in our local area is the availability of reception facilities. (Do note that our "Bates Hall" is available through prior arrangement with the Board of Trustees). As soon as possible, however, please: (next page)

TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

1. Contact the church office;
2. Fill out and return the enclosed "Wedding Application" form; and
3. Make an appointment with the minister. He will want to meet with the two of you for at least **three** informal sessions of pre-marital discussions to talk over details of the ceremony and share thoughts about commitment, understanding, and communication in marriage.

MUSIC

If organ music is desired, the **ORGANIST** of the church is expected to play at all sanctuary weddings. If you wish to have other types of music (recorded, ensembles, etc.) or a close friend or relative play the organ for your wedding, prior clearance must be made through our organist. You will need to call right away to confirm the wedding and rehearsal dates and times and, if applicable, schedule a meeting to discuss music selection and other details.

SOLOISTS are welcome and you may make personal suggestions to the organist.

PICTURES

You will need to arrange for a photographer as well. Flash pictures may be taken of the processional and recessional from the main floor. However; during the spoken ceremony itself, only NON-flash pictures may be taken and ONLY from the back or the balcony. We can re-stage immediately after the guests have departed.

VIDEO TAPING is also permissible, but again, attended cameras must be placed in the back of the sanctuary or the balcony. An *unattended* camera may be placed unobtrusively in the choir loft.

DECORUM

Selecting a **FLOREST** is also up to the couple. Arrangements must be made with us for delivery times and key.

The church provides the **CANDLES** for the two altar and two floor-standing seven-branch candelabra.

For **EVENING WEDDINGS**, we also have available six three-candle pew-end stands (18 candles). You will need to buy these "dripleless" candles (6"- 8"), either from your florist or a candleshop.

An **AISLE CLOTH**, though seldom used in our sanctuary, can also be provided by your florist. The aisle is 45' long.

Wedding **PROGRAMS** can be printed in the office (\$30 + paper), but printing arrangements (format, etc.) must be discussed well in advance.

NO RICE is to be thrown either inside or outside the church. If necessary, birdseed may be thrown in the front driveway area.

A **WEDDING COORDINATOR** will be assigned for each wedding in our sanctuary. Making contact with the bride and groom and working closely with the minister, the coordinator will help to ensure that the rehearsal and wedding proceed smoothly.

FEES and HONORARIUMS

To lessen wedding day details, it is suggested that along with the *marriage license*, **all checks** be presented (customarily by the best man) to the minister or wedding coordinator the night of the REHEARSAL or before. *To reserve the church, church fees must accompany your registration form.*

FEES

Wedding Coordinator Fee	\$200
Organist	\$300
Soloist	\$15

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Custodian	\$150
Cash or Payable to: individual	

Non-Member Church Fee

Sanctuary	\$900*
Chapel seats 40	\$150
Bates Hall (For Reception)	\$200

Payable to: Second Congregational Church

Minister: honorarium (usually between \$400 and \$600)

We truly thank you for selecting our church to celebrate and consecrate this, one of the most special and sacred events of your lives.

Minister – Rev. Dr. Karen Bailey-Francois

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Organist - call church for references

Massachusetts Marriage License Information:
www.state.ma.us:80/sec/cis/cismrg/mrgidx.htm

*"What therefore God has joined together,
let no one put asunder."
Matthew 19:6*

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