

Wedding Policies
Trinity United Church of Christ
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“The essence of marriage is a covenanted commitment that has its foundation in the faithfulness of God’s love. The marriage ceremony is the glad occasion on which two people unite as husband and wife in the mutual exchange of covenant promises.” (United Church of Christ Book of Worship, p.323)

Where to Begin: Contact the Pastor, Rev. Leslie Carole Taylor, by calling 740-246-3993 or emailing TUCC@columbus.rr.com, to set the date and time of your wedding and to set the dates for your pre-marital counseling sessions. Pastor Leslie will officiate your wedding, or if you wish to invite another minister to participate, please let us know. The Guest Minister will need to talk with Pastor Leslie regarding the policies of Trinity United Church of Christ.

Planning for Your Marriage: Most people spend more time planning for their wedding than for their married life. Trinity United Church of Christ is committed to building strong marriages in addition to hosting beautiful weddings. You will meet with Pastor Leslie for a series of pre-marital counseling sessions that will help you prepare for a long and happy marriage. You will learn about your personal and relationship strength and growth areas, effective communication skills, and how to prepare a household budget, among many other things. We believe this can be a great benefit to you as you transition to married life.

Planning Your Service: Pastor Leslie will discuss the wedding ceremony and vows with you during your final pre-marital counseling session. We will go over the details, such as use of the dressing rooms, the placement of flowers and other decorations, candles, aisle runner, kneeling bench, and candelabras. On the day of the wedding, Pastor Leslie will assist with the planned arrivals and departures of the wedding party and guests, as well as coordinating the custodial services. In order to help you make your wedding day memorable, the Pastor will be available to answer any questions you might have throughout the entire planning process.

Music: The church offers a sound system with cassette tape and compact disc players for pre-recorded accompaniment and background music. You may choose to have our Organist play for your wedding. If you would like another musician, that person will need to meet with our Organist to receive instruction on the use of our Organ. Phyllis Fischer is also an accomplished pianist. Soloist(s) and other musicians will need to contact Phyllis and/or the Sound Technician to arrange for rehearsal sessions. Contact Phyllis Fischer by calling 740-928-7536.

Rehearsal: The wedding rehearsal is usually scheduled for the evening before the wedding. It is helpful if all members of the wedding party, minister(s), sound technician, and musicians are present.

Fee Schedule: Members of Trinity United Church of Christ pay \$100 to cover the custodial services and the Organist’s fee.

Non-members pay \$500, which includes use of the sanctuary, and fees for the Pastor, Sound Technician, Organist, and Custodian.

Trinity United Church of Christ is a weapon-free, smoke-free and alcohol-free facility.