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Weddings at the Heath Church of Christ

WEDDING GUIDELINES

We are happy that you are considering the Heath Church of Christ as the setting for your future wedding. Before filling out the wedding application, please carefully read the church's guidelines for weddings. Your signature at the bottom of the wedding application confirms that you agree to follow the church's policy.

Some Special Requirements

Your wedding is a day; however, your marriage is for a lifetime. Our hope is that your marriage will endure "until death do you part." The following two guidelines are designed to help your marriage begin on the right foundation and last for a lifetime.

Couples are required to participate in premarital counseling.

Typically, the couple will meet with the minister performing their ceremony for three to five sessions of premarital counseling. Some of the practical topics for these sessions include: expectations, compatibility, family relationships, future goals, finances, communication, and God's role in a successful marriage.

Regarding God's design for marriage.

Because Heath Church of Christ holds to the Biblical teaching that marriage is between one man and one woman for a lifetime, the church will not participate in and our ministers will not oversee same sex marriage ceremonies.

While our ministers may choose to conduct weddings of couples living together before marriage, HCC holds to the Biblical instruction that sexual intimacy is reserved only for those in a marriage relationship. We believe that God blesses couples when they follow His design for marriage. Genesis 2:24 teaches that God's design is for a man and woman to become "one flesh" following the marriage commitment. We recommend Glenn Stanton's book, *The Ring Makes All the Difference*.

Setting a Date and Reserving the Church

After agreeing to the church wedding policy and submitting your application, we will check the availability of your "first choice" wedding date. Should your first choice be unavailable, we will contact you regarding your second and third choices.

Because we schedule many weddings during the year, it is important that you submit several possible dates for your wedding. Though not always possible, we will do our best to accommodate your first choice. Please note: We do not schedule weddings for non-members more than a year in advance.

Once your date is confirmed, the church's Wedding Assistant will contact you to discuss the details for your "big day." A deposit of \$250 is due to the church office at this time to secure the use of the main auditorium.

We are pleased to have Lynda Ciminello serving as our Wedding Assistant. As Wedding Assistant, Lynda partners with the church, minister, and couple in making the wedding day a success.

Due to Sunday worship services, all Saturday weddings and church receptions must begin no later than 4:30 P.M. In addition, no Sunday weddings will be scheduled. To avoid being "rushed" after your ceremony, please consider taking as many pictures as possible prior to the service.

Meeting with the Minister

After securing your wedding date on the church calendar and talking with the Wedding Assistant, you will then meet with the minister officiating your wedding. During this initial meeting, you will become acquainted with the minister, discuss your wedding plans, and schedule your first counseling appointment.

Guest Ministers

To officiate a wedding at the Heath Church of Christ a minister must be formally ordained and licensed to perform weddings in the state of Ohio. If you desire a guest minister to be a part of your ceremony, please contact the Wedding Assistant.

General Church Wedding Policy

Consumption of alcohol, smoking, dancing, and the use of profanity are prohibited on church property.

Please make sure bird seed and bubbles are kept outside of the building. Use of rice is prohibited.

We reserve the right to refuse to officiate any wedding.

BUILDING DETAILS

Main Auditorium

There are approximately 500 chairs available

We use a set of risers for center aisle access to main stage (four steps)

The communion table is available for unity candle

Several white partitions are available to conceal parts of the stage

The piano is available for use on the stage. It requires the use of the sound system.

All other instruments are not available and are not to be moved

Wedding Party Main Auditorium Responsibilities:

Decorate auditorium if desired

Provide candelabras, unity candle and holder, candles, etc.

Provide aisle runner (aisle is approximately 65 feet)

Fireside Room

If using the Fireside Room for a wedding, reception, or rehearsal dinner, please share with the Wedding Assistant or officiating minister your desired table and chair configuration. The Fireside Room Set-Up Coordinator is responsible for the set-up and tear-down of room furnishings.

OUR WEDDING FEE SCHEDULE

All fees are due ten days prior to your wedding. These fees can be given to the Wedding Assistant or to your officiating minister.

Use of Facility

Room Use Fees*

**Room use fees are waived if the bride, groom or either of their parents are members of the Heath Church of Christ.*

\$250 - For use of main auditorium (due at wedding date confirmation)

\$150 - For use of fireside room (ceremony)

\$150 - For use of fireside room (rehearsal dinner/reception)

\$100 - For use of kitchen

Custodial Fees

\$50 - Custodian (wedding ceremony only)

\$75 - Custodian (wedding ceremony with reception or rehearsal dinner)

\$100 - Custodian (wedding ceremony with reception and rehearsal dinner)

Please make custodian check payable to Becky Mack

Ceremony Personnel

\$150 - Wedding Assistant (two hours for rehearsal and four hours for wedding day)

Please make Wedding Assistant check payable to Lynda Ciminello

\$50 - Wedding Assistant (Fireside Room Setup)

Please make coordinator check payable to Lynda Ciminello

\$75 - Sound System Technician (technician to be determined)

\$150 - Suggested honorarium for officiating minister

Music Personnel

The bride and groom are responsible to provide music for the ceremony. We encourage you to choose worshipful music that is appropriate for a wedding in a church setting.

FINAL CHECK LIST

Building/Room Use Fees*

**Room use fees are waived if the bride, groom or either of their parents are members of the Heath Church of Christ.*

- Main Auditorium**
\$250
- Fireside Room - Wedding**
\$150 - if applicable
- Fireside Room - Rehearsal Dinner/Reception**
\$150 - if applicable
- Kitchen**
\$100 - if applicable
Payable to Heath Church of Christ

Personnel Fees

Custodian Fee *(Payable to Becky Mack)*

- \$50 - Wedding Ceremony
- \$75 - Wedding Ceremony and Reception or Rehearsal Dinner
- \$100 - Wedding Ceremony, Reception and Rehearsal Dinner

Wedding Assistant Fee *(Payable to Lynda Ciminello)*

- \$150 - Two hours for rehearsal and four hours for wedding day
- \$50 - Fireside Room Setup

- Sound System Technician**
\$100 *(To be determined)*

- Minister** - suggested honorarium
\$150 *(To be determined)*

**HEATH CHURCH OF CHRIST
WEDDING APPLICATION**

Please carefully read the policy we have provided and then return this completed application to:

**Heath Church of Christ
1331 Chapel Way
Heath, OH 43056**

(740) 522-8402

**WEDDING DAY
INFORMATION**

The Preferred Dates:

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

3rd Choice _____

Time of Ceremony: _____

(start time of actual ceremony)

Note: No ceremony will be held on Saturday after 4:30 p.m.

Time of Rehearsal: _____

Reception Location:

Church Fireside Room — Other
(Please circle one)

BRIDE'S INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: home (____) _____ cell (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Parent's Names: _____

Contact Person (if other than the Bride)

Name: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

GROOM'S INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: home (____) _____ cell (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Parent's Names: _____

WEDDING PARTY:

Bride's Attendants: _____

Groom's Attendants: _____

Name of Minister: _____

Name of Musicians: _____

Name of Sound Technician: _____

AGREEMENT

Our signatures signify that we have read and agree to abide by all conditions set forth in the wedding policy and this application.

BRIDE

GROOM