

**Hope Ridge United Methodist Church**  
**9870 Johnnycake Ridge Road**  
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### **WEDDING INFORMATION AND REGULATIONS**

It is our pleasure to assist you in planning your wedding at Hope Ridge United Methodist Church. The information that follows details the policy and fees. All Weddings and Rehearsals are scheduled after consultation with the Pastor. Please read it carefully and if you have any questions, please contact the church office or Pastor Beth.

#### **CLERGY:**

Rev. Beth Wilterdink of our church will officiate at all weddings.

**MUSIC:** The pastor will be in touch with the church pianist, and it will then be the wedding couples' responsibility for coordinating the music well in advance of their wedding. It should be kept in mind that a wedding is a sacred service, and the music should be chosen accordingly.

#### **BUILDING REGULATIONS:**

1. Smoking and any alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted inside the Church.
2. Wedding parties, including persons helping with arrangements, are to see that papers, boxes, and all materials being discarded are left in the proper containers provided.
3. Dressing rooms, parlors, and restrooms should be left in the proper order.
4. Non-flash pictures are to be used during the wedding ceremony, including the professional photographer. Photographers are to be inconspicuous so as not to intrude upon the service. Please advise your photographer that standing on the pews or chairs in the Chapel or Worship and Family Life Center, will NOT be tolerated. You might suggest that they visit the church before your wedding day to determine their equipment needs.
5. Information regarding florist and photographer arrangements is generally discussed during the premarital counseling session. However, the couple is responsible for clearing the final details through the pastor two (2) weeks prior to the wedding. You are encouraged to call for any further guidance that you feel you may need.
6. Please do not throw rice or birdseed! Customs that are often observed today by couples are balloon releases, bubbles, or bells in celebration of the occasion. Please use environmentally safe balloons.
7. The marriage license should be presented to Pastor Beth at the time of the wedding rehearsal.
8. Balloons or a wedding sign marking the Chapel entrance is suggested for guests.

#### **PREMARITAL COUNSELING:**

All couples wishing to be married at Hope Ridge United Methodist Church are encouraged to attend worship on Sunday morning.

All couples will attend a minimum of three (3) counseling session with Pastor Beth prior to their wedding to talk about marriage and review the details of their ceremony.

#### **WEDDING PROGRAMS:**

The couple is responsible for providing a bulletin cover for the church office (they can be picked up at Mosack's on Mentor Ave.) Your wedding programs will be designed and printed through the church office, and a proof will be emailed to you to check and return one (1) week prior to the ceremony.

**RECEPTION AT THE CHURCH:** Please consult with the church office.

**FEES:**

In order to reserve the church for a wedding, a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 is required, that will be applied to the total amount. All other fees must be paid on or before the time of the rehearsal.

To be paid to “Hope Ridge United Methodist Church”:

Worship and Family Life Center.....	\$ 300.00
Chapel .....	\$ 200.00
Premarital counseling, Prepare-Enrich fee.....	\$ 35.00

To be paid to individuals:

Pianist: Standard weddings.....	\$ 125.00
For music consultation, rehearsal, or additional music	
Wedding Coordinator .....	\$ 50.00
Video/Sound Booth.....	\$ 50.00/person
Minister: The Rev. Beth Wilterdink .....	\$ 200.00