



## Weddings at Kent UCC

Weddings are joyous occasions for the worship of God; we believe that when you know love, you know God. So whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome to get married here, at the Kent United Church of Christ! We want to celebrate with you the love of God you have discovered in one another.

If you do not regularly attend worship services at Kent UCC, we invite your first personal contact with the pastor to be immediately following a Sunday morning worship service that you have attended. Introduce yourselves and say that you are interested in having your wedding at Kent UCC. Though you are not required to become a member of the congregation, we encourage you to worship and engage with us, to enjoy our open and affirming congregation and become a part of our beloved community.

To begin your wedding preparations at our church, you are invited to make an appointment with the pastor to set a wedding date and share your story. Together we will explore your respective faith journeys, hopes for your big day and your life together. We believe that a wedding ceremony is most meaningful when it reflects the individuals entering the covenant of marriage as well as their personality as a couple. Therefore, each ceremony is lovingly planned with thoughtful participation by the couple, guided by our pastor. Each ceremony is very personal, reflective of your love story and vision for your life together.

Shortly after the wedding date is set, a meeting will also be arranged with our church wedding coordinators to discuss other practical details. Our church office will discuss fees with you when you set up the initial appointment with the pastor.

Our sanctuary can accommodate 450 worshipers: 300 on the main floor and 150 in the balcony. Our chapel can hold as many as 150. Your best choice is to creatively adapt your plans to the scale of the room. The design of our sanctuary reflects a clean modern aesthetic in which the decoration is architectural. The chapel is an even more modern space with abundant natural light.

We can provide two seven-branch candelabra, placed to the right and left of the Communion table, and hurricane lamps attached to the pews along the center aisle. Any additional candles can be discussed with the pastor. The wedding party would be responsible for supplying dripless candles or a unity candle.

We do not recommend the use of an aisle runner. No nails or adhesives (tape or glue) may be used on any furniture or other surface in the sanctuary. No rice or confetti is to be used anywhere in the church building or on the church campus; bird seed or bubbles may be thrown outside of the building. No alcohol, tobacco, or illegal substance use is permitted anywhere on the campus of Kent United Church of Christ.

If you would like, the church office will prepare a printed bulletin that includes the order of worship to help your guests participate in the service and provide you with a beautiful souvenir of your ceremony. If you prefer to have a customized bulletin, we will supply you with a digital file of the worship information and format.

Couples who expect to be legally married in the State of Ohio must obtain an Ohio marriage license and deliver it to the pastor at the rehearsal. For more information call 330-298-3149 (Portage County Probate Court).

Our church facilities are usually open and available to you one hour before and up to 90 minutes following the scheduled start of your wedding. Those times can be adjusted through the church office if you wish to have the wedding party dress at the church or if you plan to have photographs taken at the church before or after the wedding.

We recommend that you have flowers for your wedding delivered to the church on the day of the service during our regular office hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; or 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Saturday. We cannot guarantee that someone will be here to accept delivery of your flowers except during these office hours.

For most weddings, a rehearsal on the night before is recommended. The rehearsal usually lasts one hour and should include the couple, their attendants, parents, ushers, readers, and anyone else who will be included in the formal seating.

If you would like to have your reception at the church, our fellowship hall can accommodate approximately 150 people seated at tables. If you would like to hold your reception at the church, the wedding coordinator will help you set it up.

We look forward to being a part of this most joyous occasion in your life!

**God is Love.**

# Fees

For wedding and rehearsal access to the facility, pastoral services, organist/pianist consultation and performance, custodian, wedding coordinator(s), printed bulletin, and candles:

<b>Fees</b>	<b>Member Fee*</b>	<b>Non-Member Fee</b>
Minister	\$250	\$400
Organist/Pianist	\$150	\$150
Wedding Coordinator	\$125	\$125
A/V Specialist	\$25/hour	\$25/hour
Chapel	No Cost	\$150
Sanctuary	N/C	\$300
VanMeter Hall	N/C	\$150
Classrooms	N/C	\$50
Supply Fund	N/C	\$50
Cleaning Fee	\$50	\$100

\*The member rate is available to church members and immediate family (spouse, children, grandchildren, and parents) who are active members of the church at the time they make the reservation. No wedding reservation is complete or binding until all fees are paid in full. If fees have not been paid, you will be sent a bill 60 days prior to your wedding date. Payment in full is due 30 days before your wedding date. Unless prior arrangements have been made with the church office, our facilities and staff may not be available for your wedding if fees are not paid in full by the due date.



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