

## WEDDING INFORMATION

### ORONO UNITED CHURCH

Box 262, 111 Church St N, Orono, ON L0B 1M0

**We are very pleased that you are planning to be married and have chosen Orono United Church as the place for your ceremony. We consider marriage ceremonies to be an important part of our ministry to our congregation and community. We want you to have the wedding that you will be able to look back on with joy, and to assist you in your preparations we submit the following comments and information.**

**Please note: All weddings in our Sanctuary will be led by our minister.**

It is important for couples to realize that in being married by a minister, in a church, they are publicly acknowledging the importance of spirituality and Christian faith in their lives. A Christian wedding is a service of worship.

#### MARRIAGE PREPARATION SESSIONS

The minister will have an initial interview with you, and further sessions with you after that as required. During these meetings we will consider all arrangements that pertain to the ceremony in the church, as well as the ceremony itself. Any concerns you have as a couple can be discussed during these sessions.

#### ORDER AND CONTENT OF SERVICE

Our priority is to ensure that the wedding ceremony is how you want it to be, while still meeting the requirements of both the church and the law. When you meet with the minister for the first time, you will be given a book that will guide you through the ceremony and allow you to select elements that suit you as a couple. The book will tell you which parts of the ceremony are optional and which are compulsory. For most parts there are a variety of different wordings that you can choose from to suit the style of wedding you are hoping for.

#### MUSIC

The organist should be consulted quite early if you have special music requests. She will be helpful to you but retains the right of final decision about music to be played. If there is a soloist, we make provision for one rehearsal with the organist which should be two weeks before the wedding. Guest organists are possible only with the church organist's permission. Ordinarily we prefer our own organist in view of the demands of our organ and the ceremony. Instruments used for the wedding other than the organ or piano will be at the discretion of the minister.

### REHEARSAL

This is normally the evening before the wedding and lasts about an hour. It is helpful if the whole wedding party as well as any parents of the bride and groom are present.

### DECORATING THE CHURCH

A couple may, if they choose, decorate the church for their wedding. No floral arrangements are to be placed on the communion table. Some decorations may be used on the ends of the pews and candelabra may be used at the front of the church. The minister is to be consulted regarding any plans a couple may have for decorating the church for their wedding.

### PHOTOS DURING THE CEREMONY

Provided it is done with discretion, photography is allowed during the service if the couple wish. By discretion, we mean that the photographer must not interrupt the ceremony in any way, and must not be a distraction to the minister, the wedding party or those in attendance. Video is permitted during the service.

### USE OF CONFETTI

Use of confetti or rice is not permitted within the church premises or immediately outside the church entrances.

### SMOKING

Smoking is not permitted within the church premises.

### USE OF LIQUOR OR DRUGS

If either the bride or bridegroom or either of the two witnesses to the marriage are observably under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs at the time of the marriage, the wedding ceremony will be cancelled immediately by the minister.

### FEES

The following fee structure has been established by the Session of Orono United Church. These fees are to be placed in separate designated envelopes and given to the minister at the last marriage preparation session along with the marriage license. A deposit of \$200.00 is required at the time of the booking of the church and will go to the church rental fee.

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### FEE SCHEDULE

For everyone - members and non-members being married in our church:

Church Rental Fee	\$	200.00
Custodian's Fee		75.00
Organist's Fee		130.00
Booklet for Wedding (optional)		50.00
Minister's Fee		170.00

If a couple wish to come into the church to be married as follows:  
no rehearsal, with 50 guests or fewer, and taking about one hour in total, the fees  
are:

Church Rental Fee	\$	100.00
Custodian		50.00
Organist <i>(if required)</i>		85.00
Booklet for Wedding (optional)		50.00
Minister's Fee		170.00