



Your Wedding at UUF

We are pleased that you are interested in the Unitarian Universalists of Fallston church for your wedding location. Couples usually have a host of questions about preparing for their ceremony. We hope this pamphlet is helpful in answering some of those questions.

Wedding Coordinator

We are happy to assist you in your preparations at our church. An UUF member will act as your ‘wedding coordinator’ to help you plan and prepare for the use of the church and will be present during the rehearsal and ceremony to help things run smoothly. Please feel free to contact her/him with any questions.

Initial Arrangements

As a first step, our wedding coordinator will give you a tour of the church facilities and discuss your general plans with you. To reserve a date for your wedding, you will need to complete a Building Use Agreement in which you provide information about your wedding plans and agree to observe the conditions for use of the church. The wedding coordinator will provide you with the Building Use form.

Minister

You are free to use the officiator of your choice for your ceremony. The wedding coordinator can provide you with a list of licensed ministers, if you would like one. You will need to make all arrangements regarding availability, fees and content of the ceremony directly with your officiator.

Civil License

You must obtain your legal marriage license from the Circuit Court for Harford County, located at 20 W. Courtland St., Bel Air, Maryland. The license cannot be from any other county. Only one person needs to be present when you apply for the license; however, documentary proof of the ages of both parties must be presented. Also, if either party has been married previously, proof of divorce may be required. There is a 48-hour waiting period for the license. Once you apply, you can pickup the license no sooner than 48 hours later (during regular business hours). The license is then valid for six months. *Although we believe all information we offer is correct, please verify these legal requirements directly with the County in case they have changed.*

Ministers require the license in hand *before* the actual wedding ceremony. They will not perform the ceremony without it. We suggest you discuss with your facilitator when she/he would like you to give the license to her/him.



Facilities

Our intimate church setting is best suited for weddings of up to 70 guests plus the wedding party. Optimal size is 40 – 60 guests. Larger weddings are difficult to seat comfortably in our sanctuary.

There are rooms where the wedding party can assemble, make final adjustments to hair and clothing and prepare for their entrance for the ceremony. However, since we do not have facilities appropriate for all of the preparation of the bride and bridesmaids, we recommend the wedding party dress in the wedding attire and complete hair and makeup preparations prior to arriving at the church.

We have a playroom with toddler age toys if needed to entertain any small children attending and our restrooms are equipped with diaper changing tables.

There are parking spaces for 34 cars. If needed, cars can be parked in the center lanes of the lot.

Reception

For small, informal weddings, our foyer, with a lovely fireplace and adjustable lighting, works well for a gathering with finger foods and beverages. In good weather, the side yard can also be used as there is an access door from the foyer. Catered or home-prepared food can be brought in and served. We do not have a health department license and so we are not permitted to use our facility for food preparation other than last step assembling and serving. The refrigerator and stove can be used for holding already prepared food and, of course, the sink can be used for clean up! Our building is not suitable for a large sit-down reception.



Decorations

You and the wedding coordinator will plan the number and arrangement of chairs and tables to best accommodate your ceremony. Please confirm delivery times with the wedding coordinator for flowers, wedding cake, or any other items you plan to have delivered to the church. If you wish to use a runner for the aisle, please plan to use cloth. Paper and plastic runners can slide and may cause injuries and so we must prohibit their use. Similarly, throwing birdseed, rice and confetti is prohibited to avoid both injury and difficult cleanup. Many couples enjoy the modern alternative – bubbles! Silk flower petals can be thrown, but, please no “real” flower petals. Other decoration such as bows, window dressing, door decorations can be used. You are responsible for setting up and removing all decorations.

To get the full value of joy, you must have someone to share it with. ~Mark Twain~



Music

You may use musicians or vocalists of your choice. We have a piano and a CD player with speakers in both the sanctuary and the foyer. Please plan for someone in your party to operate the CD player during your ceremony. The wedding coordinator will provide instructions for use of the CD equipment.

Our pianist and solo vocalist take engagements for weddings at the following fees: Pianist: \$125; Soloist \$100. Let the wedding coordinator know if you wish to engage their services.

Donations

The following is a guideline for suitable donations for use of the church:

- UUF Member:\$125
- Non- Members:
- Wedding only (1 use)\$200
- Wedding & Rehearsal (2 uses) \$250
- Wedding with reception\$300

Responsibility

Any references we give you for service providers are given solely for your convenience. UUF does not endorse or warrantee any individuals or businesses or their quality of service. You are responsible for making your own assessment of whether or not they will meet your needs. You are also responsible for making and confirming your own arrangements with these persons and/or establishments.



“When two people pledge to love and care for each other in marriage, they create a spirit unique to themselves, which binds them closer than any spoken or written words. Marriage is a promise, a potential, made in the hearts of two people who love, which takes a lifetime to fulfill.”

~ Edmund O'Neill ~



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