

Wedding Policies
St Johns United Church of Christ
15370 Olive Blvd.
Chesterfield, MO 63017

Inquiry: A couple desiring to wed at St Johns UCC should complete an inquiry form and submit it to the church office with the appropriate deposit. Please contact the Pastor 636 532 0540 to secure your date and discuss arrangements.

Building use for weddings includes 90 minutes prior to service and one hour following the service.

All weddings require a **rehearsal** which should be scheduled when the service date and time are secured. Rehearsals run approximately one hour and include the organist and soloist (if applicable).

A Christian Wedding: As you plan for your wedding, you also plan for your marriage. Part of your preparation will be a conversation with the pastor, required as you prepare for your new life.

The Order of Service: The wedding service is outlined in the UCC Book of Worship. The pastor will work with you in the selection of scripture, vows, readings and music for your wedding.

Organist: The church organist/music director is well prepared to assist you in making your wedding meaningful. The pastor and organist work together to assure a beautiful seamless wedding service.

Soloist: The church does not automatically provide a soloist, but the organist can help you locate a soloist. Fees and particulars will be discussed in meeting with pastor. The organist will practice one time with the soloist.

Marriage License and Fees are your responsibility. Bring the license to the rehearsal for signatures of the pastor and witnesses. (Marriage licenses are applied for within 30 days of ceremony)

All fees must be paid at least two days prior to wedding date. Please make out individual checks to pastor, organist and soloist. The check for fees to the church should be made out to: 'St Johns United Church of Christ'

Sound system includes use of microphones. Other sound needs may be discussed at meeting with pastor and may require additional fees.

Photographs: Discreet photos may be taken during the ceremony. Most photographers understand the importance of remaining 'in the back ground' but their presence is welcomed.

Flowers and Decorations: may be placed on the day of the wedding 60-90 minutes prior to ceremony. Any petals thrown by flower girl must be silk. Flowers may be removed following service or donated to the church to be enjoyed at Sunday services. Please do not use scotch tape on our pews, floral tape is acceptable.

No aisle runners are allowed per fire code.

Candles: Two large oil filled candelabra are furnished by the church. Unity candles are welcome at the couples expense, the church has a unity candle holder available.

Rooms: are available for dressing and preparation. The sanctuary comfortably holds 300 people. 19 pews on each side.

No alcoholic beverages or smoking are allowed on the property of St, Johns UCC.