



Altoona Christian Church

Disciples of Christ



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But Ruth said. "Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go: Where you lodge,
I will lodge: Your people shall be my people,
and your God my God."
- (Ruth 1:16, NRSV)

"Love is patient: love is kind: love is
not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.
It does not insist on its own way:
it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in
wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It
bears all things, believes all things, hopes all
things, endures all things. And now faith,
hope, and love abide, these three;
and the greatest of these is love."
- (1 Corinthians 13:4-7, 13, NRSV)

GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

Seating - The seating capacity of the church sanctuary is 360. The front rows are generally not used. Groom's family and friends sit on right side of sanctuary. Bride's family and friends sit on left. Parents and grandparents usually sit in the second row. The bride's mother is generally seated last - just before the ceremony is to begin.

Wedding License - Please bring the license to the rehearsal, having read and complied with all instructions.

POLICIES OF THE CHURCH

1. No smoking anywhere in the building.
2. No illegal substances on the premises.
3. No alcoholic beverages on the premises.
4. No rice or bird seed anywhere on the premises.
5. No balloons released from the church grounds.
6. No food or drink in the sanctuary, except water.
7. No tape, tacks, pins, or other items which may damage the church facility may be used.
8. No altar furniture is to be moved.
9. No fresh flower petals are to be dropped; only silk petals may be used.
10. Seasonal decorations (e.g. Christmas/Advent decorations) will not be removed from the sanctuary.
11. Parking is limited to hard-surface parking lot area only.

Please contact the Wedding Coordinator with any questions regarding the above information and policies.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Aisle Runner - The use of an aisle runner is not recommended due to tripping hazard. The wedding party is responsible for providing a runner if one is to be used. The aisle carpet length is 50 feet from the chancel steps to the doors leading into the sanctuary.

Deliveries - Please make arrangements with the wedding coordinator concerning deliveries of flowers, food delivery, etc.

Kitchen Use - Limited use of the kitchen by the wedding party is permitted. Please discuss with the wedding coordinator.

Music - All music used in the church will be approved by the pastor and the musicians. Appropriate sacred music will be used in the ceremony.

Pictures/Videos - Pictures can be posed in the church before and/or after the wedding. Video taping of the ceremony is permitted. No flash pictures are to be taken during the processional and recessional. No pictures involving the wedding party will be taken during the 30-minute period before the ceremony.

Rehearsal - A rehearsal will be held the evening prior to the ceremony. Unless approved by the pastor, all participants in the wedding will be present at the rehearsal.

Sanctuary Furnishings and Decorations - Sanctuary furniture, including pulpit and communion table, will remain in place; altar cloths will be changed to white for the ceremony. Candelabra, a kneeling bench, and a unity candle base are available for use if desired. The wedding party will provide unity candle(s) and other decorations. Any decorations should be hung using 3M brand Command hooks or pew clips obtained through a florist; no tape may be used.

WELCOME!

In this booklet you'll find all you need to know about getting married at Altoona Christian Church. We're so glad you're considering our sanctuary as the setting for your special day.

By choosing to be married in a church, you acknowledge that a wedding is a spiritual (as well as legal) event and that marriage is a spiritual journey. You also acknowledge that it is important to be surrounded by your community and to allow them to support you in love and prayer.

As the pastor of this church I expect that as you prepare for the details of the wedding service, you'll also be prepared to work with me and God in preparing your relationship for marriage. The process of two people joining in a relationship which is intended to last for a lifetime does involve great effort, and planning a wedding is not without stress. I promise to work with you through pre-marital counseling to help you in the development of your relationship and in building communication skills. We'll explore your relationship strengths and growth areas; learn skills to resolve conflicts; gain understanding about your families-of-origin and what that means to you as a couple; and develop personal, couple and family goals. I am a trained counselor in the Prepare/Enrich counseling program. I also promise to craft a meaningful, beautiful, and personal wedding ceremony that reflects your relationship and your families.

At Altoona Christian Church we want your wedding to be a meaningful and joyful celebration. We also want your marriage to be fulfilling as well as lasting. The church is here to always be in ministry with you to help you as people of God. If at any time we can be of help to you please call.

Rev. McKinna Daugherty

THE CHURCH WEDDING STAFF:

WEDDING COORDINATOR: Our coordinator presides over the details of the wedding: preparation, decoration, ceremony, and use of the building. To schedule a wedding at the church, an initial appointment with the coordinator is required to gather information and make plans for the wedding.

Wedding Coordinator: Stephanie Hosier (967-5961)

PASTOR: Our pastor presides over the wedding ceremony and assists in spiritual and family issues. A meeting with a pastor is required to make plans and choose options for the wedding ceremony and to arrange pre-marriage counseling services.

Pastor: Rev. McKinna Daugherty (329-4050)

MUSICIANS: Our musicians are available to play for weddings at his/her discretion. If you want a musician for your ceremony, please contact one as soon as possible.

Organist/Pianist: Paulette Craggs (967-3062)

Keyboardist: Barb Hulen (967-7067)

Saxophonist/Organist: Ron Rieckmann (971-7932)

CUSTODIANS: Our custodian(s) performs a general cleaning of the building before and after the wedding. The wedding party is responsible for returning the church to its original condition (i.e. replacing any furniture that is moved, etc.)

Custodians: David & Kristy Leinen (229-7715 or 229-7702)

SOUND SYSTEM COORDINATORS: The sound system coordinator(s) works with the pastor, musicians, and video operators to ensure the best and most effective use of sound and unobtrusive taping of the ceremony.

The Wedding Coordinator can provide contact information for recommended Sound System Coordinators.

FEES

	<u>Members</u> ¹	<u>Non-Members</u>
Damage Deposit ²	\$100.00	\$100.00
Sanctuary/Gazebo Garden Rental	<i>waived</i>	\$300.00
Sanctuary Use w/ a Non-ACC Pastor officiating		\$500.00
Pastor's Fee	<i>waived</i> ³	\$250.00
Wedding Coordinator's Fee	\$100.00	\$100.00
Organist	\$100.00	\$100.00
Saxophonist's Fee	\$100.00	\$100.00
Sound System Fee	\$50.00	\$50.00
Custodian	\$50.00	\$50.00
Use of Fellowship Hall/Kitchen (Rehearsal and/or pre-wedding use)	<i>waived</i>	\$50.00

¹ Wedding parties are classified as "members" when the bride, groom, or grand/parents have been actively involved in the life of the Altoona Christian Church congregation for the last six months.

² In order to reserve a wedding on the church calendar, a damage deposit is required. The damage deposit is refunded after the wedding in conjunction with a survey of church property by the wedding coordinator. In case of a cancellation, a refund will be made.

³ The pastor's fee is waived for members. However, if you wish to provide an honorarium please make a gift to the outreach ministries of the church.

Fees for sanctuary rental, pastor, musician, wedding coordinator, sound system coordinator, and custodian are due at the rehearsal.