

ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH WEDDING INFORMATION

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This wedding may be your first association with St. James, or you may have a very limited relationship, or you may have an on-going relationship with this church currently. We hope it grows deeper in the future, whatever your present level of involvement

This information is to help you arrange a church wedding at St. James. It is important to remember that a wedding in a church is a religious ceremony and will be treated by us as a service of worship. Planning your wedding with this in mind will make it a special and significant occasion for you.

Clergy

We have two people on staff who preside at weddings. If you wish another minister to perform your wedding, there is a \$50.00 fee for unlocking/locking the building and sound system. A request for guest ministers needs to be approved by the Worship Committee.

Booking your wedding

Book your wedding well in advance, in order to have it on the day and time you wish. At least one month's notice will be required for a wedding. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is required to book and confirm a wedding date and time. If there is more than one couple wanting a specific day and time, the first couple confirming their booking with a \$100.00 non-refundable deposit will have precedence, and all others must work around that time. A letter outlining the wedding policies will be given to the couple when the booking is confirmed.

If there is more than one wedding on your date, they will be booked one and a half hours apart. We ask that if there is a wedding following yours, you have someone ready to see that the sanctuary is left in the same condition as when you arrived, to provide a special space to others as well as yourselves.

Interviews

Couples will be required to attend marriage preparation classes. St. James does not typically offer marriage preparation classes. If there are extenuating circumstances, the ministry personnel may make special arrangements in lieu of the classes. At least two interviews with the ministry personnel will take place prior to the wedding.

A marriage license must be purchased prior to the wedding.

If you are divorced, by law, the minister must inspect your Decree Absolute. Please bring this information with you to your first interview.

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Music

If you wish to use our organist let us know. It will then be up to you to negotiate with the organist your music choice and if there is to be a soloist. Should you arrange your own accompanist then you are responsible for the cost of the accompanist and must plan to ensure the accompanist is familiar with the St. James piano/organ. If there is a soloist that requires accompaniment by the St. James organist, then you must negotiate this with the organist, giving at least two weeks notice.

Pictures

Pictures/videos during the wedding are permitted if the person taking the pictures is discrete and does not disrupt the service in any fashion. Flash photography is not acceptable. Pictures following the ceremony can be arranged.

Wedding Day

Ushers should be here 30 to 45 minutes before wedding time. It is very important that your wedding begin on time, since the church schedule is often a busy one. We ask that you extend that courtesy to those whose special time may be following yours.

Please make this a chemical free occasion. If there is any evidence of drinking or other drug use, we are not legally able to marry you.

Decorations such as candles and floral arrangements are the responsibility of the couple. The church candelabra is available for use, but the candles must be supplied by the couple. Confetti is not allowed within the church / church property.

An outside clergy is permissible to perform the ceremony upon arrangement with St. James ministry personnel.

Documents

In the Province of Saskatchewan you are required to have a valid marriage license, which may be obtained from a jewelry store up to 3 months prior to your wedding.

Costs

The cost for a wedding at St. James is \$600.00, which will be divided as follows: \$200.00 for the clergy person, \$150.00 for the organist, and \$250.00 for the maintenance of the building and engaging in our church mission. The \$100 deposit is counted toward the fee. Based on the ability to pay, the amount of the fee can be adjusted by the ministry personnel.

If St. James ministry personnel are conducting a wedding off-site, the fee will be \$150.

We ask that you bring these fees and your license to the church no later than one week prior to your wedding.

Should your wedding be in St. James, we will do all we can to ensure that it is a special day to mark this important occasion in your life.