

## TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

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### INFORMATION CONCERNING WEDDINGS

We are glad you are considering Trinity United Church as the place you begin your married life. In your wedding service: we thank God for the love which has brought you together; we ask God's blessing and guidance in your marriage; and you make a life-long covenant with one another, in the sight of God and witnesses, to care for one another. The ministers and staff will be pleased to help you in every possible way. We offer the following information for your guidance, keeping in mind that your wedding is a worship celebration where God is honoured.

1. Couples planning to be married will speak to the minister to arrange a preliminary interview. At the interview the minister will confirm dates, suggest appropriate marriage education, which is required, and schedule subsequent interviews with the couple, as deemed necessary by the couple and the minister.
2. Authorization for the minister to officiate shall be procured in one of the following ways:
  - (a.) When both the bride and groom are members and regular attendees of worship at Trinity, or some other church, banns may be published. Such banns are valid for three months from date of publication.
  - (b.) When a marriage is to be authorized by a licence, it must be procured and left at the church office. Such licence is valid for three months from the date it is procured. It is helpful to leave it at the church office at least four days before the marriage.
3. Rehearsal is necessary and is usually held 1 - 7 days before the wedding, with bride and groom, attendants and parents present.
4. For suggested donation and honoraria for marriage services at Trinity see below: Total \$930  
Clergy \$300, Organist \$150 (min.), Sexton \$150,  
Sound Technician \$100 and Use of the Sanctuary \$230  
When you deliver your licence to the office, please bring an envelope clearly marked with your name, with cash (no cheques) to the church office ten days before the wedding.

\*\* Remuneration for the organist is in accordance with the RCCO standards and receives payment even should other musicians take part.

5.
  - (1) Your wedding is a worship service where God is honoured, thus the music that is used will be sacred music. The church will provide the Organist. Musical selections must be discussed in advance and approved by the Minister and Organist in accordance with Church Board policy.
  - (2) Prelude music will begin 15 minutes prior to the service.
  - (3) Unless a specific selection is requested, an appropriate combination of selections will be chosen by the Organist.
  - (4) Arrangements for vocal soloists or other musicians must be arranged with the minister, organist and appropriate rehearsal time scheduled.
6. Photographs may be taken in the church (by professionals or amateurs) at the following times:  
  
Bride in the Narthex;  
on the way down the aisle;  
signing the register;  
wedding recessional;  
pictures during the ceremony: no flashes, no  
photographers moving around the chancel area during  
the service; a video camera discreetly placed, is welcome
7. Bubbles / etc. need to be kept out of the church building and off the front steps. No confetti, thank you.
8. There are two upright candelabra available at your request. Each one holds 7 candles, 30 cm. long., provided by the bridal couple.  
There are pew candle stands for the central aisle as well. These cost \$40.00 to put up.

Congratulations on this new venture you are about to begin.  
May God Bless you!