

**an Information Booklet
for planning your Wedding at**



**St. John's United Church
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For more information, and photos of our Sanctuary please visit

www.stjohnsunity.ca

Cindy McCuaig, Wedding Coordinator

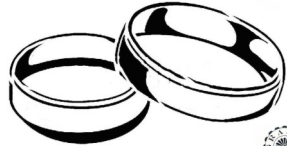
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Church office

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Your Wedding at St. John's



Initial Arrangements

Please contact our Wedding Coordinator to ensure the date and time you wish are available. The interview with the minister and all other details are arranged through the Coordinator. Please telephone 905-808-9188 or email Cindy McCuaig at cindy.mcuaig@stjohnsunited.ca to arrange a meeting at the church for a tour and to discuss details regarding your ceremony. If you are using the services of a florist, photographer or wedding consultant, please have them direct their inquiries to Cindy. **A deposit of \$100.00 is required to confirm a date and time for the ceremony.**

Interview with the Minister

In this and any subsequent interviews, details of the ceremony will be explained and worked out under the guidance of one of our ministers. They will discuss your wishes, and will provide you with service outlines for consideration. The United Church of Canada is inclusive and welcoming to couples of other religious backgrounds. The coordinator and Minister will be able to make suggestions to help you make your wedding a personal and memorable occasion, and we encourage you to consider including readings, and the lighting of a unity candle in your ceremony as an opportunity to include others who are special to you, to be part of your commitment to each other.

License

In the Province of Ontario a wedding may only be performed under the authority of a License, which you will need to obtain from a Municipal Office. A License is valid for three months from the date of issue. Once you have obtained your License, St. John's will complete all necessary information. Please do not write on either the envelope, or the two-part license, and bring them to the church office immediately upon issuance.

All information required on the License will be completed by the Church office.

Rehearsal

The rehearsal time should be booked as soon as possible. Please allow 45 minutes. Ideally, all participants in the ceremony should attend the rehearsal. ***We request that you be on time so we can start promptly, as the sanctuary is used most evenings for other purposes.***

Music



At St. John's Church, our Director of Music, Svetlana Kotliarenko is responsible for either organ or piano music played at your wedding. You will need to select processional and recessional music, and consider what you may like to have played during the signing of the register. To assist you, there is a list of suitable pieces that is included in this package. If you wish to choose other music, the coordinator will be able to assist you with suggestions. If you desire additional musicians or a soloist, we can help you with these arrangements as well, but this needs to be considered well in advance of your date. Additional costs can be expected.

Church Decorations

St. John's Church is a beautiful place of worship and does not require elaborate decoration. We are able to provide pew candles and bows, please ask the coordinator to see them in advance. If you choose to have floral arrangements in the chancel, arrangements will need to be made in advance with the coordinator regarding delivery and placement. **We do not allow flower petals, rice, bubbles or carpet runners in the church, or the moving or marking of church furnishings.**



Your Wedding Day - "Timing"

We allocate a special block of time for each wedding to ensure that your wedding can be conducted in a relaxed manner without conflict with another wedding party or event. To accomplish this, promptness is essential. **Ushers/Groomsmen should be present 40 minutes before the service begins. The Bridal party should arrive outside the church five minutes before the ceremony is scheduled to begin.**

Fees

Your cost of your wedding in the Sanctuary at St. John's includes gratuities for the Minister and organist, and fees for the use of the church, including use of candelabra and other fixtures, and is payable by **cheque only** to St. John's United Church in two installments:

At time of booking:	\$100.00
Post-dated cheque or e-transfer one month in advance:	<u>\$1,400.00</u>
Total:	\$1,500.00

If we can be of assistance to you as you plan this important occasion, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

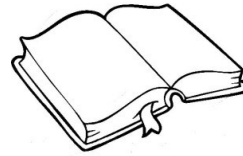
Wedding Coordinator: Cindy McCuaig 905-808-9188 email: cindy.mccuaig@stjohnsunited.ca

Minister: Rev. Dr. Stephen Iverson email: stephen@stjohnsunited.ca

Readings during the Ceremony

You may want to consider some of the suggested readings found below to include in your ceremony. You are welcome to include ones that may hold special significance to yourselves, or your families. The wedding coordinator will ensure there are copies of any readings you may choose for your special day.

- **1 Corinthians 13:4-8**
- **Apache Wedding Prayer**
- **The Key to Love**
- **Traditional Irish Blessing**
- **The Prophet (Kahlil Gibran)**
- **The Wedding Prayer (Robert Louis Stevenson)**
- **The Magic of Love (Helen Steiner Rice)**
- **Sooner or Later**
- **Love without Conditions (Kahlil Gibran)**
- **Marriage Joins Two People in The Circle of Love**
- **Sonnet 116 (William Shakespeare)**



Wedding Music Suggestions

Listed below are some suggestions for music, and most can be found on Youtube if you are not familiar with the pieces and composers. The wedding coordinator will discuss this with you in more detail.

Processionals

Canon in D.....Johann Pachelbel
Wedding March (*Lohengrin*).....Richard Wagner
Prince of Denmark's March*.....Jeremiah Clarke
Minuet from Suite Gothique.....Léon Boëllman
Trumpet Tune*.....Henry Purcell
Praise My Soul, The God Of Heaven.....John Goss
One Hand, One Heart (from *West Side Story*)..Leonard Bernstein

Recessionals

**Pieces noted with asterisk above also make for suitable Recessionals.*

Wedding March (*Midsummer Night's Dream*).....Felix Mendelssohn
Hornpipe from (*Water Music*)..... George Frideric Handel
March from (*Water Music*)..... George Frideric Handel
Te Deum.....Marc-Antoine Charpentier
Rigaudon.....André Campra
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee Ludwig Van Beethoven

Music During Signing of the Register

Ave Maria.....J.S. Bach/Charles Gounod. or by Franz Schubert
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (*also as a Processional*)J.S. Bach
Panis Angelicus César Franck
The Gift of Love English Folk Melody
You Raise Me Up Brendan Graham, Rolf Lovland
The Wind Beneath My Wings..... Larry Henley, Jeff Silbar
The Prayer Carol Bayer Sager, David Foster

Check List

- ☐ **Have we** checked the date and time with the Church before finalizing other plans?
- ☐ **Have we** inquired into the availability of a reception hall?
- ☐ **Have we** read books on the meaning of marriage?
- ☐ **Have we** confirmed the size of the guest list?
- ☐ **Have we** considered possible inclusions in the ceremony?
- ☐ **Have we** checked with the Church about music?
- ☐ **Have we** contacted the photographer?
- ☐ **Have we** thought about pew bows and pew-end candles, and printed Orders of Service?
- ☐ **Have we** ensured the ushers know their responsibilities?
- ☐ **Have we** considered ring bearers or flower girls?
It is recommended that ring bearers and flower girls not be younger than three years of age.
- ☐ **Have we** made sure we understand the cost of the wedding?
- ☐ **Have we** confirmed the date and time of the rehearsal?

*All these questions, and more, should be asked so that your wedding will be a memorable, joyous event .
Please feel free to call or email me if I can help in any way.*

Cindy McCuaig, Wedding Coordinator.

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