

**Facilities Usage**

Chapel Only	\$200.00
Sanctuary Only/Wedding	\$350.00
Wedding with Reception in Fellowship Hall	\$500.00
Reception Only	\$150.00

All fees are due thirty (30) days in advance of the wedding. Please leave your checks at the church office or mail them to:

Office Administrator  
Shawnee United Methodist Church  
10700 Johnson Drive  
Shawnee, Kansas 66203-2846

*Make checks payable as follows:*

<i>Pastor:</i>	<i>Rev. Brennan Cummings</i>
<i>Organist</i>	
<i>Wedding Coordinators</i>	<i>Ms. Mary McCoy</i>
<i>Custodial Services</i>	<i>Mr. Harry Moyer Sanctuary/ Shawnee United Methodist</i>
<i>Chapel/Candelabra Church</i>	



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# *Wedding Policy*

*of the*

Shawnee United Methodist Church  
10700 Johnson Drive  
Shawnee, Kansas 66203-2893  
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# WEDDING POLICY

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(913) 631-2280

We are pleased you've chosen Shawnee United Methodist Church for your marriage and wedding ceremony. Your wedding is a spiritual ceremony that will provide lasting memories for you. Your marriage is a spiritual union in which both of you covenant to live in relationship with God and each other and will be a blessing to you both. All aspects of these two events, including the vows, music, prayers, and decorations are for the purpose of glorifying God in a reverent and joyous atmosphere. The pastor and staff of Shawnee United Methodist Church seek to assist you in making your wedding a meaningful and memorable experience.

The following Guidelines are printed below to ensure that your wedding ceremony honors the sacred space of the Shawnee United Methodist Church while meeting your specific wedding needs. These are some of the people who will be working with you to help make your wedding the beautiful and meaningful event you want it to be.

Rev. Brennan Cummings,  
Senior Pastor  
913-631-2280, office

Connie Perry,  
Office Administrator  
913-631-2280, office

Organist & Music Advisor

Harry Moyer Custodian  
913-631-2280, office

TBA, Sound Engineer

Wedding Coordinator  
Mary McCoy, 913-248-0073 (home)

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

Fees for the wedding should be applied as follows. In some cases other fees may apply that are not detailed in this policy, but are a negotiation between the officiating pastor and the bride and groom where special circumstances apply.

### **FOR MEMBERS**

<i>Pastor</i>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<i>Honorarium (directly to Pastor, includes premarital counseling.)</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<b>\$175.00</b>	<i>(includes one-1 hour rehearsal and wedding.)</i>
<i>Wedding Coordinator</i>	<b>\$175.00</b>	<i>(includes meetings with the bride and groom prior to the rehearsal and wedding services.)</i>
<i>Custodial Services</i>	<b>\$150.00</b>	<i>Price may varies with added services</i>
<i>Audio Technician</i>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>	

### **FACILITY & EQUIPMENT USAGE**

<i>Sanctuary</i>	<b>NO CHARGE</b>
<i>Chapel</i>	<b>NO CHARGE</b>
<i>Wedding w/Reception in Fellowship Hall</i>	<b>\$125.00</b>

### **NON-MEMBER FEE SCHEDULE**

<i>Pastor</i>	<b>\$300.00</b>	<i>Honorarium (directly to Pastor, includes premarital counseling.)</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<i>(includes a one-1 hour rehearsal and wedding.)</i>
<i>Wedding Coordinator</i>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<i>(includes meetings with the bride and groom prior to the rehearsal and wedding.)</i>
<i>Custodial Services</i>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<i>Price may vary with added services</i>
<i>Audio Technician</i>	<b>\$100.00</b>	

*(fee schedule continued on next page)*

## **PERSONAL ITEMS & DRESSING ROOMS**

The wedding ceremony is a joyful worship service and the wedding attire should be appropriate for a worship service.

Dressing rooms are provided without extra charge. The bride and her attendants dress in the conference room. The groom and groomsmen may dress in Room 307. The bride and groom are responsible for arranging for the care of the property of the wedding party before, during and after the wedding and for the removal of all items immediately following the service. Dressing rooms should be cleaned up prior to leaving the wedding.

*The church will not be responsible for personal items such as wedding dresses, wraps, purses, silver and glassware, etc., brought to the church or used in the wedding. Nor shall the church be liable for any such items if lost, stolen, or damaged.*

## **CHURCH FACILITY USAGE**

Church facilities may be opened up to two hours before the ceremony, if requested. Please inform the wedding coordinator of your arrival time and any other building needs for deliveries and decorating. It is the responsibility of the wedding couple to arrange for clean up of personal and rented property after the ceremony. This includes removing decorations, flowers, candelabras not belonging to the church, and all personal belongings. All wedding activities including photography and clean up should be finished one and one-half hours after the scheduled wedding.

Application of hairspray and makeup should be restricted to the bathroom area. It is the responsibility of the wedding party to arrange for the care of their property before, during, and after the ceremony. The church cannot be responsible for lost or stolen articles.

***IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BRIDE AND/OR GROOM TO INFORM THE WEDDING PARTY AND SERVICE PROVIDERS OF ALL OF THE ABOVE RULES.***



## **SCHEDULING YOUR WEDDING**

Following a request for scheduling a ceremony, the bride and groom will be sent the current Wedding Policy and Wedding Request Application Form. After reading the policy, please fill out the Wedding Request Application Form and send or bring it to the Shawnee United Methodist Church. The wedding coordinator and Pastor will consider your request. In consultation and agreement with the couple to be wed and confirmation of the proposed date and time of the wedding, the couple will receive a confirmation form signed by both the Pastor and Wedding Coordinator and a reservation form indicating the agreed upon day, date and time of the wedding. You will receive confirmation within three to ten days of your request by email and U. S. Postal Service. Please return the reservation form with your signature and a non-refundable deposit of \$100 made out to the Shawnee United Methodist Church. *Your deposit must be received before your wedding is placed on the Church Calendar. Under no circumstances should dates be announced, invitations ordered, or other contractual obligations entered into until this process is completed. The deposit will be applied to payment of the church personnel fees.*

## **CEREMONY OFFICIAL**

*Weddings held in the Shawnee United Methodist Church are to be performed by the senior pastor of Shawnee United Methodist Church or under their direct supervision. All other arrangements must be made in consultation with the senior pastor. The minister performing the ceremony must be confirmed approximately four months before the wedding date. It is the responsibility of the couple to contact the presiding minister three to four months before the wedding to set up pre-marital counseling appointments.*

## **LOCATION AND SCHEDULING EXCEPTIONS**

We are an active worshipping congregation. Occasionally there are church events that make it impossible to schedule a wedding because of building usage. Therefore wedding services will not be scheduled on the following dates:

- Saturdays after 6:00 PM (*to allow preparation for Sunday worship*)
- **NO SUNDAYS.**
- Christmas Eve or Christmas
- New Years Eve or New Years Day
- During Holy Week including Easter Sunday
- Thanksgiving Day

## **WEDDING MUSIC**

Couples should meet with the Pastor and Wedding Coordinator upon scheduling their wedding. If you request a guest organist, the Pastor will need to approve him/her. *Couples will be responsible for the necessary musical arrangements for instrumental music used in place of, or in addition to the organ. The approval of the officiating minister is required.* All musicians should plan on attending the wedding rehearsal. They should arrive fifteen minutes prior to rehearsal time and at least thirty minutes prior to the ceremony.

A soloist may be able to be provided through the church, or you may know a vocalist you wish to perform. When the church secures a soloist, arrangements will be made through the organist/pianist. When you select your soloist, he/she should contact the church musician to arrange for rehearsal time. All music rehearsals, when possible, should be scheduled for a time other than the wedding rehearsal. *The pastor will have the final approval on all service music.*

## **FLOWERS/CANDLES/DECORATIONS/PROGRAMS**

Flowers — Please advise your florist that decorations may be fastened to furniture with tape only (no nails, staples, screws, wires, clamps or gluing). Decorations may not obstruct the view of the chancel worship symbols, such as the communion table, altar candles, pulpit and lectern. Worship symbols and furniture are not to be moved or rearranged without permission from the officiating minister. Decorating of church walls is prohibited.

Candles — The church has two seven-branch brass candelabras that may be used in your wedding. A Unity Candle Holder is also available for your use. If a Unity Candle is used in the service, the couple is responsible for its provision. Dripleless candles must be used. The following items are available for no additional fee:

- *Two Seven-branch Candelabras & Tapers*
- *Unity Candle Holder*

Bulletins — Wedding bulletins are the couple's responsibility. The pastor and wedding coordinator are ready to assist with the order of worship. The final order of worship must be approved by the pastor performing the ceremony.

Rice, birdseed or confetti ***MAY NOT*** be used or thrown inside or outside on church property. Fireworks and balloons are also prohibited. Bubbles may be used outside only. These are all difficult and expensive to clean up and are safety hazards. Plans to "*shower*" the couple in any other way should be approved by the wedding coordinator in advance. Silk flower petals only may be used for the flower girl basket.

## **PICTURES/VIDEOTAPING**

Photographers are welcome at weddings and serve a valuable purpose in preserving a treasured record of the event. Photographers and videographers must meet with the pastor prior to the start of the ceremony. Inasmuch as the wedding ceremony is a religious service of worship, all photographers, amateur and professional are requested to observe the reverence of the ceremony, the sanctuary and the church facilities. They are cautioned against marring the furniture (by standing on or resting equipment on chairs or any other pieces of furniture.) Photographers will be held responsible for any damage caused by carelessness. It is recommended that only "existing light" photography be taken during the ceremony. It is permissible to videotape the wedding if it is done in a manner that is not distracting to the wedding ceremony. Only low-light equipment may be used. Other camera placement, still and video, and creative photography shots must be made in consultation with the Pastor.

It is recommended that all pictures be taken before the ceremony. *The wedding party may reassemble in the sanctuary after the ceremony and "stage" any part of the ceremony.* Pictures that include the officiating pastor need to be taken first. Special care should be taken to not disrupt the ceremony with light, noise or movement. All pre-wedding photography must be finished in the sanctuary thirty minutes before the ceremony.

## **THE WEDDING PARTY**

Child care is not provided before, during or after the ceremony. Parents are responsible for the supervision of their children at all times.

Shawnee United Methodist Church is a church whose space is set aside for the worship of God. Members of the Wedding Party are expected to conduct themselves appropriately. Damage to any part of the church or grounds from the wedding party or guest will be considered the responsibility of the couple.

**NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are allowed on any part of the church property. *The wedding rehearsal or wedding will not be performed if any member of the wedding party is under the influence of alcohol.*

**SMOKING** is prohibited in our church building. Please be advised of this at rehearsal, wedding and reception.

In order to protect church property and the property of the wedding party, **NO** food is allowed in the dressing areas.