

EXETER UNITED CHURCH
WEDDING POLICY
(Revised 2016)

***Open arms, Open hearts, Open spirit** - This is our guiding statement to our actions at Exeter United Church! We hope that your experience with us is positive and reflects our desire to be open and engaging.*

The following information is offered to you for the purpose of helping you to plan your marriage ceremony. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Exeter United Church at (519) 235-0860 or email: exeterunitedchurch@gmail.com.

PLANNING - Confirm with our minister the time and date of your wedding, the wedding rehearsal, and the use of the Church's Accompanist. Requests for a guest minister to assist in the service or perform the ceremony must be made through our minister. It is also expected that you will meet with our minister at their discretion.

MUSIC - If you are planning to have music, this can be arranged by personally calling the Church's Accompanist (contact information will be provided) or if there is a request for a guest organist, this also must be made through the Church's Accompanist.

DECORATIONS - The decoration of the church (i.e. flowers, bows, candles) is the responsibility of the wedding couple. Decorations must be removed immediately after the ceremony. Please make arrangements through the Church Office.

REHEARSAL - A rehearsal is normally held on the Thursday or Friday evening prior to the wedding. Arrangements for the rehearsal time are to be made with our minister. Guest organists must attend.

SOUND SYSTEM - The Church will need notice to schedule a volunteer to operate the church's sound system, if needed.

RECEPTION - The Church may also be available for a small reception (approx. 90 people). Alcoholic beverages are not allowed within the church building. If interested, please contact the Church office to make arrangements for use of a suitable space at current rental rates.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS - To be married in Ontario, you are required to have a marriage license that can be obtained from the Town Hall or Municipal Office in any area of the Province. The license is valid for three months following the date of its issue. If you are divorced, you are required to present your certificate of divorce in order to obtain a marriage license. By law, no marriage shall be performed where either or both parties are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Please bring the marriage licence and payments with you to the rehearsal.

CONFETTI - Guests are requested to refrain from throwing confetti/rice or bird seed in the church.

PHOTOGRAPHS - Your photographer will need to speak to our minister to arrange when and where photographs can be taken during the ceremony.

REMUNERATIONS - As listed below these amounts are to be left with our minister at the rehearsal together with the marriage licence.

Church	\$400
Minister's Honorarium	\$300
Music Accompanist's Honorarium	\$200

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