

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

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WEDDING APPLICATION

WELCOME!

We offer you our congratulations on your decision to be married and our delight that you are considering Central United for your wedding service. Our hope for you is expressed well in this ancient marriage prayer. *"May we two live our lives so happily together that God may enjoy our union of heart and spirit with each other."* Amen.

CHRISTIAN WEDDING SERVICE

Our practices with respect to wedding services are shaped by the Bible's teaching of God's creative action in making male and female for each other. Jesus spoke of God's creative work this way: *Jesus said: "Haven't you read that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."* (Matthew 19: 4 – 6)

The wedding service is a worship service in which we come together to seek the favour and blessing of God for your marriage. The focus of this worship is to offer our thanksgiving to God for the gift of marriage and to experience the activity of the Spirit of God joining us together *'so they are no longer two, but one.'*

The first movement of our worship in the wedding service is gathering before God. This first part includes the processional, statement of purpose and a prayer of approach. The second activity of the worship is to hear the Word of God and listen for what God is saying to us on this occasion. In this part we read passages from the Bible and hear a short reflection on the implications for us of these texts. The third movement in worship is to respond to what God has said to us in and through the Word. On the day of your wedding service our response to God is that you will exchange your wedding vows. This third part includes vows, exchanging rings, declaration of marriage, prayer for blessing and benediction.

WEDDING ARRANGEMENTS

All weddings at Central United Church are conducted by our minister in the church sanctuary. Should you wish to have another member of the clergy assist with selected portions of the service, please speak first with Central's minister to work out the details. This should be done well in advance of your wedding date.

We do require that you take a marriage preparation course. You will find this to be a worthwhile investment of your time as you prepare for your lifelong commitment to one another. The purpose of the course is to help you navigate some of the decisions that will affect your marriage and you may find that it will bring to the surface some conversations that you might have overlooked.

We extend an invitation to those who are new to Central United Church. We would be delighted to have you make Central United your church home. Regardless of your church or spiritual background, you are welcome and encouraged to join us Sunday mornings at 10:00 am.

WEDDING FEES

(a)	Church	\$ 650.00 (includes \$100 deposit)
(b)	Minister	\$ 350.00
(c)	Organist/ Music Director	\$ 200.00
(d)	Hostess	\$ 200.00
(e)	Administration	\$ 100.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$1,500.00</u>

** If you'd like to have your service livestreamed and recorded it can be arranged at a cost of \$150.00.
(This service is optional.)

CONFIRMATION

Your wedding date and time has been tentatively booked with our Church Office and will be held for a 30 day period. A formal letter of confirmation will be provided to you upon receipt of the following:

1. A \$100.00 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT (which is deducted from your church fee indicated above) payable to Central United Church (cheque or cash).
2. Notice of registration in a Marriage Preparation Course. We can recommend Humancare (www.marriageprep.com) who offer both weekend courses and webinars. You will need to register and pay enrollment fees directly to them. Once you have completed such a course, please make an appointment with our minister to discuss your wedding ceremony.
3. Completed application form, attached.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The Minister and staff of Central United Church look forward to helping you prepare for your marriage and wedding service. If you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Church office at admin@centralunitedchurch.com or 905-474-0183.

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CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH APPLICATION FOR WEDDING SERVICE

We would ask you to complete and return this application to the church office as soon as possible.

DATE OF WEDDING _____ **TIME** _____

GROOM'S SURNAME _____ **GIVEN NAMES** _____

RESIDENCE _____ **CITY** _____ **POSTAL CODE** _____

TELEPHONE: Home _____ Business _____ Cell _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MARITAL STATUS: Never Married _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____

CHURCH DENOMINATION _____ **OCCUPATION** _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ **PLACE OF BIRTH** _____

BRIDE'S SURNAME _____ **GIVEN NAMES** _____

RESIDENCE _____ **CITY** _____ **POSTAL CODE** _____

TELEPHONE: Home _____ Business _____ Cell _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MARITAL STATUS: Never Married _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____

CHURCH DENOMINATION _____ **OCCUPATION** _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ **PLACE OF BIRTH** _____

NO NEED TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION: FOR OFFICE USE

NUMBER OF GUESTS _____ **MARRIAGE LICENCE** To be delivered _____ Received _____

MINISTER _____ **HOSTESS** _____ **ORGANIST** _____

SERVICE PACKET _____ **CD** _____ **ORGANIST CONTACT** _____

FLOWERS: Will be taken _____ Left for Church _____ **PEW BOWS:** Theirs _____ Ours _____ None _____

MAILING ADDRESS AFTER MARRIAGE: _____