

**STEP ONE:**

You will want to meet with our pastor to determine together if you really want to be married in the church. Marriage was established by God long before there were marriage licenses or preachers, and you will want to think through carefully why you want to come to the church and hold your marriage up before God. How will that affect your wedding, and your married life together?

If after your visit with our pastor, you determine that you wish to be married in our church, you will need to make a **\$100.00 deposit to hold your date on the church calendar.** It is first come, first serve, so contact the church early and make your appointment.

The deposit is for members and non-members alike and will be applied toward the total cost.

**STEP TWO:**

Our pastor participates in the “Greater Grand Rapids Community Marriage Policy” and will require to meet with you at least two or more times to help you plan the wedding and discuss your relationship and premarital preparation. The purpose of counseling is to empower you to have a healthy, life-long marriage.

**OFFICIANT:**

Our pastor will be in charge of the wedding and rehearsal and if you desire to use a pastor friend, or clergy member of the family, our pastor can extend that invitation. The guest pastor must be clergy in good standing licensed or ordained by a Christian Church.

**RECEPTIONS:**

If you would like to use our Fellowship Hall for your reception, there is a \$100.00 fee and our ladies will have to be contacted and a hostess will be assigned to you.

**MUSIC:**

Only our organist will be able to play our organ unless she approves another player. Your wedding date must be cleared with this person as well.

If you want to use the piano or taped music, that is also possible. Your music **must** reflect your faith and be approved prior to rehearsal. We will furnish someone to operate the sound board..

**DECORATIONS:**

All church decorations are the responsibility of the wedding party. Unity candles and candles for the candelabras are furnished by the wedding party. It will be your responsibility to pay for the photographers, any special music, or any other special arrangements. You are expected to see that **all decorations** and **personal items** are removed from the church immediately following the wedding ceremony as well. **Our custodian will clean after the ceremony.**

**PHOTOGRAPHERS:**

Only professional photography during the ceremony is permitted. You may have posed pictures before and/or after the ceremony.

**FEES FOR 2010:**

Everyone **MUST** pay the \$100.00 deposit to hold the date on the church calendar, including members of the church. For members of the church, there will be no fee for the use of the building, but all other fees apply.

Sanctuary	\$250.00
Clergy**	\$250.00
Organist	\$125.00
Custodian	\$45.00
Sound Tech	\$50.00
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$720.00</b>

\*\*When our pastor is not used, a Wedding Coordinator will be assigned to you. The wedding coordinator will be at your rehearsal and wedding. The cost for this this person is \$75.00.

**ALL FEES MUST BE PAID A WEEK PRIOR TO THE REHEARSAL.** Make those plans early with our pastor. **Separate** checks should be made out to the following:

Rev. James Noggle.....	\$250.00
Toni Gould (organist).....	\$125.00
Kristy Poddig-Gilmore (custodian)	\$45.00
Jerry Lachniet.....	\$50.00
Northlawn UMC.....	\$150.00
(deposit has been deducted from total )	

**WEDDING LICENSE MUST  
BE OBTAINED  
FROM THE COUNTY  
COURT HOUSE  
Please bring to the rehearsal**

## **GENERAL POLICIES:**

**NO SMOKING OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED ON PREMISES!**

**NO** throwing of rice, bird seed, or confetti in the church or on the church grounds. An extra clean-up fee will be charged if this happens.

**NO** church furnishings or equipment is allowed to leave the church premises.

## **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:**

Our aisle is fifty feet long and the Sanctuary seats between 125-150 people. There are twelve pews on the left side of the Sanctuary and fourteen on the right side. Our balcony will hold an additional 40-50 people for total seating of about 150.

Our candelabras hold fourteen candles (12 inches long by 3/4 of an inch diameter).

## **NORTHLAWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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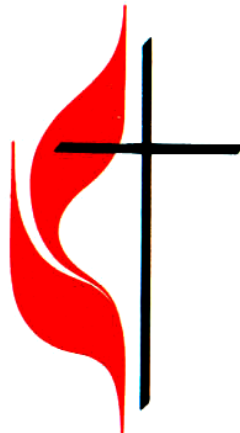
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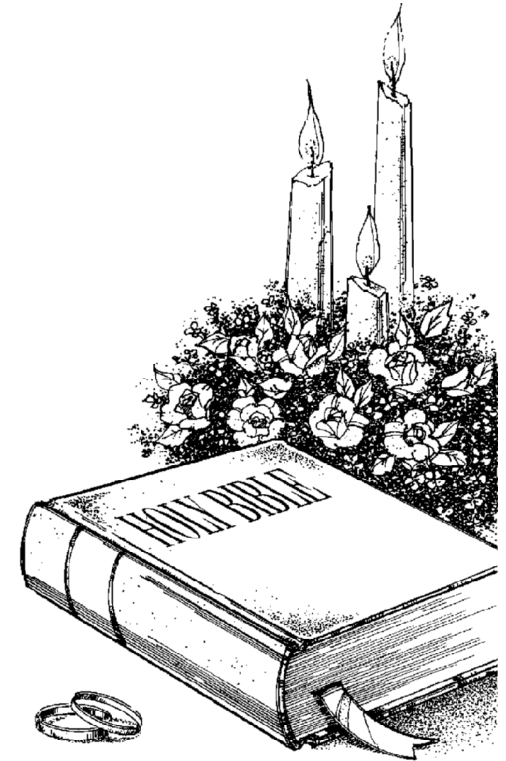
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## *Wedding Procedures For Northlawn United Methodist Church*



*....a man will leave his father and  
mother and be UNITED to his  
wife, and they will become ONE  
flesh.*