

# Is There A Wedding In Your Future?

Dates and times for all weddings and rehearsals must first clear the church calendar. Contact the church office to confirm availability of our facilities (724-330-5350; graceumc-chris@zoominternet.net). It is preferable that the date be scheduled months in advance and ***should be confirmed with the church office before you book your reception venue.***

The marriage license and all fees should be in the church office at least 2 weeks before the wedding date. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will recognize a marriage as legal when performed under a valid marriage license duly issued by the Clerk of the Orphan's Court. A license is valid for sixty (60) days from the date it is issued.

Couples interested in using Grace United Methodist Church for a wedding ceremony that are not part of the Grace United Methodist Church faith community may have another pastor officiate a wedding at the church facility if that pastor: contacts the presently appointed pastor of Grace; is officially ordained by a regularly established church or congregation; and is given explicit permission of our appointed pastor well before the wedding date.

The traditional Ritual of Marriage of the United Methodist Church will be used in the wedding ceremony celebrating the covenant of Christian marriage.

The officiating clergyperson will provide pre-marriage counseling, direct the rehearsal, lead the wedding ceremony and make sure all legal paperwork is

completed. Most weddings will require a rehearsal. The date and hour will be set in consultation with the approval of the officiating clergy person. If you are having a rehearsal dinner, to help in your planning, please note that rehearsals are approximately one hour in length.

### **Fees and costs:**

Members of Grace church and active worship attendees are not required to pay a fee for the use of the church building; however financial gifts to Grace church are appreciated.

Sound tech/custodial service - \$90.

There are times it is hard to find one of our tech/sound system coordinators to have a Friday evening and Saturday available. We will do our best to find someone to make this weekend commitment well in advance.

Keyboardist – it is preferred that our current church organist, Terry Klorczyk, be procured. **The couple should contact Terry as soon as possible to verify her availability.** The fee will be arranged between the organist and the couple. **Terry can be reached at 724-258-3406.**

Couples who are not members or active worship attendees are required to pay a fee of \$340 (which includes the sound tech/custodial service) and should contact our organist listed above to verify her availability and to obtain her fee. **A ‘hold the date’ deposit of \$170 must be received at the time the wedding is booked; with the balance due *no later than* two weeks before the wedding date.**