

Westdale United Church

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A Progressive & Inclusive Christian Community



WESTDALE UNITED CHURCH MARRIAGE POLICY

We affirm that marriage is a gift from God through which couples make a covenant with one another and God.

Marriage in Westdale United Church is open to all couples regardless of sexual orientation, background, ability, ethnicity, or socio-economic status. We welcome all couples who are in a relationship that is faithful, responsible, just, loving, health-giving, healing and sustaining of community and self.

WELCOME

Thank you for planning to have your wedding at Westdale United Church. We offer a beautiful sanctuary with a long centre aisle, notable stained glass windows, and a large pipe organ. We will be glad to help you make your wedding a celebration that matches the importance of this event for you.

BOOKING

Please book the date and time of the wedding with our administrator, and fill out the wedding planner form. It is helpful if this is done three months in advance, but we will try to accommodate your more immediate needs. Your non-refundable \$200 (cash) deposit will confirm your booking date with our minister.

INTERVIEW

If service is performed by one of our Ministers, please arrange to meet with them to discuss your wedding service with us. A variety of options for your service can be included within the legal requirements of the wedding.

REHEARSAL

A rehearsal time can be arranged for before the service, usually the evening or two before. This helps to make your wedding flow without anxiety. It helps to have your full wedding party at the rehearsal.

MUSIC

Organ music for weddings in Westdale United Church can be provided by our church organist who will be happy to discuss the choice of music to be used at your wedding. Participation by guest soloists must be cleared with the organist. The organist is generally available to attend the rehearsal. To arrange an appointment with the organist, please call the church office.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Please have your professional photographer meet with the minister before the service. They will be able to take discreet pictures during the service. We discourage others from taking pictures during the service since it is distracting. All are welcome to take pictures at the time of the signing of the registration documents. A stationary video camera can be used during the ceremony if it is placed in a place approved by the minister.

FLOWERS

The couple is responsible for flowers, pew bows, candles, etc. Please arrange to have them delivered and placed ahead of the service, and removed following.

CONFETTI, ETC.

No confetti is allowed in the church building.

LICENSE

Please purchase a marriage license from any city hall in Ontario no more than 90 days before the wedding.

FEES

The total price for your wedding at Westdale is \$900. This includes sanctuary use, music system or organist, minister and other staff costs. Deposit of \$200 is needed to book the date. BALANCE OF \$700 is due at least 30 days prior to the rehearsal date.