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Marriage & Rental Fees

Mandatory Fees:

A rental fee of **$160.00/hour** is charged for use of the **ceremony facilities** (Chapel/Sanctuary).

A **$50.00** non-refundable booking fee is due at time of booking.

These **service fees** are applicable when rendered and must be paid directly to provider:
Lead Minister: $250.00
(Kevin Little)
Organist: $200.00
(Shawn Whynot)
Soloist: $150.00
(Ann Bradley)
Wedding Host: $150.00
(Louisa Duck)
Caretaker: $100.00
(James Sweet)

WEDDING MANDATORY FEES ARE DUE 30 DAYS PRIOR TO DATE OF WEDDING.

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*Optional Service Fees:
Bulletins	**$ 50.00**
Artificial Flowers	**$ 40.00**
Audio Sanctuary	**$ 50.00**
Livestream	**$100.00**

(*Pending availability of service.)
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PRIVATE SERVICE FEES MUST BE PAID TO DESIGNATED PROVIDER. PLEASE MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO APPROPRIATE NAME. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE WHAT NAME TO PUT ON THE CHEQUE, PLEASE CONTACT MINISTRY RESOURCE SUPPORT.

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Sanctuary: 7171 Clinton Avenue

Mailing Address:
2669 Joseph Howe Drive
Halifax, NS   B3L 4G5
(902) 455-0521
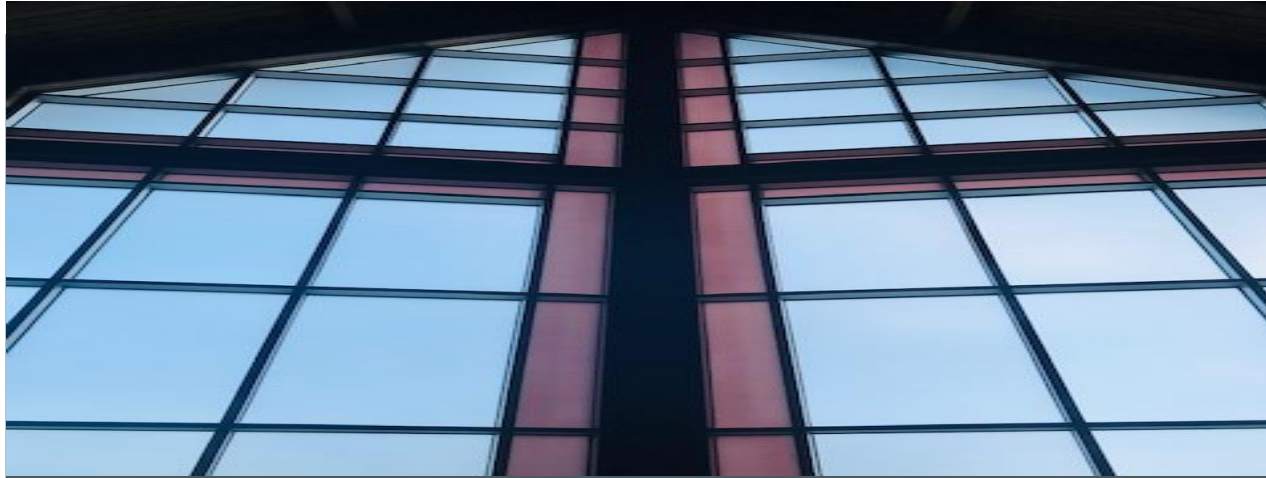www.bethanyunitedchurch.ca

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Marriage Guidelines

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Let Bethany assist you in planning your wedding.

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The Session and Congregation of Bethany United Church adopts as its understanding of the covenant of Christian Marriage the following statement:

(From the Marriage – United Church of Canada Understanding- 2005)

Marriage is a union in which the covenant relationship can be expressed and mutually experienced. This will be a relationship of equal partners who freely choose willingly, gladly, and completely to entrust themselves to each other and to be in relationship with each other. The love we offer the other in this covenant is God's gift to us. We are able to love because we are first loved by God.

Marriage in our understanding is grounded in Love: God's love for humanity; love between life partners who seek to live in relationships based on trust, mutuality, and commitment. It is also about the love of caring communities –families, friends, churches-that acknowledge, support, nurture, challenge, and honour such relationships.

In the light of this understanding of the Covenant of Marriage, the Session of Bethany United Church, on the recommendation of Session Executive, adopts the following guidelines for conducting marriages in the sanctuary of Bethany United Church by its lead minister:

- That all persons seeking to be married at Bethany United Church will meet with the lead minister, and other governing church leaders as deemed appropriate for the purpose of reflection on the meaning of marriage of Christian marriage and discipleship.

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Arranging the Date - Couples are asked to call (902 455-0521, ext. 222 or Press 1) to arrange a meeting with the lead minister. At the first meeting the suggested date and time will be discussed and may be booked with Ministry Resource Support staff.

Licenses- In order to be married you must obtain a Marriage License. Please arrange to obtain it well in advance of the date of the wedding. It can be obtained at City Hall or various locations, and once issued, is valid for three months. The license must be delivered to the office at least **two weeks** before the ceremony.

Music - When a wedding date has been confirmed, the Church Organist should be contacted. This should be at least **four weeks,** before the wedding. All music in connection with a wedding must be appropriate to the Christian service of worship. Generally speaking, this means that music in its entirety expresses faith in God and the implications of that faith in our human relationships.

Photographs – Photographs and video may be taken during **marriage ceremony** by designated photographer or videographer at the discretion of the presiding minister.

Decorations – Arrangement for delivery of flowers or decorations must be made with our Host or other designated ministry or lay staff. When decorating church pews or other wooden structures, no thumbtacks, nails or staples may be used.
   PLEASE - NO USE OF CONFETTI/RICE

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