

## **CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE**

Los Gatos United Methodist Church  
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*This Love I commend you knows no limit to its endurance,  
no end to its trust, no fading of its hope; it can outlast anything.  
It is, in fact, the one thing that still stands when all else has fallen.*

Written by Paul to the Christians in Corinth

## **YOUR WEDDING**

***Los Gatos United Methodist Church has served its members and the larger community since 1866. Among our important ministries has been our ministry with couples preparing for marriage. Marriage is one of the most significant and far reaching commitments made in a lifetime. It is your decision to share your life with someone you love.***

***Our prayer is that your love, your relationship and your commitment will grow deeper and more sacred as time goes by. In Christian marriage God is a partner in the promises you make before your family and friends. Your wedding marks the beginning of building a good marriage based upon equal worth and mutual respect. Weddings are meant for moments, marriages for lifetimes. Out of the moments, we pray, may arise, a whole lifetime of promise.***

***The Pastors, staff and congregation of Los Gatos United Methodist Church are pleased and honored to be a part of this important ceremony, and are committed to making your marriage ceremony memorable and joyous.***

To further enrich the experience, we offer the following suggestions and guidelines for those who choose to be married in our sanctuary.

## **FACILITIES AND STAFF**

**RESERVATIONS** for facilities should be made early in order to ensure they will be available on the date of your choice. Reservations must be made with the church office and will include a \$ 100.00 non-refundable deposit, which will be applied toward the usage fee. Your reservation will hold the facilities for a 4-hour period unless special arrangements are made. The facilities will be opened 1½ hours before the wedding for dressing, pictures, and decorating. If a longer period of time is needed, arrangements should be made with the wedding coordinator for an additional charge.

**Weddings should not be scheduled after 2 pm on Saturdays.**

**THE SEATING CAPACITY** of our sanctuary is 400 and the Memorial Chapel seats 50 plus.

**A PASTOR** of our church will officiate at your wedding as is our tradition. If so desired, the wedding couple may bring their own pastor/minister/officiator, providing wedding coordinator is informed.

**A WEDDING ORGANIST** is provided by the church. The organist is available to meet with you. If you prefer piano music, this is appropriate and you may provide your own pianist.

**A WEDDING COORDINATOR** will be assigned to work with you in arranging the details of your wedding. To contact wedding coordinator: [weddings@lgumc.org](mailto:weddings@lgumc.org)

**ARRANGEMENTS** are to be made with the church office during office hours in advance of the rehearsal date or on the wedding day itself. Make checks payable to Los Gatos United Methodist Church.

### **WEDDING FEES**

#### **FLAT FEES:**

	<b>Non-Member</b>	<b>Member</b>
Site (sanctuary and dressing rooms):	\$ 450.00	\$ 0.00
Chapel (if requested)	75.00	0.00
Pastor Honorarium (if requested)	250.00	0.00
Wedding Coordinator	200.00	TBD

#### **VARIABLE FEES:**

	<b>Rehearsal &amp; Wedding</b>	<b>Rehearsal &amp; Wedding</b>
Organist (if requested)	\$ 175.00	TBD
Tech Audio (basic)	50.00	75.00
Tech Visuals (if requested)	50.00	TBD
Custodial Services	50.00	50.00

#### **ADDITIONAL FEES :**

	<b>Non-Member</b>	
Social Hall/Kitchen (4 hrs)	\$ 250.00	\$ 0.00
Fireside Room/Reception	50.00	0.00
Reception Coordinator	TBD	20.00 p/hr
Cleaning Fee	200.00	TBD

Wedding fees should be paid before or at the day of the Wedding Rehearsal to the order of :  
Los Gatos United Methodist Church/Weddings. The Wedding Coordinator will deliver the check to the Financial Secretary.

**PRE-MARITAL CONFERENCES** with the Pastor are required prior to the wedding. These conferences will also be used to assist with wedding plans, selection of music, and the wedding service.

**FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS** are provided by the couple. If requested, the church provides candelabra, and a unity candle.

**OTHER DÉCOR.** Weddings are to be planned around existing church decorations and in consultation with the wedding coordinator. Chancel furniture is to be left in place.

**NO RICE, CONFETTI OR BIRD SEED!** But bubbles are great fun!

**WEDDING MUSIC** The music chosen for the wedding expresses the sacredness and joy of the occasion. Popular music is more appropriate at a wedding reception than the wedding ceremony unless it expresses the meaning of Christian love and commitment. Since wedding music is unfamiliar to many, you may consult with the organist for music which is in keeping with the spirit of worship. A variety of selections may be used as processions and recessions, to be determined upon consultation with the organist.

Final approval for vocal selections will be the Pastor.

**SMOKING AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are not permitted on the premises of United Methodist Churches – indoors or outdoors. We thank you and the wedding party for also refraining from off-campus alcohol consumption prior to the rehearsal, wedding or reception..

**THE WEDDING REHEARSAL** is directed by the wedding coordinator and/or the Pastor. It provides the entire wedding party with the opportunity to rehearse the ceremony. Please schedule the rehearsal with the wedding coordinator.

**THE BRIDAL PARTY** may dress at the church. Rooms near the sanctuary are available for those who wish to use them.

**PICTURES** taken before and after the service need to be taken within the hours the church is reserved. Videotaping of the service must be cleared with the pastor **prior** to the day of the wedding. Guests are to be informed of times picture taking is allowed as stated in the following guidelines, at the discretion of the pastor and bridal party.

Pictures may be taken during the ceremony from the back, without flash, at these times only:

\*During the processional from the center aisle, just inside the double doors of the sanctuary.

\* During the prayer while the couple is kneeling \*During the vows \* During the embrace

Pictures may be taken outside before the wedding.

Recessional pictures may be taken after the bride has her wedding bouquet again and is at the bottom of the chancel steps.

## **Wedding Staff**

LGUMC Pastors :	Rev. Lee S. Neish Rev. Dave Wolf
Wedding Coordinator:	Anne-Marie Wiggers
Reception Coordinator	Barbara Agrimonti
Church Organist:	Donna Swanson
Technical Advisor	Pete Taylor

Office Hours	Monday—Thursday, 9:00 am—4:00 pm	408-354-4730
	Friday , 9:00—12:00 noon	

## **Steps To The Wedding Day**

1. Contact the church office at 408-354-4730 and make an appointment with Wedding Coordinator
2. Contact church organist, if needed
3. At least 4 months before the wedding, contact the pastor for an appointment for your pre-marital conferences.
4. Secure marriage license a week or two prior to the wedding and bring it to the rehearsal.
5. Final payment of fees is due prior or at the wedding rehearsal.

**“Get yourselves to the church on time.”**