

Your Wedding At Carman United Church

Sydney Mines,
Nova Scotia

WHAT IS A WEDDING?

At a Christian wedding, two people are celebrating their love for one another as they enter into a new covenant with one another, founded upon Christ's love for all of us.

Contact the minister to arrange an appointment

The date and time of the wedding and rehearsal and other details can be confirmed at this meeting. This is the first step in planning your wedding. This should be done at least six months before the wedding date. At the request of the minister, one or more further interviews may be necessary to talk about living together in marriage and making the final plans for the marriage celebration.

Process of Approval

Marriage licenses may be obtained from various places including:

*Access Nova Scotia
Kings Road
Sydney
563-2491*

It is the responsibility of the minister to complete all forms; therefore, the license should be handed to the minister at least two weeks prior to the wedding. Facts needed in order to record the wedding will normally be obtained during the first planning session with the minister. Please fill out the form on the reverse side of this brochure and deliver it to the minister.

The Service

A church wedding is a service of worship. As the bride and groom enter into covenant with one another before God, the structure of the service will confirm to church traditions. You will be invited to help select scripture readings, hymns or other music, prayers, etc. While the Minister and the Church are happy to assist you in any way, they reserve the right to refuse some requests that, in their judgment, are unsuitable for a Christian marriage service.

Personnel and Music

Qualified people are engaged to undertake the ministry of music and the ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care at Carman. Your wedding arrangements are to be made with them. Reserving the church, and/or intending to have others assist at your wedding must be negotiated with regular staff.

Decorating the Church

Simple decorations such as pew markers attached with masking tape or elastic bands are permitted in the church and must be removed after the service. Candles must be in proper candelabras or holders. Other Church decorations may be in place, especially if your wedding is held during a major church season such as Christmas or Easter. These decorations are not to be removed or altered.

Photography/Videography

To avoid distractions, flash pictures may be taken only during the processional, recessional and signing of the documents. Any variation from this pattern needs to be negotiated with the minister prior to the service. Video cameras should be stationed in one location for the entire service.

Rehearsal

Time will be needed to check out parking, wedding party positions and to review the wedding service. All persons who will take part in the wedding, including ushers, should be at the rehearsal. Please note that the aisles at Carman are narrow.

Fees and Honoraria

A \$100.00 Deposit is due upon booking

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| Minister | \$200.00 |
| Organist | \$100.00 |
| Caretaker | \$ 50.00 |
| Use of the Sanctuary | \$ 50.00 |
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| Total | \$400.00 |

Other Important Points

Confetti or rice is not permitted within the church building or on the church grounds. If the date of your wedding coincides with holiday time of regular church staff, relief arrangements are normally in place. Should the positions of minister or organist be vacant, please contact the church office for guidance.

We look forward to sharing this important day with you and the opportunity for worship that it provides.



Wedding Application

Please fill out the following form and return to the minister

Date of Marriage: _____

Time: _____

Bride's Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Groom's Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Parents of the Bride:

Parents of the Groom:

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Has either party been married before? ____

If so, who, when? _____