

Flowers

You make your own arrangement about flowers and decorations.

Music

The church organist is available for weddings. He is prepared to meet with couples if necessary and help them choose suitable music for the ceremony.

One or more hymns can be a very valuable part of the ceremony, and a good way of involving the guests in the service. There are a number of hymns that are suitable. This may be discussed with the organist. If you choose not to have the church organist, the music must be approved by the minister.

Ushers

Your ushers should be on duty at the church door one hour before the time of the wedding to receive and seat guests.

Candles

If you wish to do candle lighting during the service, you will need to supply the candles and the holder. The Unity candle lighting requires one pillar candle, two tapers and the holders.

Fees

The total cost of having your wedding at our church is \$550. This covers the minister (\$200.00), the organist (\$150.00), and the use of the church (\$200.00). All amounts must be paid for all weddings, no exceptions. The money should be left with the minister and the organist at the time of the rehearsal.

Following the Wedding

We are happy to have been asked to share in this important occasion in your lives. It is our wish that you will have a meaningful wedding service and a lifetime of happiness together.

After the wedding, we hope that you will continue the relationship you have established with this church and will participate in the life and work of the congregation.

Minister

Rev. Emmanuel Menyereye

Musical Director

Mavis Peters

Melfort United Church

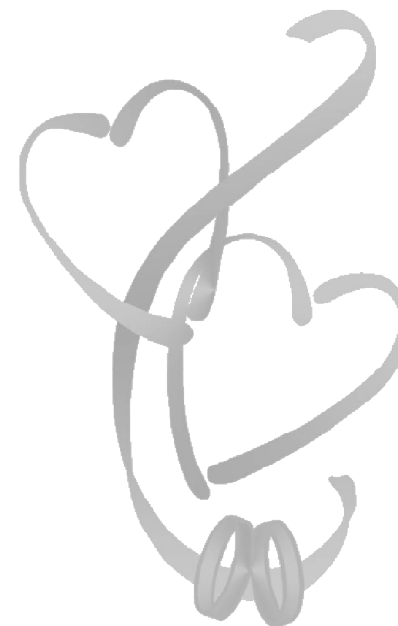
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Getting Married at Melfort United Church

Congratulations on your decision to get married. We are pleased that you are considering having this significant event in our church. This leaflet is intended to explain the expectations of the church for those who use our facilities for their wedding.

A Church Wedding

A church wedding is two things: a legal ceremony and an act of worship. In it we pray for a sense of God's presence and ask for God's blessing on the couple being married and on family life. The wedding may be quite large and formal, or small and informal, but this religious element is essential if it is to be in the church.

The Role of the Minister

The first step in arranging for a wedding is to contact the minister at the church office at (306) 752-2288. He will arrange a first interview and the booking of the church. Please attempt to do this well in advance. The minister, in the interviews with the couple, has several objectives in mind. He will review the legal requirements and the service. In addition, he will want to spend enough time to get acquainted

with you. We encourage couples to take part in the recommended Marriage Preparation courses. Since marriage is one of life's most important decisions, it would seem obvious that we should be willing to spend time and energy on it.

Legal Requirements

- **License:** Before you can be married, you must obtain a license from any jeweler in Saskatchewan. A license is valid for three months.
- **Publishing of Banns:** Where one or both of the parties to the wedding is active in the congregation, it sometimes happens that the banns of marriage are read in church prior to the date of the wedding.
- **Witnesses:** The Marriage Act states that two adult (18 and over) credible witnesses must be present at a wedding and sign the marriage registration, the marriage certificate and the church record.

Accommodations

The church can seat up to 500 people, but is also suitable for smaller weddings.

Marriage Certificate

Following your wedding, the minister will give you a signed marriage certificate. For official purposes, a copy of the marriage registration may be obtained from:

Information Services Corp of Saskatchewan, Vital Statistics, Department of Health, PO Box 2405, Regina, Sk. S4P 9Z9.

This can be requested approximately one year following the wedding.

The Church Service

The minister will go over with you the elements of the marriage service and help you decide about several choices within the service.

Photographs

To avoid distractions from the sacredness of the wedding service, we request that no pictures be taken during the ceremony. Pictures may be taken as the bride comes down the aisle and as the couple return down the aisle. Any videotaping must be unobtrusive and use no extra lights.

No Confetti Please