



# MORROW

MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST

# CHURCH

## *Welcome ....*

The congregation at Morrow Memorial United Methodist Church is pleased that you desire to be married here and/or to have one of our pastors officiate. This suggests to us that you recognize that marriage is more than a civil contract and we agree. By vowing faithfulness to one another before God, and by seeking God's blessing upon your union, you affirm that marriage is sacred. These pages have been prepared to assist you in planning your wedding and to ensure that it will have the dignity, beauty, and meaning you desire.

## *The Date ...*

The date of rehearsal and the wedding should be set in consultation with the pastor. Please consult with the church office to secure an available date on the pastor and church's calendar at least six months prior to your wedding. For your own protection do not have invitations printed or a reception site reserved until the date and hour of the wedding has been approved by the Pastor and placed on the church calendar.

## *Consultations ...*

A pastor is more than just a person authorized to perform your marriage. She is a professional who is trained to assist persons to prepare for and adjust to the many changes that will occur in a lifetime, including marriage. She will offer her assistance as you prepare for marriage (through one or more wedding consultations). She will also stand ready to assist you should question, or if problems arise after you marry. The Pastor will arrange for an initial meeting with you. When you get together, a schedule of pre-marital counseling sessions will be arranged. A deposit will be required at this time.

## *The Rehearsal and Ceremony...*

The officiating Pastor is in charge of the rehearsal and the ceremony and will conduct it in accordance with tradition and good taste. Suggestions for the ceremony to personalize the wedding and add to its meaning are welcome but should be made no later than the final consultation before the rehearsal. The pastor must have the license (left blank as received from the Registrar) on or before the time of the rehearsal. A member of the family should be responsible to returning it to the appropriate party. The rehearsal normally takes approximately a half an hour. Usually is it held the night before. Our building is accessible for people with disabilities.

### **Wedding Inquiry Guidelines**

Morrow Memorial UMC  
600 Ridgewood Road  
Maplewood, N.J. 07040

Fee schedule and honoraria for services provided for members of the church and non-members are as follows:

	Church Members	Non Members	
Minister - Sanctuary	0	\$300	
Minister - Banquet	\$200	\$500	
Music Director	\$300	\$350	Morrow organist has right of first refusal.
Soloist (optional)	\$100	\$100	
Use of the Sanctuary:	0	\$500	
Cleaning Fees	\$200	\$350	(increased for COVID)
Bulletins	0	\$75	
Sanctuary Set Up/Sound	0	\$250	

*\*As our resident musician, the Morrow UMC Director of Music Ministries has first right of refusal of all services.*

*If a guest musician is preferred, the Director of Music Ministries is retained to coordinate audio-visual set-up and operation.*

*\*An additional fee may be charged for rehearsal if needed.*

*Cash or checks separately for the church and the individuals being paid.*

**Where to apply for a Marriage license:**

**The filing of the completed marriage license is the responsibility of the couple. It is best to name a trusted family member or friend to take this responsibility.**

If the bride is a **resident** of New Jersey, the marriage license must be obtained from the Registrar of Vital Statistics in the municipality where she lives. If she is a non-resident of New Jersey, the license must be obtained from the municipality where the groom resides. A license issued under either of these circumstances is good for use anywhere in New Jersey.

If both bride and groom are **non-residents** of New Jersey, the license must be obtained from the Registrar of the municipality where the marriage is to be performed and is only good for use in that municipality. A license issued in New Jersey may never be used outside the state and a license issued in another state may never be used in New Jersey.

See the websites or call your municipality.

If you have any questions, please email at any time. Everything will be done to make this special time in your life as meaningful and memorable as possible. GOD BLESS YOU.

Wedding information sheet is on the next page.

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## Wedding Information Sheet

Requested Wedding Date

Time:

Requested Rehearsal Date

Time:

### GROOM/PARTNER

### BRIDE/PARTNER

Name:

Name:

Address:

Address:

E-mail address:

E-mail address:

Home Phone:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone

Cell Phone:

Religion:

Religion:

*Location of Wedding* \_\_\_\_\_

*Location of Reception* \_\_\_\_\_

We are requesting use of the building only: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor in charge of service \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

We are requesting a musician: organ \_\_\_\_\_ piano \_\_\_\_\_ recorded music \_\_\_\_\_

We have specific music/songs in mind: \_\_\_\_\_

We are requesting the use of equipment only \_\_\_\_\_

There is no alcohol on our premises.

A building use form is also required with full payment.

If Morrow pastors are officiating:

We would like the church to create the program/order of service \_\_\_\_\_

*Please fill in as much information as you can:*

Best Man or other title:

Maid or Man of Honor:

Groomsmen or other title

Bridesmaids or other title:

Ring Bearer: \_\_\_\_\_ Flower Girl: \_\_\_\_\_

Will the Bride be escorted down the aisle? By Whom:

One or two wedding rings? \_\_\_\_\_ Unity Candle: \_\_\_\_\_ Other symbols/ritual \_\_\_\_\_

Names/nicknames to be used in ceremony: \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address after the Wedding: \_\_\_\_\_

We commit to a minimize our drinking prior to the ceremony (must sign below.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

We commit to the fee schedule as indicated on page 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Your written homework for our meetings will follow by email. Please plan to have that filled out (separately) prior to our meetings.