



# WEDDING INFORMATION

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Welcome to The Center and to the Wayside Chapel. We will do our best to make your wedding a joyful and memorable day. Wedding services are a part of a wide range of ministries offered by The Center to enhance family life, and to encourage individuals along their life journeys. We are a non-profit Christian organization, a place for celebration, enrichment, and healing. We encourage you to learn more about our educational and counseling programs. Please contact us to schedule a visit to the chapel.



Office Hours:  
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## THE WAYSIDE CHAPEL WILL PROVIDE FOR A CHAPEL CEREMONY:

Minister      Chapel Use for 2 Hours      Hostess  
 Keyboardist      Soloist

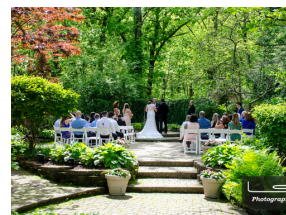


Our ministers have over 25 years of experience in performing wedding ceremonies. We also provide professional musicians for all your musical needs. Our Chapel hostess will lay out a white runner before your journey down the aisle. She will also assist you and your wedding party throughout the duration of your ceremony.



## CHAPEL CAPACITY

Our charming chapel seats 60 persons comfortably



## GARDEN WEDDINGS

*Available May 15- October 15*

Our garden is truly breathtaking, lying adjacent to the chapel, nestled under a beautiful canopy of large oak trees. The cobblestone walkway takes you to two different patio levels. The flowers and trees create a unique, gorgeous, and intimate venue

In case of inclement weather, we will bring your ceremony into our rustic, traditional chapel.

The garden ceremony includes a minister, keyboardist, soloist, hostess, seating for 50, and standing room for an additional 15-20. We offer hurricane-type shades if you are interested in providing a unity candle. Sand ceremonies are also welcome.



## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

**Alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted on The Center grounds**, either as part of the ceremony, or in the parking lot before of after the wedding. If you use a limo, please inform the driver of this.



*Please contact us for availability*

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## WEDDING FEES

Wedding packages are \$1,200.00 We accept checks, cash, and credit cards.

We will hold a date and time for 2 weeks until you confirm all of your arrangements. A \$400 **NON-REFUNDABLE** deposit is required at the time of booking. The remaining balance is due one month prior to your wedding.

Weddings canceled more than 90 days prior to the wedding date will be refunded EXCEPT the non-refundable deposit.

## TIMING

Your reserved time at the chapel is 2 hours. Arrival time is 30 minutes before the service begins. Your ceremony will take approximately half an hour. Following the ceremony, you will have an hour for pictures.



## FLORISTS

With flowers at the Wayside Chapel, simplicity is key. Having the flowers delivered to the bride's house before her departure to the chapel makes the transition smoother.

Flowers may be delivered to the Chapel no sooner than 30 minutes before the beginning of the ceremony.

## PARKING

On the day of your wedding, there will be two parking spaces reserved for the bride and groom directly in front of the entrance to the main lodge, located in the upper parking lot.

For emergency purposes, we ask that all other cars be parked in the lower parking lot. We reserve handicapped parking on the upper lot. Additionally, physically challenged guests may be dropped off at the upper lot. We have wheelchairs available in the lodge front office.

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## PHOTOGRAPHY

You are free to use the photographer who best suits your needs. Your photographer may take discreet photos of the ceremony according to the directions of the minister and chapel hostess. Videotaping should be done from a stationary position.



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## WEDDING INFORMATION MEETINGS

Our clergy counselor is ready to encourage, support, and serve you. With years of experience, our minister will help you design a ceremony that is meaningful to you. Your wedding is a joyous celebration of your loving relationship.

To ensure that your ceremony is performed to your wishes, we encourage you to attend two meetings to design your ceremony. You are asked to attend one group presentation (approximately two to six months prior to your wedding) and one personal conference (approximately one month prior to your wedding) with the minister in order to get acquainted and customize your ceremony. Any questions or concerns regarding your ceremony will be addressed at your personal conference, as we do not set aside time for rehearsals.



## CANDLES, SAND, & OTHER REQUESTS

You must supply your own Unity (3) candles and holders if you desire. Our ministers welcome sand ceremonies and presentation of fresh roses. Some couples like the idea of using sand as a way of blending two families together. We welcome symbols from all cultures. Your day is important not only to you, but also to the Wayside Chapel. Please bring any special requests to the minister's attention, we will do the best we can to make your dreams come true.

## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS & RENEWAL OF VOWS

Please keep us informed of your current email address. We would like to invite you to a candlelight dinner and renewal of vows ceremony each year to celebrate your wedding anniversary.

## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Our ministers offer individual and couple marriage counseling, as well as training in the development of communication and conflict resolution skills. For fees and scheduling, please contact us.

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