

Country Club
United Methodist Church
Wedding Guide

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COUNTRY CLUB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WEDDING GUIDE

We are pleased you are considering Country Club United Methodist Church for your wedding ceremony. Our beautiful sanctuary, convenient location, and helpful staff will help make this special day a picture-perfect start to your life together. This Wedding Guide provides necessary information for prospective brides and grooms and answers questions commonly asked by couples.

Weddings at Country Club United Methodist Church are foremost a Christian ceremony. A couple makes a sacred covenant in the presence of God, your families and guests. The United Methodist tradition provides several options for Christian wedding ceremonies, allowing each couple to create a fitting ceremony. It is this church's belief that a wedding based on the sound principles of Christianity provides a strong and healthy starting point for a successful marriage and a life-long relationship.

The Wedding Section of our web site (www.countryclubumc.org/weddings) has helpful pictures of the sanctuary, chapel, dressing areas, and recent weddings as well as other information about Country Club United Methodist Church.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Capacity

The main floor of the sanctuary comfortably seats 240. If the balconies are used, the sanctuary will accommodate 320.

Alcoholic Beverages and Smoking

Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed on church property, and our church is a non-smoking facility.

Parking and Handicap Access

The circle drive on the 57th Street entrance allows for easy access to the sanctuary, chapel and the bridal room. Primary parking is on our grass lawn and on 57th Street, Westover Road, and Wornall Road. Extra parking can be arranged with the Kansas City School District in the Bryant Elementary parking lot, located across the street from the church. Use of the lot requires a nominal fee and contract with the school district.

PLANNING YOUR WEDDING

Reserving a Date

Weddings can be scheduled up to 18 months in advance at CCUMC. We suggest reserving your date as soon as possible to ensure availability. This can be done by completing the following steps:

1. Contact the church to check date availability and schedule a meeting with the Wedding Coordinator. The quickest and easiest way to do that is to email an inquiry to weddings@ccumc.org.
2. Complete a facility request form and make a \$250.00 deposit. The facility request form can be found on our website (www.countryclubumc.org/weddings).

Couples Ministry

One of the primary missions of Country Club United Methodist Church is to call persons to enter into relationship with God through Jesus Christ in three primary areas of life:

- Inner and personal prayer life
- Worship, study and fellowship with others of the church family
- Service to others in the name of Christ

All couples, whether members or not, are expected to respectfully commit to the following:

- Attend worship together. The couple is encouraged to attend Country Club UMC, or another church if the couple lives out of town or are members of another area church.
- Complete the Prepare-Enrich Online Assessment and one of the Prepare-Enrich Classes offered at Country Club UMC or United Methodist Church of the Resurrection. Class dates and times can be found at www.countryclubumc.org/weddings. The cost of the assessment and the class is included in the fees to the church.

WEDDING POLICIES

Decorations

The wedding coordinator will assist couples in choosing appropriate decorations for their ceremony. Many decorative items can be borrowed from the church for your ceremony free of charge, including antique candelabras. Please note the following policies:

- Bows and decorations on pews or other furnishing must be attached so as to avoid damage to wood or other surfaces. Please avoid tape.
- If an aisle runner is not used, only silk petals may be dropped by the flower girl.

Photography

Your wedding is a sacred ceremony. Consequently, flash photography may not be used during the ceremony. We welcome flash photography before and after the ceremony, or non-flash photography during the ceremony.

Music

We realize the music for your ceremony is a personal and individual choice, however music for your ceremony should be selected with consideration from the pastor and organist, or other selected musician.

Audio Visual Equipment

CCUMC recently installed a state-of-the-art audio visual system, which includes a large (size) screen that can be hidden when not in use. The screen can be used to display photos, readings, or to play videos before, during or after your ceremony. Thanks to some amazing engineering and meticulous carpentry, the screen is retractable and can be minimized and made to disappear when not in use.

Obtaining a Marriage License

A valid marriage license, issued in the State of Missouri, must be presented to the pastor prior to the ceremony. In Kansas City applications can be made at the office of the Recorder of Deeds at either Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th St., Room 104, Kansas City, MO; or 308 W. Kansas Ave., Independence, MO. There is no waiting period; the license can be issued immediately and is valid for thirty (30) days. The cost is \$50.00 and must be paid in cash. If the bride wishes to change her name she will need to purchase a certified copy of the license which is an additional \$10.00. The Recorder accepts valid photo ID issued in the United States. Contact the Recorder of Deeds (816) 881-1577 or (816) 881-4483 for additional information.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

A non-refundable deposit of \$250.00 payable to Country Club United Methodist Church is due at the time the wedding is placed on the calendar. This amount will be applied to the required facility fee listed below. The remaining amounts may be paid as installments or in full two weeks prior to the ceremony.

The required facility fees listed below include the following services:

- Use of the sanctuary for a rehearsal and ceremony
- Custodial services in preparation for and cleaning up after the wedding
- Prepare/Enrich online assessment and class through Country Club UMC or United Methodist Church of the Resurrection.
- Pastoral services for planning, rehearsal and the ceremony
- Wedding coordinator services including pre wedding consultation and on site coordination of rehearsal and wedding day ceremony
- Organist/pianist available for phone or email assistance with music selection and wedding day music.
- Use of audio/visual equipment at the church, including retractable screen
- The audio/visual technician (present the night of rehearsal and wedding to run the AV system)

Required Fees:

Country Club United Methodist Church Facility Fee	\$2,000
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Optional Fees:

Nursery staffed with 2 trained Safe Sanctuary persons	\$100
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Thank you for considering Country Club United Methodist Church for your big day. We hope this guide answered some of your most pressing questions, and we look forward to answering more.

For questions about weddings at CCUMC, or to check availability please contact weddings@ccumc.org.