

# Weddings



## St. Paul's United Methodist Church

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## TO HELP ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

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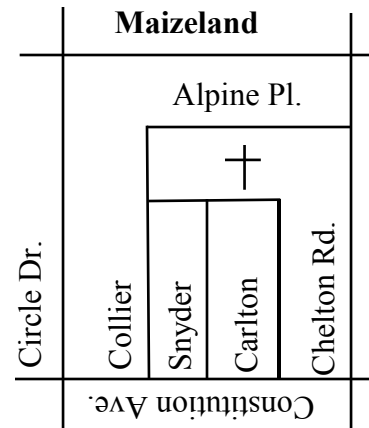
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## Welcome to St. Paul's United Methodist Church

St. Paul's is deeply interested with helping people build strong relationships. This is particularly true of the most intimate, long-lasting and vital relationship a man and a woman can form: marriage.

There are two things which should be kept in mind in all of your wedding preparations. The first is **that *the wedding ceremony is an ordinance of the Church will be conducted as a Service of Worship.*** The bride and groom are the most active participants, but no one is there as a spectator. We should never lose sight of the need to help everyone present have a meaningful religious experience.

The other factor which should be remembered during the period of preparation is *commitment*. The couples who come to St. Paul's to be married sometimes have greatly varied backgrounds and experiences. The Church feels a solemn responsibility to provide them with the meaning of Christian marriage and to aid them in understanding the nature of their commitment to each other as well as others who are affected by their relationship.

Rev. Larry Paulson

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### Sanctuary Facts

- \*Our Sanctuary seats 450.
- The center aisle is 50 feet long.
- The Chancel area is raised
- The Sanctuary is pyramid shaped with wood plank finish on the ceiling.
- Stain glass (primary color blue) with cross in front.
- We have a dressing area for the bridal party.
- The Sanctuary is air conditioned.

\*For small weddings our chapel area seats up to 10 people.

## General Information

Weddings may be planned only in consultation with the Pastor and the Wedding Coordinator. It is important that, insofar as possible, dates be set at least two months in advance. This allows time for the Pastor to meet with the couple and for other wedding events to be planned.

You do not have to be a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in order to be married here. Our pastor is available to perform the ceremony or the couple is welcome to use their own pastor.

### Scheduling/Planning Your Wedding

A wedding may be scheduled by calling the Wedding Coordinator at (719)637-3197. A \$50 deposit is required to secure your wedding date. The deposit will be applied to your total wedding fee. The church utilizes a Wedding Coordinator who will assist at both the rehearsal and wedding. This person assists the Pastor and is able to help with a variety of duties, such as wedding etiquette, planning the wedding and giving instructions to ushers, candle lighters, florists, photographers. She also takes care of any last minute details that might arise. In general, she will ensure your wedding will go as smoothly as possible. This service is included in the fees to the church. It is important that the Wedding Coordinator be contacted with all arrangements and changes.

The building is available for a period of four hours for weddings. This time period begins when family or members of the wedding party are scheduled to arrive at the church to prepare/dress for the wedding and ends when the wedding photography is completed and the bridal party along with their guests have left the church. A fee of \$50.00 per hour will be assessed should you require more than the four hour period scheduled for your wedding. Arrangements for additional time must be made with the Wedding Coordinator and additional fees paid two weeks prior to the wedding date.

## Pre-Marital Counseling

The pastor's fee includes meeting with the couple to go over the ceremony. It can also include pre-marital counseling, although the counseling is not required.

### Services Outside the Sanctuary

St. Paul's does not require the wedding ceremony to be held in the church Sanctuary. Many beautiful and meaningful locations may be chosen: a home, a chapel in the mountains or a public place like Palmer Park or the Garden of the Gods. We believe that God is present wherever we are. For some services outside the sanctuary, the pastor's fee may be increased to compensate for additional travel time and mileage. The pastor will determine the fee.

### Continued Worship

Married couples are urged to attend church regularly, whether in this church or any other church of their choice. A common Christian commitment is not only a source of strength to both partners, but also a powerful stabilizing factor in marriage. We encourage you to visit St. Paul's United Methodist Church and to consider us your church home.

Congratulations and God Bless!