

ALDRSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING USE COVENANT FOR WEDDINGS

In arranging for a wedding utilizing the facilities of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, the wedding party agrees to abide by the following:

1. Decorations used in the wedding (flowers, candles, bows, etc.) must be discussed with and approved by the Wedding Coordinator at least three months prior to the wedding.
2. If candles are used as part of the decorations, they must be non-drip. If using candelabras, protective coverings must be placed on the floor beneath the stands so wax does not get on the carpet.
3. The paraments on the altar must remain where they are including the altar cloth, cross and candles. Any alterations must be discussed with the Wedding Coordinator.
4. The pulpits may be pushed further to the sides of sanctuary and the altar pushed further back, but no furnishings will be removed from the sanctuary.
5. Flower petals tossed on the carpet by a flower girl must be silk. Real flowers are not allowed as they can stain the carpet.
6. Tacks or tape may not be used on any walls or furnishings. Pew clips may be used to hold bows on the pews, but should have a protective cloth between the wood and the pew clip.
7. The use of rice, wheat, confetti, and balloons are not allowed. Birdseed, bubbles, bells, etc. may be used. These items are to be distributed to guests as they exit the building and not while guests are still inside the building.
8. Appropriate music must be reviewed and approved by the minister performing the wedding. This should happen during the wedding counseling sessions.
9. The photographers may take flash pictures during the processional and recessional. There is to be no flash photography during the wedding ceremony and the photographer must stand at the back of the sanctuary during the ceremony to take non-flash pictures. Pictures may be posed before and/or after the wedding in any part of the building and outside of the building. The wedding party is responsible for informing the photographer of this covenant.
10. Video pictures may be taken during the ceremony. The videographer may stand off to the side of the sanctuary or off to the side of the altar area, but is not permitted to move around during the ceremony.
11. No smoking is to be permitted in any part of the building. The wedding party is responsible for informing guests of this rule.
12. Only non-alcoholic refreshments may be served.

13. The bride and groom are responsible for damages resulting from careless placing of equipment or handling of floral decorations and flowers by the florist and photographer. The bride and groom should make sure the florist and photographer are aware of all covenants prior to the wedding date.

We _____, (bride and groom) have reviewed these covenants with the Aldersgate United Methodist Church Wedding Coordinator, and understand our responsibility to Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

Bride Signature _____

Groom Signature _____

Wedding Coordinator Signature _____

Date _____