

# Weddings at Central

A wedding is a joyful celebration of God's love for us and our commitment to the Christian family. Central Presbyterian Church has been the site for many beautiful weddings over the years.

We see the marriage service as a service of worship to God. The service itself and the preparation for it centre on this premise.

### Celebrating our Faith

There is no greater privilege than to know Jesus Christ and to worship Him. The wedding ceremony is a service of worship.

For those who know the Lord Jesus Christ, it is good to express their faith and personal commitment as part of the wedding ceremony. Only a small part of the ceremony cannot be changed. Your minister is willing to help you find ways to express your faith in the service.

# Booking Your Wedding

In the Presbyterian Church, all wedding requests are approved by the Session.

The first step is to complete and submit the Wedding Request Form. This includes information about the bride and groom, requested date for the wedding and rehearsal, music and any special requests.

The request will go to the Session for approval. Written notification will then be sent from the church confirming the decision and outlining the next steps.

### Pre-Marriage Counselling

While it is natural to focus attention on the wedding day, it is also important to think about marriage as a long term commitment. For this reason, couples are required to complete a marriage preparation course prior to the wedding.

This requirement may be met in one of two ways. You may arrange counselling with



Central's minister or provide written verification of completion of another marriage preparation course.

#### License

A marriage license may be obtained anywhere in Ontario at a Municipal Office. The license must be presented to the minister at least three weeks prior to the ceremony..

#### Music

Professional musicians are available to provide music on our Shimmel Grand Piano and Cassavant three manual organ. Please speak to the wedding co-ordinator regarding your music requests.

Should you wish to have other musicians at the wedding ceremony, please indicate this information on the Wedding Request Form.

#### Flowers

We recommend that flowers for the wedding be brought to the church on the day of the wedding.

If other arrangements must be made, please contact the wedding co-ordinator.



### Wedding Co-ordinator

The wedding co-ordinator is Central's official representative at weddings performed at the church.

All weddings will use the services of the wedding co-ordinator.

The wedding co-ordinator will meet with the couple to plan the wedding to ensure that the day is special in the way you want it to be. You will discuss requests such as the use of candles, microphones, the sound system, placement of flowers, signing the register, photography, music and video.

The wedding co-ordinator will be present at the rehearsal and the wedding to assist the wedding party and guests. The wedding co-ordinator is responsible for opening and closing the church at the rehearsal and on the wedding day, as well as safety and security for everyone in attendance.

#### Animals

While we appreciate that family pets are well loved, only registered service animals are allowed in the church.

### Fees and Payments

A non-refundable deposit of \$300 is required at the time of approval by the Session to confirm the booking.

Honoraria are paid directly to staff in the following amounts:

Wedding Co-ordinator \$150
Central's Minister (if used) \$300
Central Organist/Pianist (if used) \$150

These honoraria are to be paid by submitting post-dated cheques for each individual [post-dated to the date of the wedding] to the office at least two weeks prior to the wedding.

Fees for other officiants, musicians and soloists are the responsibility of the couple being married and are not included in fees payable to Central.

### Contact Information

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Rev. Dr. Aubrey Botha: 519-623-1080 Email: Aubrey@cpcmail.ca

Wedding co-ordinators: Peter and Mary Goudy: Email: petergoudy@live.com



# WEDDING REQUEST FORM

Bride:		
Address:		Postal Code:
Telephone:	Cell:	Work:
Email:		
Groom:		
Address:		Postal Code:
Telephone:	Cell:	Work:
Email:		
Other Contact:		
Telephone:	Cell:	Work:
Name Of Central Mei	mber/Adherent:	
Date And Time Of We	edding:	
Date And Time Of Re	hearsal:	
Approximate Attenda	nce:	
Central's Minister To Perform The Ceremony: Yes No		
(If No, Please Give Na	me And Contact Informatio	on For The Officiant)
Telephone:	Cell:	Work:
Central's Organist/P	ianist To Play Organ/Piano	: Yes No
Use Of Organ/Grand	Piano By Another Musican	n: (Name)
Other Musicians Or S	Singers: (Please Specify)	
Please note:	SPECIAL REQUESTION Only registered service ani	JESTS: imals are allowed in the church
SESSION APPROVAL		