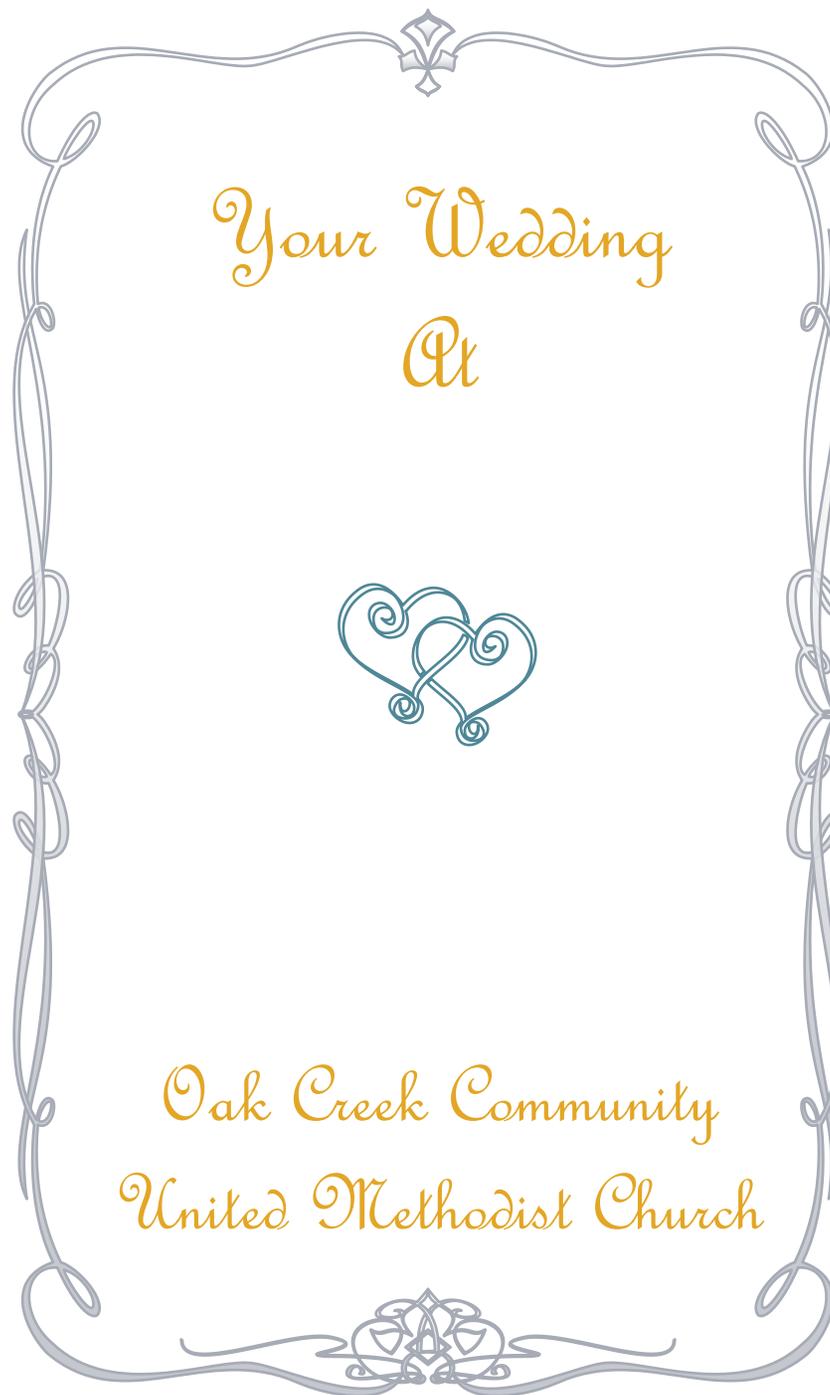




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Congratulations on your engagement! We pray that the coming weeks of preparation for your wedding will be a time of continued growth in love as well as a time of growing close to God. What follows is meant to give you some general knowledge of church weddings, rules and fees appropriate to our setting. If you have any questions or concerns please to the pastor.

The Marriage Service

A wedding in a Christian church is a worship service. As with any worship service, offering love and thanks to God is our reason for having a service. In the wedding service, God is praised for the giving two people to each other and for incorporating this new family into a broader family of faith. The attitude is one of thanksgiving, joy, and responsibility before God. The wedding ceremony will be developed in collaboration with the pastor.

Your wedding needs to help the congregation to focus on love and the goodness of God. All wedding music will be discussed with the pastor. Processional and recessional music will be discussed with the organist as well. Music is to reflect the attitude of worship. We are before God in this holy marriage covenant and require music to relate to God and/or the meaning of marriage. The pastor and/or organist reserve the right to approve or disapprove all music.

Rehearsal & Wedding Reception

Most wedding will have a rehearsal the night before the ceremony. Plan on one hour for the rehearsal.

Please bring to the rehearsal the wedding license, honorariums and anything else you wish to have ready for the wedding day.

Please indicate to the pastor any desires regarding the rehearsal dinner prayer or wedding banquet prayer.

Fees

All fees are subject to the discretion of the pastor as fees are not to be an obstacle to a wedding service. A \$100 registration fee is requested at the time of the first premarital conference with the Pastor to hold the date. \$30 of this is non-refundable as it is used to pay for the premarital inventory used in counseling.

Fees for church members active at Oak Creek Community, United Methodist Church

Use of Sanctuary	included in above fee
Use of Fellowship Hall	included in above fee
Reception in Fellowship Hall	included in above fee
Kitchen	included in above fee
Custodial Services	\$50.00
Rehearsal & Wedding	
Pastor	no set fee
Payable to Rev. Wendee M. Nitz	

Fees for non-members or inactive members

Use of Sanctuary	\$100.00
Use of Fellowship Hall	\$150.00
For Reception	
Custodial Services	\$100.00
Rehearsal & Wedding	
Pastor	\$300.00
Payable to Rev. Wendee M. Nitz	

Organist	sets own fee
Payable to the organist/musicians you have secured	

Wedding Bulletin

The bride and the groom are responsible for production of their wedding bulletin.

General Rules

- Setup and clean up is the responsibility of the wedding group.
- Alcoholic beverages and cigarettes (including e-cigarettes) are not permitted nor may they be consumed in the church building or on church grounds.
- Rice or birdseed is not permitted in the building or on church grounds. Please check with the pastor on other practices.
- Flash pictures may be taken before and after the service. Flash pictures are not allowed during the service. Pictures may be posed before and after the service. Amateur photographers need to call the pastor ahead of time to discuss how pictures will be taken.
- Fees for the custodian, organist, soloist, church, and pastor should be given at the time of the rehearsal.
- Please, no aisle runner (they just don't work).

Decorations

You are welcome to use flowers, candles, and other appropriate decorations in the sanctuary. Please consider that our sanctuary is intimate and simple in design. Simple decorations are more elegant and more in keeping with the design of the sanctuary. Please do not use nails, tacks, or other fasteners that might damage church furniture. Well ahead of time discuss any plans for more elaborate decorations with the pastor. You may, of course, also decorate the Fellowship Hall if you are using it for the rehearsal dinner and/or the reception. The hanging on the pulpit and the color of the cross depends upon the season of the church year.

*Please choose at least one scripture lesson to read.
You are not bound to any of the below texts,
but may choose freely from all of the scriptures.
Look for ones that mean something to you.*

Biblical Texts

The following are some suggested passages:

Old Testament

Genesis 1: 26-28, 31a
Song of Solomon 2:10-14, 16a 8:6-7
Isaiah 43: 1-7
Isaiah 55: 10-13
Isaiah 61: 10-13
Isaiah 63: 7-9

New Testament

Romans 12: 1-2, 9-18
1 Corinthians 13
2 Corinthians 5: 14-17
Ephesians 2: 4-10
Ephesians 4: 1-6
Ephesians 4: 25-5:2
Philippians 2: 1-2
Philippians 4: 4-9
Colossians 3: 12-17
1 John 3: 18-24
1 John 4: 7-16
Revelation 19: 1, 5-9a
Matthew 5: 1-10
Matthew 7: 21. 24-27
Matthew 22: 35-40
Mark 2: 18-22
Mark 10: 42- 45
John 2: 1-11
John 15: 9-17

*Also note the Canticle of Love #646 in the hymnal