

License:

Purchase your Marriage License at any city hall within Ontario. Only one of the couple needs to get it, but you must have all the information for both of you.

Decorations or Flowers:

Kincardine United Church is busy, utilized by many community groups. Therefore, please check with the Office Co-ordinator about times to place flowers, candles and other decorations.

Pictures and Video:

Weddings are services of worship. To honour and to respect this reality, you may take pictures during the Procession and during the Recession. At all other times keep your devices turned off. The professional photographer or videographer are the only ones allowed to take images during the service – after prior consultation with the minister.

Confetti, Rose Petals, Rice, Glitter, etc.:

None of these, nor any other celebratory objects, are allowed within or on church property. Extra fees will apply if this restriction is violated.

What if...?

On rare occasions a wedding will not take place as planned. In such a circumstance, please let the Church Office know as soon as possible. During the very busy wedding season, this allows us more freedom to book other weddings. Thank you.

Follow-up:

Following your marriage, we will continue to hold you in our prayers, offering you support as appropriate and as possible. Our church family and our staff pray that God will richly bless your wedding day. We pray that your marriage will be blessed with much joy, with frequent laughter and with ever deepening love.

KINCARDINE UNITED CHURCH

WEDDING INFORMATION



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Congratulations to both of you on your upcoming marriage! Our church community offers wedding services for all couples, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Our minister is available to preside at weddings both within the church building and at off-site locations. The wedding service occurs within the context of Christian worship. The role of the community of faith is to offer a service of prayers and blessings to accompany your promises to one another.

OUR MISSION:

*The congregation of Kincardine United Church seeks to foster a journey of **spiritual growth** through **hospitality, service, fellowship** and **study**, and, in **community**, to build up the ministry of every person and together experience God's abundant love and grace.*

Kincardine United Church will, at the discretion of the minister, perform all marriages between two people who express:

- A deep desire for marriage,
- A strong commitment to the journey of faith,
- A desire to express their devotion to each other before God and
- An openness to receive God’s blessing in the celebration of this covenant.

Scheduling the Wedding Service:

Contact the minister to determine if the minister is available to preside at your wedding service on the date and at the location you have decided.

Marriage Preparation:

Once the minister has agreed to preside at your wedding, you must be prepared to meet with the minister at mutually agreeable times and locations for:

1. A 90-minute pre-marriage class focused on communication within the marriage which will involve practice in the techniques for healthy communication. The minister will also provide you with materials to assist you in creating your wedding service as well as giving you a Marriage Information Form to complete.
2. A second 90-minute pre-marriage class focused on the effects of your families of origin on your relationship. This session will examine the complexities of those relational connections and how to strengthen your marriage within the network of those wider realities.
3. A third time together – also around 90 minutes – during which the minister will work with you to create your wedding service.

The Music:

Our Wedding Organist, Jennifer McCallum, will be pleased to offer her services for your wedding. Please contact Jennifer at (519-396-4035) as soon as you have scheduled your wedding with the minister to arrange music selections. If you wish to make other arrangements, you must speak to the minister during the first pre-marriage meeting. If a guest musician is going to play at your wedding, this musician must be approved by the Kincardine United Church Music Director, David Hamilton, who can be reached by calling the Church Office (519-396-2391).

Rehearsal:

The rehearsal is arranged with the minister at a time when most participants can be present. The rehearsal usually takes about an hour. Commonly the rehearsal takes place a day or two before your wedding service. The fees must be paid no later than the date of the rehearsal and the marriage license must be received by the rehearsal. Otherwise, the wedding will not take place.

Fees:

If you wish to pay the fees before the rehearsal date (recommended), the Kincardine United Church Office is open from Tuesday to Friday between 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Should the weather require the use of the church building instead of the originally planned off-site location – and if the church is available – the greater fees for a wedding service in the church will apply.

<u>For a wedding service in the church:</u>		<u>For a wedding service at another location:</u>	
Registration	\$50.00	Registration	\$50.00
Church use	200.00	Minister	<u>250.00</u>
Minister	250.00	TOTAL:	<u>\$300.00</u>
Organist	200.00	<u>Optional Services:</u>	
Wedding Co-ordinator	75.00	Church Soloist:	\$125.00
A/V Technician	150.00	Bulletin preparation and printing:	\$50.00
Custodian	<u>75.00</u>		
TOTAL:	<u>\$1,000.00</u>		

Guest Minister:

If you request a guest minister to preside at your wedding, this minister must provide the number of their Ontario Government License and be approved by the minister of Kincardine United Church.

The Church:

The church building can accommodate up to 275 people. Public parking is available across the street around Victoria Park, on the adjacent streets and in a nearby parking lot.