



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Wedding Policies: Guidelines for Photographers and Videographers

In order to preserve the sanctity and reverence of the Service of Christian Marriage, the following guidelines have been established. The policies outlined below are to be followed at all times. If the bride or bridal party desires something which is not covered by these policies, those requests are to be interpreted in the spirit of these regulations. Requests are to be fully discussed with the Wedding Coordinator before the ceremony in order that there be a full understanding of what is to occur. **First Methodist reserves the right to restrict the privileges of any photographer who violates these regulations.**

### PHOTOGRAPHY

- The use of flash cameras during the ceremony is strictly forbidden. Flash pictures may be taken in the narthex before the ceremony, but may not be taken inside the sanctuary once the service begins. Pictures of the wedding party entering the sanctuary or chapel may be posed after the ceremony. It is permissible, if strict quietness is maintained, to take time exposures from the balcony.
- Some brides are now requesting that wedding pictures be taken prior to the ceremony. **The church is available to the wedding party three hours prior to the time of the service. Pre-ceremony photographs must conclude forty five minutes prior to the beginning of the ceremony.**
- Wedding pictures may be taken in various rooms, such as the bride's dressing room, in the breezeway outside the church, on the front steps, etc. However, we ask that pictures not be taken in rooms other than those that the wedding party is using because these rooms have to be set up for Sunday services. Unauthorized use of rooms could result in the photographer being billed for the cost of the church to have custodians come in on overtime to clean and rearrange the rooms.
- Hymnals, pew cards, Bibles, etc., in the pew racks are considered permanent parts of the sanctuary appointments, and are not to be removed for any reason. Care is taken by the church staff to ensure these items are neatly placed in the racks, and they are not to be disturbed.
- Cushions at the chancel rail are considered permanent fixtures of the church, and are not to be removed.

### VIDEOGRAPHY

- Videography is permissible from the balcony. Videography is also permissible by unmanned cameras just inside the South Chancel door nearest the altar.

Following these policies will enable you to enjoy a long and pleasant relationship with First United Methodist Church. Thank you for your cooperation.