

Wedding Fees

A non-refundable deposit of the facility fee is required to secure the wedding date.

*Sanctuary (seats 250) \$200

*Chapel (seats 30) \$50

Fellowship Hall \$100

**Waived for White Oak UMC Members and immediate family members*

Pastor \$200

Wedding Facilitator \$200

Custodian \$175

Sanctuary Sound Tech \$100

All non-facility wedding fees must be paid thirty days prior to your wedding date.

Checks can be mailed to the church office, handed to the Wedding Facilitator or paid on the White Oak UMC website by debit or credit card.

WHITE OAK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

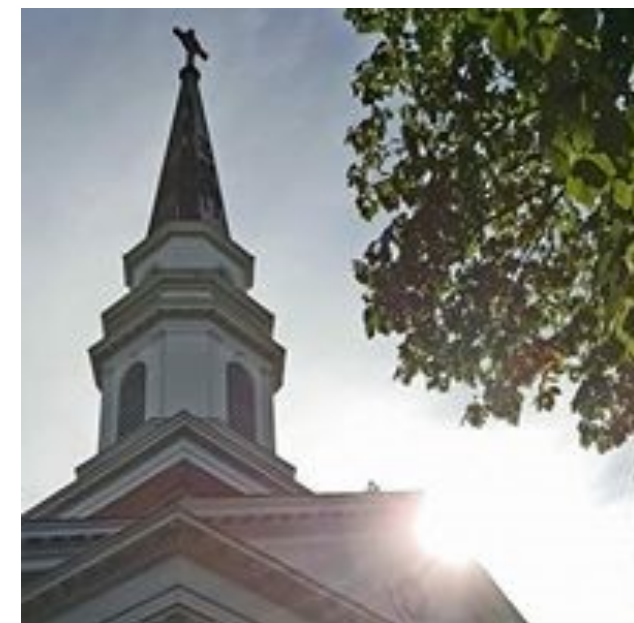
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Weddings



The Process

It is a privilege and pleasure for us at White Oak UMC to help you celebrate and solemnize the start of your life together as a married couple, and to join in blessing the new family household you are forming. We share with you the desire for a meaningful and memorable wedding experience.

If you would like our pastor to preside at your wedding service, she will do so (schedule permitting) or she will help you to secure an alternate presiding minister. An ordained Christian minister may be considered to conduct your wedding with permission of the White Oak UMC Pastor. At White Oak UMC we are only able to accommodate a Christian service of marriage performed by an ordained Christian Minister. We strongly recommend some form of pre-marriage counseling with a clergy person or certified family counselor as part of your marriage preparation.

START THE PROCESS

Call the church (423-877-6042) or email whiteoakchurch@epbfi.com to inquire about a specific date for your wedding. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is required to secure the date [This deposit will be applied to the fee.](#) (See *Wedding Fees*)

You will then be put in touch with our church Wedding Facilitator, who will work with you through the day of your wedding.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

A valid marriage license is required before the ceremony can begin. You will need to contact the Hamilton County Clerk or go to: <http://www.countyclerkanytime.com/marriage/default.aspx>

The Venue

Our **PRAYER CHAPEL** seats 30 guests comfortably, and can accommodate 1 attendant on either side in addition to the bride and groom. The Chapel has a piano.

Our main **SANCTUARY** comfortably seats about 250 guests and can accommodate large groups of bridesmaids and groomsmen. It has an organ and piano, and room for soloists or small ensembles.

Our beautiful **FELLOWSHIP HALL** is the church's space for receptions and large events. It has hardwood flooring and wonderful stained glass windows. This space can be setup with round/rectangular tables and chairs and can accommodate 100+ people.

MUSIC

If the organ and/or piano are used, we require that the organist and/or pianist be approved by White Oak UMC. Other musicians or recorded music can be used if you so desire. While it is your wedding, it is also a worship service of the church, so all music should be in keeping with the nature and location of the event.

DRESSING ROOMS

Designated dressing rooms for members of the bridal party will be available to you two hours before your scheduled wedding time. We recommend that wedding dresses, rings, and other items of value not be left in the church building overnight. Church classrooms are used for dressing rooms. It is expected that they will be intact and ready for Sunday.

PLEASE NOTE

- No smoking is permitted inside any of the buildings, and no alcoholic beverages may be consumed anywhere on church property.
- No food or beverage is permitted in the Chapel or Sanctuary.

The Ceremony

CHILDCARE

We cannot provide infant or childcare for weddings. For the children's safety, we expect parents or other responsible adults to offer constant care or supervision for all children on our premises, including during the rehearsal and prior to the wedding.

DECORATIONS

The church will not be open for decorating or delivery of flowers more than two hours prior to the wedding. We recommend that all wedding decorations be kept simple and appropriate to the nature of a Christian wedding. No adhesives or tacks are permitted to secure your decorations. Carpet protectors must be placed under plants or arrangements. Runners are not allowed due to a tripping hazard. Only silk flower petals may be scattered as part of the wedding procession.

WEDDING REHEARSAL

Rehearsals are best limited to wedding party members to reduce time and details.

NO RICE OR BIRDSEED

For reasons of safety and ease of cleanup, rice or birdseed may not be thrown indoors or outdoors.

VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPHS

We do not permit flash photography during the wedding ceremony; non-flash photos may be taken, but the photographer should not be so prominent as to distract from the wedding. Video may be taken from designated fixed locations. Posed flash photos may be taken after the service, for a maximum of 30 minutes.