

PROTOCOLS

All weddings are subject to the approval of the Worship Committee and Official Board of the Manotick United Church. These committees meet every month.

Wedding License.

The minister requires the licence one month prior to the wedding date.

Fees:

Church:	\$300.00
Minister:	\$300.00
Caretaking/Coordinating Fee:	\$125.00
Sound Booth (optional):	\$ 50.00
Pianist/Organist (optional):	Determined by Musician

In Winter (Dec. 20 thru March 20) there will be an additional charge of \$100 to help cover the cost of heat on the day of the wedding and the rehearsal.

For "off-site" weddings the Minister's fees are \$400.00 plus mileage incurred at \$0.41 per km,

"In cases of hardship please discuss with the minister."

Protocoll and Payment Schedule

50% non refundable at the time of approval by Church Council.

All other fees due one month prior to the wedding. Late payment may result in cancellation. There will be **NO REFUND** for any cancellation **less than TWO weeks** prior to the wedding. Should the minister become unwell or be unable to officiate at the ceremony, it is the church's responsibility to find a replacement. In this case you will be informed.

We strongly recommend that all couples seeking to be married attend a registered pre marital counselling course. Information will be provided to you.

Agreement

The preceding Protocols regarding fees and the need for us to attend appointments have been explained to us by the minister and we the undersigned agree to these protocols.

Bride: _____ Groom: _____

Minister: _____

*Congratulations!
You're Getting Married...*

**Wedding Ceremonies
at
Manotick United Church**



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An early Christian named Paul once said, there are three things that last, faith, hope and love. And the greatest of the three is love...

PLEASE CALL IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL ANY APPOINTMENT.

Friends bring us laughter, comfort and hope. Some went to grade one with us, others come through work or a shared passion. And sometimes, somewhere, one stands out from all the rest. This becomes the person with whom you want to share every part of life and every aspect of the future, come what may!

We hope this pamphlet will answer some questions you may have about planning and preparing for your wedding in Manotick United Church.

Invitations

You'll want to celebrate the best way you know how, surrounded by friends and family. Yet you also understand, regardless of your commitment to your faith, that there is something about this person, and the depth of this love that is holy, calling out for a wider blessing.

Life Together

The United Church of Canada is the perfect place for you to begin a committed life together in marriage, even if you have never attended our church. We see people as unique, loved creations of God. We also see relationships as living things, requiring preparation and nurture. We'll offer you marriage preparation and guide you in planning your wedding ceremony, in order to make your wedding ceremony an expression of who you are.

We believe that God intends loving relationships to be faithful, responsible, just, healing and sustaining of the couple and those around them.

How will the minister be involved with my family?

The role of the minister is to offer guidance and to assist in planning your wedding, by helping you to choose or write your own wedding vows with appropriate scripture. You may also wish to have poems read at your wedding.. Planning your wedding will involve several meetings with the minister in the church office. Normally there will be at least 4 meetings.

The initial "Getting to Know You" to plan dates, such as rehearsal, and begin discussion about shared values, and family history.

You'll meet next to discuss scripture choices and vows.

One month prior to the wedding there is a meeting to confirm scripture choices, wedding service plans and vows.

The week prior to the wedding a rehearsal **including all members of the wedding party and parents of the couple.**

How can we help to plan the wedding service?

Your wedding is very important to us. If there are special hymns, music, poems or passages of scripture that have particular meaning to your family, you may share these with the minister and include them in the service.

If you have any symbols you wish included, such as "Unity Candles" or "Sand" please discuss them with us and we will do our best to include them in the service in a unique and special manner.

Church or "Outside" Services

While weddings normally take place within the church, you may request the minister to perform the service at a reception hall or at your own home. This will be at the minister's discretion and you may be charged an additional sum to cover mileage expenses.

Photographs or not?

The service, while a service of celebration, is also a service of worship. It is preferred that only professional photographers take pictures during the ceremony without the use of a flash. Photos may be taken by all guests during the entrance and exit as well as the signing of the documents. We ask that the photographer **NOT** obstruct or disrupt the service in any way.

Flowers and Pew Bows

You may make arrangements to access the church to decorate with flowers and pew bows. Please do not use pins, tacks or scotch tape on the pews.

One final note A wedding ceremony is a LEGAL ceremony and we remind all signing parties that under no circumstances will the minister perform a wedding ceremony if the minister believes that any alcohol has been consumed by signatories. Bride, Groom and witnesses.

These are guidelines and we will try to be flexible given special circumstances.