
WEDDINGS AT NIMMO UMC

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING NIMMO UMC AS THE PLACE FOR THE FORMAL BEGINNING OF YOUR LIFE AS A MARRIED COUPLE. PLEASE REVIEW THE INFORMATION HERE AND CALL OUR OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. THE OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM.

SCHEDULING YOUR WEDDING

You must contact the church office regarding the availability of the sanctuary. (Due to the full church calendar for December, weddings are only held in special circumstances.) If a suitable date is open (you can also check our online calendar to see if there are dates open), please call the office to schedule a meeting to discuss officially scheduling your wedding. You may download the Wedding Form and have it ready when meeting to schedule your wedding in the office.

Members and immediate family members may schedule an available date up to six months in advance; non-members may schedule their dates at the discretion of the pastor. **Your wedding date is not officially reserved until your \$50 nonrefundable deposit is received (see Fees and Honoraria below).** We believe a spiritual life together is key to a good and lasting marriage. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become part of our congregation.

PREMARITAL COUNSELING

Pastor Brandon believes marriage is hard work and your wedding ceremony is uniquely special, which is why there will be three premarital sessions. Each session will only last about an hour. During that time, the bride or groom may meet with the pastor for personal counseling. The first two sessions are a get to know each other sessions where we discuss questions geared towards discussions about married life. The third session will be to organize and plan your actual wedding ceremony.

THE WEDDING SERVICE

A Christian wedding service at Nimmo UMC is one in which vows are made in the context of worship, prayer and thanksgiving. Readers and musical soloists may add to the uniqueness of your wedding service, and their use must be appropriate, with the consent of the pastor. A unity candle and/or the Celebration of the Lord's Supper may also be included in the wedding service. Should you desire to include either or both, plan to discuss this with the pastor in the second or third premarital counseling session. **Any type of alcohol is forbidden on church property; our church upholds a strict "No Alcohol" policy.**

THE REHEARSAL

The rehearsal, held the day before the wedding service, will last about an hour and is conducted by the pastor, with the assistance of the church's wedding hostess and your wedding planner. It is important for all wedding party members to be present and on time for the rehearsal.

THE WEDDING HOSTESS

The church secretary will help answer your questions regarding facility use, decoration and other arrangements relating to your wedding. She will assign a wedding hostess who will be present before, during, and after the wedding and will serve as a resource for you and your wedding planner. Each wedding hostess is a member of Nimmo UMC and is familiar with our wedding policies.

MUSIC

Nimmo Church has a fine organist and, by church policy, only he may play the pipe organs in the sanctuary. Other musicians may be invited, at the discretion of the pastor. The bride and groom have the responsibility to contact the organist once the wedding date is confirmed. Care should be taken to select music which will contribute to the ceremony's character as a service of Christian worship. Our musician has significant training and resources to enable your music selections. Soloists, either instrumental or vocal, should be chosen in consultation with the organist who will play for your wedding service.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY

Photography is not permitted during the wedding service, as it is a time of worship. Video recording may be done only from the balcony. Photographers/videographers must remain stationary during the wedding service. The pastor will be glad to remain afterward to recreate scenes which the bride and groom wish to have photographed. Photos may be taken during the processional and recessional and of the wedding kiss. Guests should be discouraged from taking pictures during the wedding service, and they should wait until after the service for pictures.

THE SANCTUARY

Nimmo's sanctuary will seat 212, with 17 pews on the main level and six pews in the balcony. It is handicap accessible via the ramp on the east side of the building. The character and colonial design of the church lend themselves to simplicity in decoration. Guidelines for wedding decorations are available and should be discussed with the florist. There are specific requirements for arrangements on the altar relative to the cross. By church policy, the use of tobacco or alcohol is not permitted on the grounds of Nimmo UMC.

FEES AND HONORARIA

With exception of the deposit and marriage license, all fees and honoraria are due and payable one week prior to wedding rehearsal as noted below:

Non-member fee	Member Fee	Due For	Payable To
\$50	N/C	Non-refundable deposit to reserve date; due with application	Nimmo UMC
\$250	N/C	Building use	Nimmo UMC
\$75	\$75	Cleaning for before and after wedding	Scheduled cleaning person
\$100	\$100	Wedding Hostess	Wedding Hostess
\$150	\$150	Organist, including consultation, soloist rehearsal, wedding rehearsal and service	Organist
\$200	\$200	Services from Pastor, including premarital counseling, rehearsal, and wedding service	Pastor
\$75	\$75	Sound system	Nimmo UMC

NEXT STEPS

If you would like to move forward in planning your wedding at Nimmo United Methodist Church, please fill out the Wedding Request Form found on our website.