

## WEDDING POLICIES FOR MEMBERS

*(see next page for Non-Members)*

1. In accordance with God's word and the Discipline of the United Methodist Church, marriages that occur on the grounds of Gramling UMC shall be between a man and a woman.
2. Church standards take precedence over purely secular and personal tastes.
3. The Minister has final authority regarding details of the service.
4. The date for the wedding shall not be set until it has been placed on the Minister's calendar.
5. If the couple desires another minister to assist in the service, the pastor of the church shall make the invitation.
6. Four premarital sessions with the minister are required of every couple desiring to be married.
7. The minister will confer with the couple as to what church decorations will be most fitting. A plan should be submitted at least six weeks prior to the wedding in order to avoid last minute problems.
8. No tacks, nails, or tape may be used in decorating the church.
9. If no candle covers are used, plastic must be placed under the candelabras to prevent the dripping of wax onto the carpet.
10. No alcoholic beverages or other drugs are allowed on church grounds. No Smoking is allowed in the church building.
11. No rice, birdseed, or bubbles are to be used for safety and clean-up reasons.
12. The minister shall be consulted in choosing music in the tradition of the United Methodist Church. If our organist and/or pianist are not performing the music, a list of potential musical pieces should be submitted to the minister six weeks prior to the wedding.
13. Should the church organist or pianist be asked to play, a fee should be negotiated between the wedding party and musicians.
14. Any organist not associated with Gramling United Methodist Church will consult with the church organist before playing the church organ.
15. The custodian is to receive \$100 for his services rendered. Please make your check payable to Ronnie Brackett and bring to the church office two weeks **prior to** the wedding.
16. No flash photographs are to be taken during the actual service. Video recording is allowed only from the balcony or from an unmanned camera placed in an unobtrusive position near the front of the sanctuary.
17. The flags and the choir chairs are the only pieces of furniture which can be moved in the sanctuary. The kneeling pads are not to be removed.
18. If adjustments are made to the sound system, please return all controls to their previous positions after service.
19. If the Social Hall is used as part of the wedding event, all rules pertaining to this facility shall be followed.
20. These policies for members shall also apply to former ministers and members of their immediate families.

## Wedding Policies for NON-MEMBERS

1. In accordance with God's word and the Discipline of the United Methodist Church, marriages that occur on the grounds of Gramling UMC shall be between a man and a woman.
2. In the event that a non-member would like to use the church for a wedding, a request must be made to the church by a sponsoring church member who must tentatively reserve the church for the date in question.  
Wedding Sponsor Duties:
  - 1-See that fees are paid. (See rule 2)
  - 2-Set the thermostats early for the rehearsal, wedding and reception as needed and open doors.
  - 3-Attend each event making sure all wedding policies and Social Hall rules are kept.
  - 4-Oversee the set up and return of tables and chairs. (See Social Hall rule #5). The very chairs and tables from the gym or social hall must be the same ones taken back. They are marked on the underside.
  - 5-See that the building and premises are cleaned and cleared of all decorations and garbage. (See social hall rule #6).
  - 6-Cut off lights, reset thermostats and lock doors.
3. The date for the wedding **will not** be placed on the church calendar definitely until a, b, and d fees have been received. The fees are as follows:
  - (a) security deposit--\$500.00 (to be refunded upon no damage after the wedding)
  - (b) church use fee----\$800.00
  - (c) If our musicians are to be used, a fee will be negotiated with them and paid to them before the wedding.
  - (d) Custodian-----\$100 Please make your check payable to Ronnie Brackett and bring to the office.
4. In accordance with God's word and the Discipline of the United Methodist Church, marriages that occur on the grounds of Gramling UMC shall be between a man and a woman.
5. Church standards take precedence over purely secular and personal tastes.
6. The minister has final authority regarding details of the service.
7. Counseling sessions are required as determined by the pastor, and should be finished one month before the wedding.
8. The minister shall be consulted in choosing music in the tradition of the United Methodist Church. If our organist and/or pianist are not performing the music, a list should be submitted to the minister six weeks prior to the wedding.
9. The minister will confer with the couple as to what church decorations will be most fitting. A plan should be submitted at least six weeks prior to the wedding in order to avoid last minute problems.
10. If the couple desires another minister to assist in, or perform the service, the pastor of the church must grant a letter of permission.
11. Due to the unpredictable timings of weddings, there may be a limit on the number of weddings that will be allowed during the months of June and December. The minister will make this decision.
12. Any organist not associated with Gramling United Methodist Church will consult with the church organist before playing the church organ.
13. No flash photographs are to be taken during the actual service. Video Recording is allowed only from the balcony and/or from an unmanned camera placed in an unobtrusive position near the front of the sanctuary. The flags and the choir chairs are the only pieces of furniture that can be moved in the sanctuary. The kneeling pads are not to be removed. **The piano is not to be moved at all.**
14. If adjustments are made to the sound system, please return all controls to their previous positions after the service.
15. If no candle covers are used, plastic must be placed under the candelabras to prevent the dripping of wax onto the carpet.
16. No tacks, nails, or tape may be used in decorating the church.
17. No rice, birdseed, or bubbles are to be used for safety and cleanup reasons.
18. No alcoholic beverages or other drugs are allowed on church grounds. No smoking is allowed.