

following the ceremony. No decoration may be used that requires alterations to the Church space or its furnishings, including the use of nails or thumbtacks. Also, seasonal decoration by the Church is not to be disturbed if your wedding is held at such times. Our policy does not permit the use of confetti or flower petals in the Church. We suggest the use of bird seed or bubbles for 'blessing' the bride and groom when they leave the Church building.

Where Can A Wedding Be Held?

Your marriage does not have to take place in the Church. We are willing to perform a marriage ceremony in your home, at some other venue, or outdoors. There is no strict rule as to the details of the ceremony. While some aspects are considered necessary, many of the particulars are open to negotiation. We will do all that we are able to make your marriage meaningful and memorable.

Additional Information

These are the fees you will be expected to pay for your wedding services:

Sanctuary*	\$100
Minister	\$150
Musician	\$100
Custodian	\$100

*The sanctuary fee does not apply for members of the Nashwaaksis United Church.

All fees must be paid before the marriage date (cash or cheque).

A New Creed

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Our Mission

We are a community of believers in Jesus Christ, focused on Scripture, and led by the Holy Spirit. We are called to exemplify the life and love of Jesus Christ; to nurture our Christian faith through worship, study, fellowship and service; to be a caring people, reaching out to each other, our neighbours, and to all God's people.

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NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH

Marriage Policy

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Church Office Hours:

Tuesday & Wednesday 9am - 4:30pm

Thursday 9am - 4pm

Friday 9am - 12 pm

(closed for lunch from 12-1pm)

Welcome

Congratulations!

We are pleased to be considered as partners with you as you make your preparations for marriage. This brief brochure provides you with the basics of a wedding ceremony at Nashwaaksis United Church.

Who May Be Married?

We understand marriage to be a spiritual covenant between a woman and a man. We require that all couples take part in a recognized 'marriage preparation course', or its equivalent. You do not have to be a member of the United Church or of this Congregation to be married here. There is no obligation to join or become a member of our church if you seek to be married here, although you would be most welcome to begin worshipping with us.

What Are the Basic Steps?

Planning your wedding with us will begin when you make your request. Following this request we will send you an information package. This will include a letter of explanation, a personal particulars form, a 'marriage preparation' brochure, and a request that you contact a member of our ministry team. The minister appointed to respond will become your primary contact throughout the process. The date of your marriage will be confirmed at your first meeting with the minister. Please do not begin making plans

for the service before this initial contact with the minister.

Who Will Lead The Service?

In most cases our minister will be the primary consultant and officiant for your wedding. There may be other arrangements made but these will be in consultation with, and subject to the approval of, our minister. We are open to the participation of recognized leaders from other spiritual traditions.

What Are The Legal Requirements?

We offer wedding ceremonies to any man and woman who meet the legal requirements set by the Province of New Brunswick. The primary requirement is a marriage license issued by Service New Brunswick. The license should be brought to the Church office at least two weeks before the day of the marriage. This provides opportunity for the information to be transferred to the necessary documents and records kept by the Church or submitted to the Government.

What Other Persons Are Involved?

Music plays a significant part in a marriage ceremony. We offer the services of our Church musicians for your wedding. Once a date has been confirmed we will provide you with contact information for one of our Church musicians. You will be expected to make contact with this person as soon as possible. This will ensure their availability for

the date you have chosen. It will also begin the process of selecting your wedding music. You may choose other musicians to participate in the service. Music selection is subject to approval by the Minister and the Church Musician. Only qualified persons may use the Church organ, in consultation with our choir director/organist. We are also able to provide a basic sound system for the service. This makes it possible to employ recorded music as part of the ceremony, either in place of or together with live music. As with the Church musician, we will appreciate early notification specific to sound system needs.

What Else Needs To Be Considered?

In most cases a photographer is designated to take pictures during the ceremony. We allow one still and one video photographer during the actual wedding ceremony. Guests may take pictures during the procession into and out of the Church. They may not take pictures during the marriage ceremony.

We welcome a reasonable amount of decoration in the church for your wedding. This includes the use of flowers, pew markers, candles and other symbolic articles. Decoration is the responsibility of the couple. This includes removal of the decorations