

## Fees

<b>Use of Sanctuary</b> .....	\$300.00
Check made payable to First Congregational Church <i>(No charge for church members)</i>	
<b>Use of Cook Hall</b>	
without kitchen use .....	\$150.00
with kitchen use .....	\$250.00*
(*In addition, \$250 refundable cleaning/damage deposit required before renting the FCC Kitchen.)	
Check made payable to First Congregational Church	
<b>Minister</b> .....	\$400.00
Includes three counseling and planning sessions, writing the marriage ceremony, conducting the rehearsal, and officiating at the wedding. Check made payable to the officiating pastor. <i>(For church members, the minister's honorarium is at the discretion of the couple.)</i>	
<b>Organist</b>	
Rehearsal .....	\$50.00
Consultation and playing at the wedding.....	\$200.00
Payable to Laura Murach	
<b>Sexton Services</b>	
for Sanctuary .....	\$125.00
for Cook Hall/Kitchen.....	\$125.00
Payable directly to sexton	
<b>Bulletins</b>	
Bulletin covers and printing only .....	\$ 20.00/50
Payable to First Congregational Church	
Design and layout of bulletin.....	\$ 25.00
Payable to Sue Miltenberger	

A deposit of \$250 is required at the time your wedding is placed  
on the church calendar. We ask that all other payments be made  
prior to the wedding rehearsal.



First Congregational  
Church of Granby

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# Wedding

## Guidelines

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# Wedding Guidelines

Congratulations! It is wonderful news to hear that you are preparing to be married! We at First Church delight to be sharing this time with you as you look forward to your wedding day. We offer the following to guide you in planning for your wedding at First Church.

## Background

The essence of Christian marriage is a formal covenant between two people that has its foundation in God's love. In the wedding ceremony two people make promises to each other in the presence of friends and family and God. Because it is a service of Christian worship, we need to be especially conscious of God's presence. Joy, dignity, prayer, love, and trust are all part of this time and require the best we can bring.

## Reserving the Date

Make an appointment as soon as possible to meet with the minister to discuss your plans. The date and time for your wedding cannot be set before this meeting. An initial deposit of \$250 is required before the second meeting.

## Planning

You are expected to meet with the officiating minister at least three times before the wedding to get to know one another and to discuss the Christian understanding of marriage as well as the details of the wedding service itself.

It is First Church policy that the participation of another officiant, soloist, or musician is at the discretion of the minister of First Church. She would be the one to extend an invitation.

A marriage license must be obtained at the Granby Town Clerk's Office in compliance with the laws of the State of Connecticut. No wedding will be performed without a valid license. The license must be given to the minister **prior to the wedding rehearsal.**

At the rehearsal (generally the day before the wedding), details of processing and recessing, ushering responsibilities and other matters pertinent to your wedding will be practiced. The rehearsal should be scheduled for a time when the largest possible number of those with special responsibilities can be present.

## The Wedding Ceremony

The wedding service may be traditional or more contemporary in form. The service will be planned with the minister, who will offer suggestions for your considerations to help you in planning a ceremony that is also meaningful to you.

Normally, the organist of this church will play for the service if an organist is required. The couple is encouraged to participate in the selection of music, although the organist or minister will oversee the final selections. It is your responsibility to arrange a meeting with the organist well in advance of the wedding to make these arrangements. Music should be in keeping with the dignity of the worship service. Soloists requiring accompaniment must make arrangements with the organist for a rehearsal time.

## Photography

Because the wedding is a service of worship, both joy and reverence should mark the occasion. Naturally, you will want to have photographs (and perhaps a video) as keepsakes, but photographers moving about during the service detract from the sacredness of the service. The taking of flash photographs after the speaking part of the service begins is not allowed. The ceremony may be photographed from the balcony or the rear of the sanctuary from a stationary base. The wedding party is invited to return to the front of the sanctuary after the wedding when pictures may be freely and easily taken.