

WEDDING POLICY: Rivers United Church

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USE OF CHURCH: Weddings must be arranged through the minister.

If the bride and/or groom or their immediate family are regular contributors to Rivers United Church, a donation of \$200.00 is suggested.

If the bride and/or groom or their immediate family are not regular contributors to Rivers United Church, a donation of \$300.00 is suggested.

This applies to weddings held in the church or at any other location.

The Board asks that all donations (church, organist, caretakers)

be included in one cheque, payable to: Rivers United Church.

(Please specify the amount intended for each recipient).

This cheque, along with the marriage license and information sheet should be given to the minister at least one week before the wedding.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Couples asking to be married by the minister of Rivers United Church are encouraged to attend a marriage preparation course.

(eg. week-end seminars offered by Westman Interfaith and Counselling Centre in Brandon)

Couples must also meet with the minister at least 3 times before the wedding.

ORGANIST: A church organist is available. If couples wish to choose their own Organist, this must be approved by the choir director, at least 2 months before the wedding. The organist should attend the wedding rehearsal.

Most organists will set their own fee, but they should be paid a minimum of \$40.00.

MUSIC: Music (solos, processional, recessional) must be appropriate for use in the Church. All music to be used must be approved by the minister and choir director, at least two months before the wedding. A list of acceptable titles is available.

CARETAKER: The caretaker must be paid a minimum of \$50.00. The church must be left tidy, with all decorations and garbage removed. There is to be no confetti inside the church or on the church grounds, where it will track inside.

DECORATIONS: The use of tape to attach decorations is not permitted. Please use elastic bands or string). Do not move any furniture in the sanctuary without permission.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Normally pictures may be taken only during the processional, the signing of the register and the recessional. One stationary video camera is allowed.

We trust this advice is useful to you.

We pray that your wedding day will be a joyous occasion with many wonderful memories, and that God will bless you with a happy and fulfilling life together.

The Board of Rivers United Church