

FUNERAL POLICY

The congregation and pastors of Front Street United Methodist Church wish to express their sympathy and Christian love in this most difficult hour. Be assured of our prayers and concern for you as a member of our Christian family. Funerals are held for FSUMC members and their immediate family (children and grandchildren) only.

The family may determine where the funeral service is to be conducted. When the service is held at the funeral home or gravesite, the responsibility for this service will rest upon the pastor in consultation with the family and funeral home. The presiding pastor is solely responsible for the order of worship.

For those wishing to have their service of worship at Front Street United Methodist Church, the following guide should be helpful. This guide has been provided by the Worship Ministry Team.

All services in our sanctuary are worship services. This worship will be led by our pastors. If it is requested that another pastor assist in the service, the presiding pastor of FSUMC may issue that invitation at their discretion.

The music for the funeral service will affirm our worship of God. Unless a guest organist is requested, the organist of this church will play for the funeral service and may assist the family in selecting special music. All music must be approved by the Director of Music Ministry and presiding pastor. The family is responsible for paying for a guest organist (\$300) and a soloist (\$100). If live streaming is desired the fee is \$100. The family will pay the individuals directly.

When the service is in the sanctuary or chapel of the church, the family may choose to use the pall. The pall covers the casket or urn, symbolizing that under God we are all equal. The pall is placed over the casket before it is brought into the sanctuary and removed in the narthex after the service. At this time the family may choose to place flowers on the casket for the committal. The urn is placed on a stand before the altar and the pall is placed over the urn before the service. The palls may not be removed from FSUMC. The funeral paraments and pall are to be handled only by Funeral Committee members.

When the funeral is conducted in the sanctuary or chapel, white silk altar flowers will be provided by the church in memory of the deceased. If the family requests fresh flower arrangements, they may be purchased from Custom Floral Creations in Burlington. They must be approved by the pastor and the family must absorb the additional cost. No other flowers will be used in the church.

FSUMC's Bereavement Committee may be asked to furnish a meal for the family or refreshments after a memorial service. This is offered only by the pastor in charge and coordinated by them with the family and committee members.

Additional information for consideration - Expenses that are the responsibility of the family: guest organist, soloist, and live streaming. The family will pay the individual (s) directly.

Guest Organist - \$300

Soloist - \$100

Live Streaming - \$100