

# Disciples of Christ



## **Altoona Christian Church**

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But Ruth said, “Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go: Where you lodge, I will lodge: Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.”

Ruth 1:16

Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth.

Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things. Now faith, hope, and love remain— these three things— and the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7, 13

## Welcome

In this booklet you'll find all you need to know about getting married at Altoona Christian Church. We're so glad you're considering our sanctuary as the setting for your special day.

By choosing to be married in a church, you acknowledge that a wedding is a spiritual (as well as legal) event and that marriage is a spiritual journey. You also acknowledge that it is important to be surrounded by your community and to allow them to support you in love and prayer.

As the pastor of this church, I expect that as you prepare for the details of the wedding service, you'll also be prepared to work with God and I in preparing your relationship for marriage. The process of two people joining in a relationship which is intended to last for a lifetime does involve great effort, and planning a wedding is not without stress. I promise to work with you through pre-marital counseling to help you in the development of your relationship and in building communication skills. We'll explore your relationship strengths and growth areas; learn skills to resolve conflicts; gain understanding about your families-of-origin and what that means to you as a couple; and develop personal, couple and family goals. I am a trained counselor, and I also promise to craft a meaningful, beautiful, and personal wedding ceremony that reflects your relationship and your families.

At Altoona Christian Church, we want your wedding to be a meaningful and joyful celebration. We also want your marriage to be fulfilling, as well as lasting. The church is here to always be in ministry with you to help you as people of God. If at any time we can be of help to you, please call.

Pastor Paul

## Church Wedding Staff

**Wedding Coordinator:** Our coordinator presides over the details of the wedding: preparation, decorations, ceremony, and use of the building. To schedule a wedding at the church, an initial appointment with the coordinator is required to gather information and make plans for the wedding.

Wedding Coordinator: Stephanie Hosier

**Pastor:** Our pastors preside over the wedding ceremony and assist in spiritual and family issues. A meeting with a pastor is required to make plans and choose options for the wedding ceremony and to arrange pre-marriage counseling services.

Pastor: Pastor Paul Elliott - 870-480-9141

**Musicians:** Our musicians are available to play for weddings at his/her discretion. If you want a musician for your ceremony, please contact Wedding Coordinator.

**Custodians:** Our custodians performs a general cleaning of the building before and after the wedding. The wedding party is responsible for returning the church to its original condition (i.e. replacing any furniture that is moved, etc.)

**Sound System:** The sound system coordinators work with the pastor, musicians, and the sound techs to ensure the best and most effective use of sound for the ceremony. The Wedding Coordinator will schedule one of our Sound System Coordinators for your rehearsal and wedding.

## **General Information**

**Aisle Runner** - the use of an aisle runner is not recommended due to tripping hazard. You are responsible for providing a runner if one is to be used. The aisle carpet is 50 feet from the chancel steps to the doors leading into the sanctuary.

**Deliveries** - Please make arrangements with the wedding coordinator concerning deliveries of flowers, food, etc.

**Kitchen Use** - Limited use of the kitchen by the wedding party is permitted. Please discuss with the wedding coordinator.

**Music** - All music used in the church will be approved by the pastor and the musicians. Appropriate sacred music will be used in the ceremony.

**Pictures/Videos** - Pictures can be posed in the church before and/or after the wedding. Videotaping of the ceremony is permitted. No flash pictures are to be taken during the processional and recessional. No pictures involving the wedding party will be taken during the 30-minute period before the ceremony. Photographer must remain stationary for the duration of the ceremony.

**Rehearsal** - A rehearsal will be held the evening prior to the ceremony. Unless approved by the pastor, all participants in the wedding must be present at the rehearsal. Disruptions during the rehearsal and ceremony are not tolerated. The persons may be asked to leave.

**Seating** - The seating capacity of the sanctuary is 360. The front rows are generally not used.

## Church Policies

- No smoking anywhere in the building
- No illegal substances on the premises
- No alcoholic beverages on the premises
- No rice or bird seed on the premises
- No balloons released from the church grounds
- No food or drink in the sanctuary, except water
- No tape, tacks, pins, or other items which may damage the church facility may be used
- No altar furniture is to be moved
- No fresh flower petals are to be dropped; only silk petals may be used
- Seasonal decorations (e.g. Christmas/Advent décor) will not be removed from the sanctuary
- Parking is limited to hard-surface parking lot area only

Please contact the Wedding Coordinator with any questions regarding the above policies

### FEES\*

	Member <sup>1</sup>	Non-Member
Damage Deposit <sup>2</sup>	\$100	\$100
Sanctuary/Gazebo Garden Rental	waived	\$300
Sanctuary Use w/a Non-ACC Pastor officiating		\$500
Pastor Fee	waived <sup>3</sup>	\$250
Wedding Coordinator Fee	\$100	\$100
Musician Fee	\$100	\$100
Sound System Fee	\$ 50	\$ 50
Custodian Fee	\$ 50	\$ 50
Use of Fellowship Hall/Kitchen (rehearsal and/or pre-wedding use)	waived	\$ 50

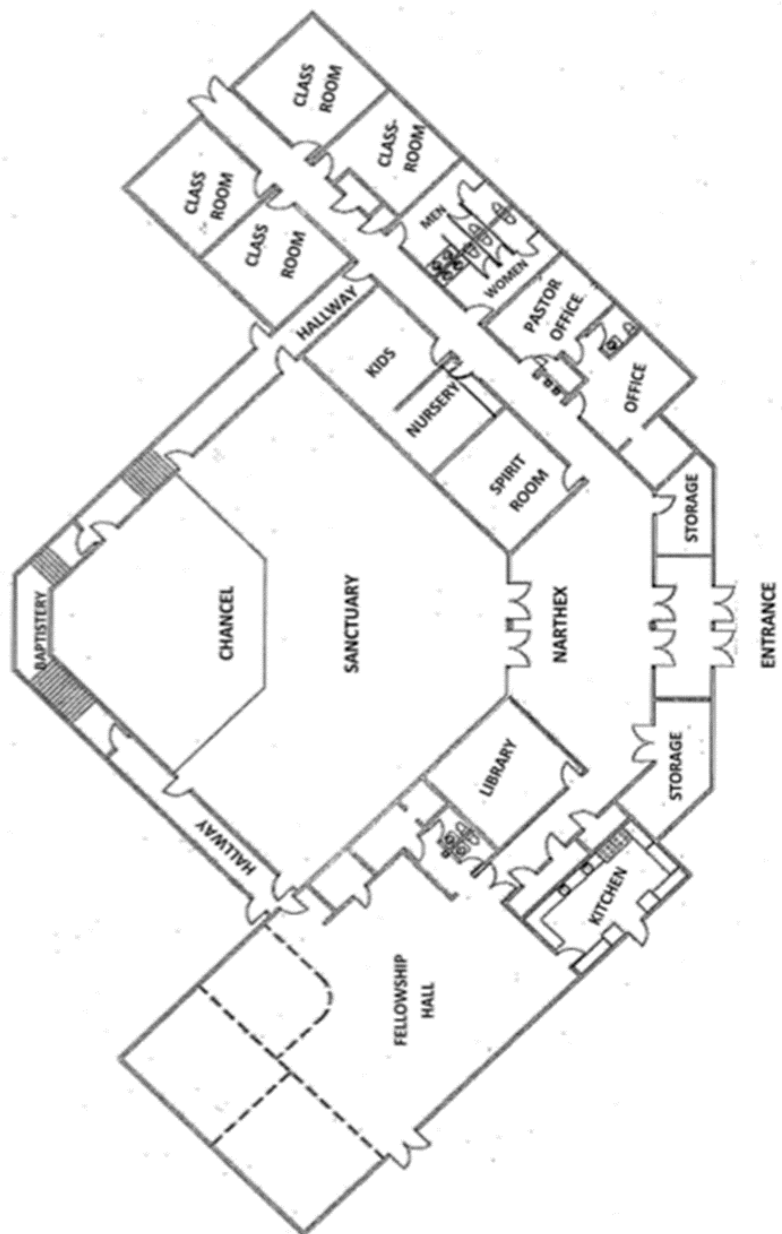
\*Subject to change

1) Wedding parties are classified as "members" when the bride, groom, parent(s) or grandparent(s) have been actively involved in the life of the Altoona Christian Church congregation for the last 6 months.

2) In order to reserve a wedding on the church calendar, a damage deposit is required. The damage deposit is refunded after the wedding in conjunction with a survey of the church property by the wedding coordinator. In case of a cancellation, with a 30 day written notice, a refund will be made.

3) The pastor's fee is waived for members; however, if you wish to provide an honorarium, please make a gift to the outreach ministries of the church.

All fees are due at the rehearsal.









## Basic information and helpful links

Worship Time: 9:30 AM

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### Office Hours

Monday ~ Thursday, 8:00 AM -1:00 PM

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