

Please call the Church Office to speak with the pastor (586-264-4777) to schedule a wedding in our sanctuary or at another venue. To secure your wedding date, a \$200 refundable deposit and Wedding Agreement is required. The balance is due one month prior to the wedding date.

The Bridal Room, Fireside Room and Sanctuary will be available two hours before your scheduled wedding time and one hour after the recessional.

Officiator - Reverend Terri Powell Bracy, an ordained United Church of Christ (UCC) minister will officiate the ceremony. At your first meeting with Pastor Terri, two counseling sessions will be scheduled. During these sessions we will get acquainted, discuss the results of the optional online Prepare/Enrich Inventory you may have taken, and make plans for your wedding.

The Wedding Coordinator - If you are choosing to be married at St Paul UCC, you will be required to use our Wedding Coordinator. On the day of the rehearsal the Wedding Coordinator will direct the wedding party, and will be available to assist you on the day of your wedding in any way that she can.

Belfry - If desired, the bells can be rung by a member of your party to announce the beginning and conclusion to your wedding. With help, the flower girls and ring bearers may also enjoy ringing the church bell.

Music - We require that all musical arrangements be made with our organist, Mr. James Farrow, Please contact Mr. Farrow at 586-795-0951 or farrowj@macomb.edu to schedule a consultation. All recorded music in the Sanctuary must be approved in advance by the by Pastor.



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The Wedding Ceremony - begins with 20-30 minutes of prelude music. After the prelude, there is generally special music for the seating of the mothers and grandmothers. Then the bridal party (bridesmaids, maid/matron of honor, flower girl, ring bearer) proceeds down the aisle, followed by the bride and father/mother. They arrive at the church altar where the groom, groomsmen and minister are assembled. This bridal march is accompanied by a processional tune. During the service optional hymns or solos may also occur. At the end of the service, the bride and groom march down the aisle to a recessional tune. The ceremony concludes with an instrumental postlude as the guests depart.

Unity Candle - an optional part of the Ceremony, usually a candle-lighting and brief period of reflection on the unity of the bride and groom.

Our sanctuary can seat 300 people comfortably. For larger weddings, the balcony is available at an additional fee.

Flowers - may be delivered on the morning of the wedding and may be placed on the altar, in front of the altar, in front of the pulpit, and on the aisle pews. Decorations other than the Unity Candle are not to be placed on the altar. Plastic aisle runners, rice, confetti, birdseed, and bubbles are not to be used on church grounds. Artificial flower petals down the center aisle may be used, but removal of the petals following the ceremony is the responsibility of the wedding party. Decorations are not to be taped or nailed to the pews. Aisle candles are prohibited except during the Christmas season when they are already present. Inform the pastor if you plan to use a Unity Candle or have a Rose Ceremony.

Photographs/Video Equipment - When the wedding ceremony is held *within the sanctuary*, it is considered a worship service; only non-flash photography is to be used during the service. Flash is only permitted during the processional and the recessional. Please mention this in your program. Video camera placement must be stationary; taping is permitted during the entire service. Equipment must be set up 45 minutes prior to the ceremony.

Parking is available in our two parking lots. If the main lot to the right of the church is full, an usher may direct guests to the smaller parking lot to the left and rear of the church.

Marriage License - Residents of Michigan need to apply for their marriage license in the county in which one of them lives. Non-residents need to apply for their marriage license in the county where they plan on getting married. You must bring the license to the rehearsal.

Fees -There are required fees for having your wedding here at St Paul UCC. A two-hundred dollar reservation fee is required to reserve your date and time and must be attached to the agreement. This deposit will be returned by mail after the wedding if the premises are left in the proper order. The balance is due one month prior to the wedding date. (See attached table for all fees)

Wedding programs -Wedding programs are acceptable for the wedding ceremony. The church office is not responsible for providing these programs, however if you would like assistance, or have any questions regarding the programs, contact the pastor.

Premarital Workshop Requirement -It is the church policy that every couple must attend counseling sessions if they are to be married by Pastor Terri. If the couple is not affiliated with St Paul, and the wedding is being held at another venue, this requirement may be waived upon discussion and at the pastor's discretion.

Directions to St Paul UCC

From the North

- I-75 South
- Take exit 65A for 14 Mile Road East
- Keep right at the fork (about 7 minutes)
- Turn right at Mound Rd S
- After Chicago Road , you will pass the church on your left, Make first U- TURN
- Destination will be on the right

From the South

- I-75 NORTH
- Merge onto I-696 via EXIT 61 toward PORT HURON.
- Take the MOUND RD exit- EXIT 22
- Merge onto MOUND RD. NORTH
- Destination on right $\frac{1}{2}$ MILE after 13 Mile

From the West

- I-696 E
- Take the MOUND RD exit- EXIT 22
- Merge onto MOUND RD. NORTH
- Destination on right $\frac{1}{2}$ MILE after 13 Mile

From the East

- I-696 W
- Take the MOUND RD exit- EXIT 22
- Take the MOUND RD NORTH ramp
- Merge onto MOUND RD. NORTH
- Destination on right $\frac{1}{2}$ MILE after 13 Mile

YOUR WEDDING AT ST. PAUL UCC



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