



We're delighted you wish to be married at Knox United Church. We believe that the service of marriage and all of its component parts should be so arranged as to convey a sense of unity, Christian commitment, and religious awareness of God's presence. It is not required that a couple be members of Knox United Church or any church.

The date and hour of a wedding to be held at Knox United Church may be reserved by contacting the church administrator at (306) 244-0159. The confirmation of this time and date will be made through our church administrator. It is important to arrange for an interview with the minister about two months before your wedding date.

If there is any change in your plans, please notify the church office as soon as possible.

### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

The completion of a Marriage Preparation counselling program is expected. The Knox Church Administrator can offer suggestions about available Marriage Preparation Programs. The church must receive a successful completion letter/certificate prior to your wedding date.

Occasionally, Knox United Church and Third Avenue United Churches jointly hold a marriage preparation seminar. It is held over a Friday evening and all day Saturday in a group setting of approximately 10-20 engaged couples.



### **MUSIC**

Perhaps nothing expresses our feelings and beliefs as well as music. You will want to choose your music thoughtfully to reflect the Christian spiritual nature of your wedding service. The Knox organist and minister will review and approve your music selections, so you will need to discuss music with them several weeks prior to the wedding.

Our organist, Patricia Deibert (373-1619), normally plays for all weddings. Most couples choose to have her play the processional (when the wedding party enters) and the recessional (when the wedding party leaves), along with other music through the service. She can help you choose uplifting and celebratory music.

Additional music (vocal or instrumental) can be included in your service, and the organist can often assist with arranging that if you wish.

### **FLOWERS, CANDLES and CONFETTI**

Live flower petals or confetti may not be used inside or outside the church building. Artificial flower petals are acceptable (if you arrange to have them gathered and removed after the service). Please make this known to your guests and wedding party. Candles can add to the beauty of a wedding in a candle ritual or display. We ask that you purchase non-drip candles for such use.

### **REHEARSAL**

A rehearsal for your wedding is essential. All those directly involved should be present: bride and groom, bridesmaids, groomsmen, flower-girl(s), ring-bearer(s), ushers, and parents of both the bride and groom. Normally the organist will not attend the rehearsal. The time for your rehearsal is usually decided when you meet with the minister. Normally the rehearsal is late afternoon or early evening on either the Thursday or Friday before the wedding.

### **FEES**



The fees for a wedding at Knox United Church are \$800.00 (not including the Marriage Preparation Seminar). The fee includes the honoraria for the minister, organist and caretaker, the church facility and its sound equipment with an operator if required, and complete legal administration.

A non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 is required at the time of booking the wedding. It is payable (cash or cheque) to **Knox United Church**, and will confirm all facilities as arranged through the church administrator. **The deposit is non-refundable.**

The remainder of the fees (\$700.00) should be brought to the church office **no later than one month prior to the wedding date.**

Please be sure to contact the church office if your wedding date or any other arrangements need to be changed

### **MARRIAGE LICENCE**

A Saskatchewan Marriage Licence **MUST** be purchased well in advance of the wedding. This may be purchased at jewellery stores, wedding boutiques, or other official issuers. It is valid **only** for three months prior to your wedding date.

Please bring your Marriage Licence and all remaining fees to the church office **no later than one month prior to your wedding date.** (preferably as soon as you have it).



For more information on marriages in Saskatchewan, visit [www.ehealthsask.ca](http://www.ehealthsask.ca), or call @ 1-800-667-7551 (Canada & U.S.)

## PHOTOGRAPHS



***Please forward this information to your photographer.***

Knox United Church, its ministers and staff work cooperatively with you and your photographer(s) to ensure that you receive great quality photographs of your wedding. Please feel free to ask about any special photo requests not mentioned here. We have appreciated the full co-operation of the many photographers we have met.

It is important for your photographer to contact the minister on arrival at the church or, even better, to come to the rehearsal to plan their movement for the wedding.

Generally, photographs may be taken anywhere in the sanctuary and church building, at whatever moments the photographer desires. Your photographer is free to move throughout the space as they wish (discretely and unobtrusively) to take photos throughout the whole service. Thoughtfulness and sensitivity to the sacred nature of your wedding service are expected.

Photo possibilities can include:

1. Photos while the wedding party is preparing, in the lower hall, the chapel, or on the stairways prior to the wedding.
2. Photos of the wedding party and attendants during the processional (as they proceed down the aisle).
3. Photos of the signing of the documents during the last part of the Wedding Service, usually at a table at the front of the sanctuary.



4. Photos of the wedding party during the recessional (as they proceed out of the sanctuary).
5. Other moments throughout the Wedding Service, such as when vows are spoken or rings are exchanged.

Your photographer is free to use a flash when they deem it necessary or desirable. Non-flash photography can also be high quality and very effective, especially with the excellent digital cameras available today. **Wedding guests will be invited to NOT take photos during the Service, but only during the processional and recessional**, due to the great likelihood of unintentional flashes from automatic cameras. This is uncomfortable and intrusive for the wedding party, and can ruin what would otherwise be excellent photos taken by your photographer.

If you wish, the minister will offer a special opportunity for your wedding guests to take photographs of the wedding party in place late in the service. This be discussed and decided when you are planning your wedding with the minister.

Video photography must be arranged with the minister well before the time of the wedding. In general, it should be non-interfering and unobtrusive. The best results come from a stationary video camera mounted on a tripod. The Minister can suggest several suitable video locations.



## WEDDINGS

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