

### ♥ *A Word to the Bride and Groom*

As you plan your wedding one thing is certain, it will mean many hours of careful thought and preparation. In the days and weeks ahead, you will be busy people, with a thousand things to take care of. This guide is provided to help you prepare and answer questions. It will offer suggestions and perhaps, remind you of a few things that you might otherwise forget. Both of you want your wedding to be the significant event you are anticipating. Pilgrim Church wants this too, and hopes that your wedding day will be among the most memorable days of your lives.

### ♥ *Marriage and the Church*

In all Christian churches throughout the world, marriage is recognized as a good and noble estate. It was established by God as the first of all institutions. God honors it so highly that it is protected with one of God's commandments—the sixth, and is exalted with another—the fourth. In the words of Proverbs 18:22, *“He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord.”* Through love and faithfulness, honor and trust, Christians glorify God in their marriage.

### ♥ *Preparing for the Premarital Interviews*

Opportunity for premarital interviews with the pastor will be given at the initial interview.

### ♥ *Check List*

1. **DATE AND TIME:** Contact the minister and the church office to clear the date and time before making any public announcements.
2. **INVITATIONS:** When ordering invitations the suggested form of the church address is:  
Pilgrim Congregational Church  
991 Pilgrim Way  
Green Bay, WI 54304
3. **PREMARITAL INTERVIEWS:** It is your responsibility to set up your initial interview with the pastor. Plan to set this appointment at least three months prior to your wedding date.  
  
The initial meeting with the pastor will be an introductory meeting during which you will have opportunity to begin planning the wedding service. If you desire further premarital interviews appropriate times will be scheduled for follow up sessions. While these can be a significant part of your preparation, it will be your decision to pursue this aspect of your wedding preparation.
4. **Alcohol: No alcoholic beverages maybe consumed on the property. Please inform all your attendants and family. It is expected that you would leave our building and grounds in the same condition as when you arrived.**

5. **LICENSE:** It is recommended that the license be obtained at least three weeks in advance of the wedding. Licenses are obtained from the County Clerks's office. The marriage license **MUST** be given to the minister at the rehearsal.
6. **MUSIC:** Vocal or instrumental solos are fitting. An organist or soloist may be secured by the couple or through the church listing which is included in this brochure.
7. **DECORATIONS:** Worship Center (altar) flowers are usually first in decorations. Candelabras for the Chancel are available through your florist. If you choose to have an aisle runner, it should be 75 feet. **Only silk flower petals** maybe dropped down the aisle. There are 15 pews on each side of the aisle which may be decorated. **(No tape maybe on the pews.)**
8. **PICTURES:** No flash pictures may be taken during the ceremony. Flash pictures may be taken in the Narthex prior to the ceremony and during the processional and recessional. Time exposures with existing light may be taken from the balcony during the service. Posed pictures at the altar may be taken following the service. Talk with the pastor to see about the use of video cameras during the service. Our policy now is that they are restricted to the nave and balcony.

9. **DECORUM:** Nothing may be thrown inside or outside the church.

**SMOKING IS PROHIBITED ANYWHERE INSIDE THE BUILDING.**

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE PROPERTY.**

It is expected that all the facilities of the church will be given careful use and respect. The ushers are expected to supervise these regulations.

♥ **Rehearsal**

The rehearsal is usually scheduled for the evening before the wedding. All participants, including the ushers, should be present and the rehearsal must begin promptly at the scheduled time. Plan on about 30 minutes for the rehearsal.

**We have a NO ALCOHOL POLICY on the property and a NO SMOKING POLICY throughout the building.**

Smoking is permitted in the parking lot.

When you come to the rehearsal you will need to bring with you:

1. Marriage license
2. Balance of fees owed

♥ **Wedding Ceremony Charges**

A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve a wedding date. ALL other fees must be paid on or before the rehearsal date.

**Minister**

Honorarium . . . . . \$350.

**Building Use.** . . . . . \$ 750.

Church Sanctuary  
Garden Room  
Williamsburg Garden  
Staff

**Deposit** . . . . . \$300.

**Musicians**

Fees for the musicians are to be negotiated with each individually.

Organist/Pianist. . Dick Cayer • 434-7920  
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# Planning for your Wedding at . . .



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