

***First Congregational Church of Buxton
United Church of Christ – Tory Hill Meetinghouse
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We are very pleased that you are considering the Tory Hill Meetinghouse as the site of your upcoming wedding. To help you with your planning, we are sending you this copy of our wedding policy. Please contact Rev. Allison to make further arrangements.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUXTON WEDDING POLICY

PREPARATION:

- A. If not using the minister of the First Congregational Church of Buxton, you must have an ordained minister from an organized religion.
- B. Our minister must approve any other minister officiating the ceremony.
- C. It is encouraged that our minister be part of the service when it is possible. Our minister does reserve the right to participate or not in the service.
- D. A deacon of the church will be present whether or not the minister is performing the ceremony.

CHURCH USAGE:

- A. Pertaining to the use of the organ, if our organist is not being used, then he/she must approve of who will be using it, taking into consideration their musical background. There are no restrictions on the piano.
- B. Decorations - nothing is to be hung from the chandelier or lights.
- C. No scotch tape or wire to attach anything to the pews.
- D. No moving candles unless there is an acolyte with the appropriate instrument.
- E. No confetti, birdseed, bubbles or rice to be used inside the church. Birdseed & bubbles can be used outside.
- F. A deacon will be responsible for unlocking the church for floral delivery at a prearranged time and for locking the church after the ceremony.
- G. Photographer must work with minister for what will be acceptable for pictures during the service.

- H. Flags must stay on pulpit. Table, chairs, pulpit can be moved. Anything moved must be put back in place after the ceremony.
- I. Only a deacon or the minister can adjust the sound system.
- J. There is no alcohol permitted in the church or on the church grounds.
- K. The rehearsal time is limited to one hour, so please encourage your whole wedding party to arrive promptly at the start of that hour.
- L. The church and church grounds will be available to you for only one hour after the wedding service for photographs.
- M. The marriage license must be brought to the wedding rehearsal.

FEES

- A. The full church usage fee is required to secure the date.
- B. All persons will be charged the church usage fee whether they are a member or not.
- C. The Minister, Organist, and Janitor will be paid directly at their individual rates, no later than the rehearsal date.
- D. Financial hardship – The minister, with the counsel of the head deacon, can waive some or the entire church usage fee. The Janitor, Organist and Minister would have to be negotiated separately.

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