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# WEDDING GUIDELINES

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – CORRY, PA

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## A Note From the Pastor

Congratulations on your decision to be married! Next to your commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, marriage ranks highest on the list of your most important decisions in life. As such it should be entered into “not unadvisedly, but reverently, discreetly, and in the fear of God.” This attitude should be reflected in all that a couple does to prepare for the upcoming marriage. This attitude should be reflected in the wedding itself. In order to assist you in planning a wedding in our church, we offer this set of guidelines. It lays out some of the policies of the church and will help answer some of the questions you may have.

I am always happy to officiate at the marriage service where there is a serious intention to establish the marriage on Christian principles. I am available for pre-marital counseling, consultation, and planning helps to assist in preparing for your special day and journey of a lifetime.

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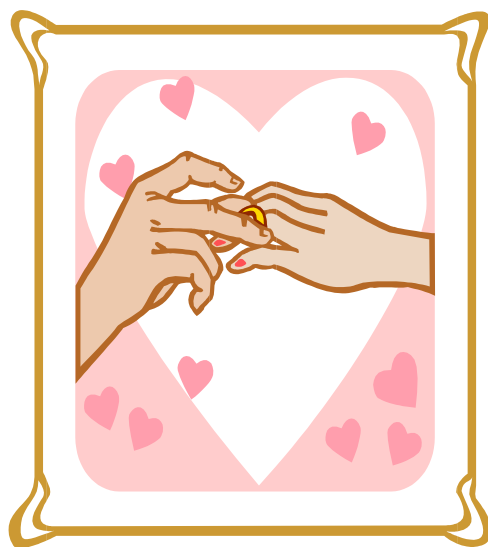
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## Our Wedding Coordinator

You will find a continual source of information, help, support and guidance from our Wedding Coordinator. Once your day is confirmed with the church, one will contact you to begin the planning process with the church. She will also be at your side during the rehearsal and wedding ceremony assisting in the coordination needs of your wedding.



### **Pastor:**

- Rev. Jonathan Fehl

### **Wedding Coordinator:**

- Amy Hromek



Dear Soon to be Bride and Groom,

Congratulations on your decision to be married. We'd like to help you make this day as special as possible.

Enclosed are the papers you need to go through if considering Corry First United Methodist church as the location for your wedding ceremony.

Please fill out all papers and take or mail them back to the church office. You paper work and deposit need to be in to confirm the date for you. ***The deposit must be paid within 30 days of booking. The date is not confirmed until a deposit is made. All remaining fees need to be in no later than 30 days before your wedding date.***

Once all papers have been filled out and given to the church office, Amy Hromek, our wedding coordinator will contact you to set up a meeting to go over all the details of your wedding.

If for some reason you decide not to have your wedding ceremony at Corry First United Methodist church please call the church office and let the Administrative Assistant know so we can adjust our calendar and make that date available to another couple.

If you have any questions, please call the church office or Amy Hromek (814-397-3465) and we will be glad to answer your questions.

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## Pre-Marital Counseling

The Pastor will meet with the couple for 3-4 counseling sessions. These sessions will include an opportunity for us to get to know one another, and this will make for a much better wedding ceremony. Also, it will enable us to discuss issues that will play a central role in your marriage—common values, hopes and dreams, children, religious backgrounds and spiritual convictions.

Our sessions will also be a time to talk about the wedding service in particular. We will plan the order of the ceremony and explore your ideas for the wedding. The couple is expected to contact the Pastor at least 60 days in advance of the wedding day to begin these sessions.

## Rehearsal

All weddings are required to have a rehearsal prior to the ceremony and usually held on the evening prior to the wedding. It is the responsibility that all wedding party members are present for rehearsal 15 minutes before the stated time. The parents of the bride and groom are encouraged to be present as well. No member of the wedding party under the influence of alcohol or other illegal drugs shall be permitted to participate in any rehearsal or the ceremony itself.

## Musicians and Music

If the organ or piano is to be used for music, it must be provided by our church musicians (or someone approved by them). You are responsible to contact them and make arrangements. As professional musicians, they have a wide selection of music and can make suggestions for pieces to play.

Our musicians:

Pam Millspaw – 814-462-9978

Dale Dorman – 814-654-7215

The musicians fee (see Fee Sheet) includes the wedding consultation, rehearsal and ceremony. If you choose music that is outside the musician's repertoire, there may be an additional fee.

Soloists (if any) are provided by the couple and must provide their own background tape to accompany them. Music should have a religious significance and be in keeping with the meaning of a Christian marriage. Consult with your wedding coordinator if you have any questions concerning the appropriateness of music.

## Grand Piano and Organ

Because of the high quality of these instruments and the expense involved in its maintenance, we must limit its use by non-members of the church to professional musicians. We also ask that those using the instruments abide by the following:

- No drinks or food are allowed in or near instrument areas.
- No items (other than music) should be placed on or near the piano or organ.
- When finished, lower the piano life and key cover and replace piano cover.

Under no circumstances should the piano be moved.

## DVD Video

If you desire a DVD video of your wedding, our audio/video technicians have the capability of producing one for you with our multi-camera equipment. While there is a fee for this service (see Fee Sheet), this service is not necessarily a high-quality production. If you wish to use your own equipment, the person making the video must adhere to the same regulations as the photographer.

## Webcasting

To accommodate out-of-town friends and family or those with limitations who cannot attend the ceremony we offer our live streaming video capabilities. If you choose to contract this service, your ceremony will be streamed live over the internet at [www.corryfirst.org](http://www.corryfirst.org).

## Candles and Candelabras

We have two candelabras that hold seven candles each that are available for use if you choose. Dripless candles for these must be purchased through the church. Also, if you choose to use a “Unity Candle,” you must provide the large unity candle, two smaller candles and the holders for them.

## Florist

Arrangements for floral decorations should be made with the florist of your choice. The florist must know that it is not permissible to put tape, nails, or tacks into the woodwork, and that hurricane lamps are not permitted on the pews. The florist should make contact with the wedding coordinator for any special needs to have access to the sanctuary for decorating and delivery.

## Rice, Birdseed, etc.

Scattering rice, confetti, birdseed, or tissue flowers either inside or outside the church building is not permissible. Please advise your family, wedding party and guests of this requirement. Should it occur, an additional fee for cleanup will be charged. You may consider using bubbles or ringing bells.

Please do not bring alcoholic beverages onto the premises (church building or grounds) and observe the “No Smoking” rule throughout the church building.

## The Sanctuary

There are 20 rows of pews in the sanctuary, and the church aisle is 60 feet long. The pews, altar table and pulpit cannot be moved and nothing can be taped to the furniture.

## Photographers

Pictures are important to families as years pass and memories are recalled. Pictures may be taken anywhere before and after the ceremony (including when the groom, wedding party and bride are entering the ceremony). During the ceremony, pictures may be taken in the sanctuary as long as they do not interfere with the ceremony. Specifically, no pictures can be taken from the altar or front of the sanctuary once the ceremony has begun. Flash pictures during the ceremony are only for the professional photographers.

## Wedding License

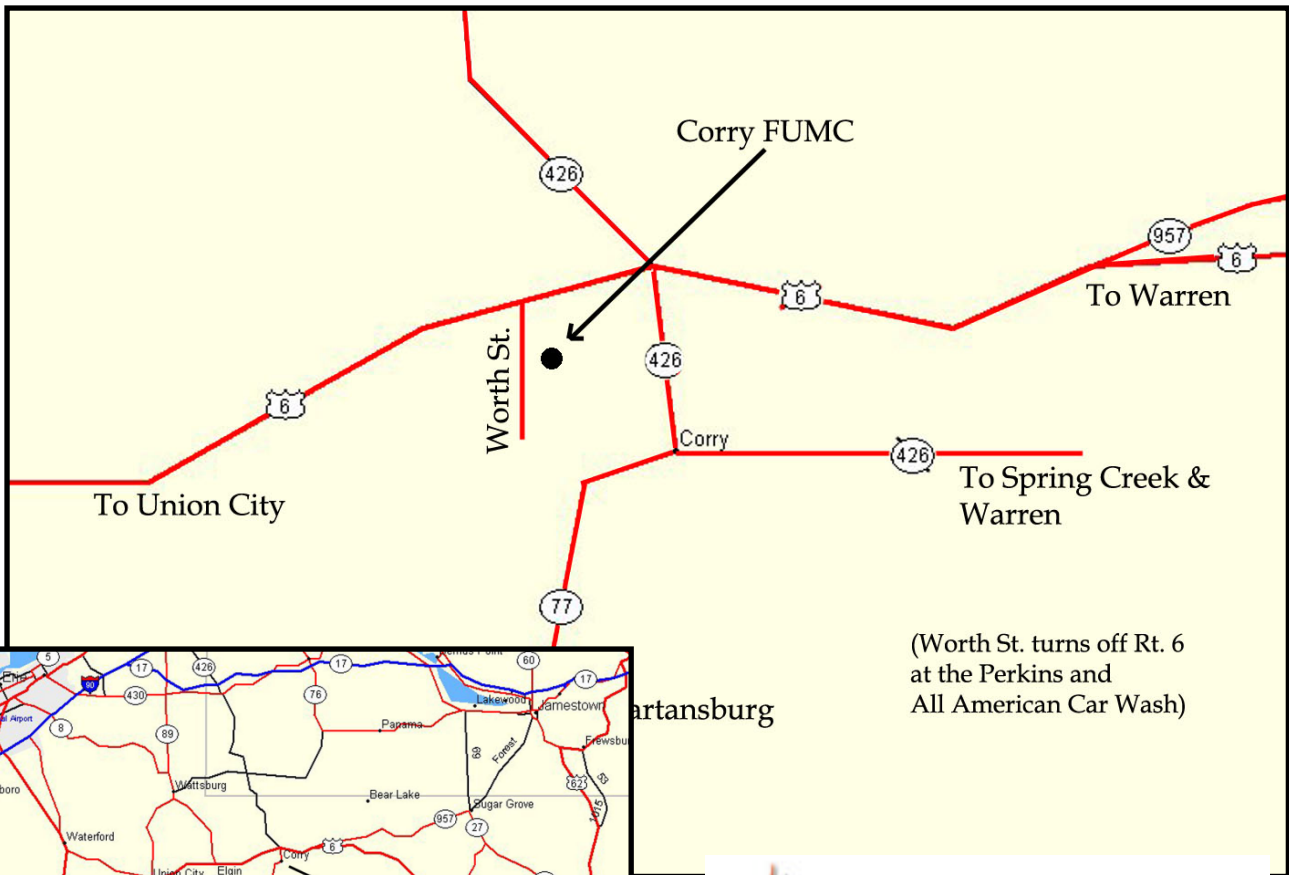
The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires that a license for marriage be obtained and the couple fulfill the legal formality of pronouncement. A license may be obtained in any county of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is good for 60 days following the date of issue. You must bring your issued license to the church office sometime during the week of your wedding..

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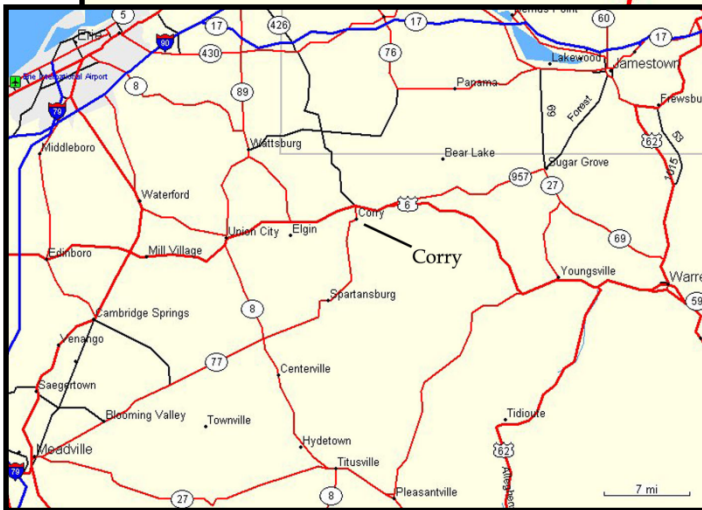
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## YOUR WEDDING GUIDE

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### IN THE BEGINNING....

When God created man and placed him in the Garden of Eden he saw that it was not good for man to live alone. So God prepared a helper and a companion for man - woman. In this act of creation, God didn't take the woman from man's head, lest she should rule over him; nor from his feet, lest he should trample upon her- but from his side, that she should be equal with him, and from close to his heart, that he should love, cherish, and honor her. Then God presented woman to man that each might be the other's helper and companion. Marriage is God's gift to deliver us from our isolation and loneliness. It is our opportunity to give each other the gifts of God and to receive the gifts of God from each other.



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