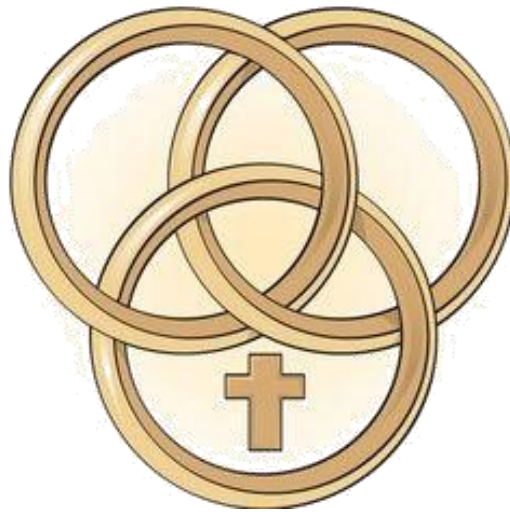


# *The Service of Marriage*

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ALGIERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**Guidelines**

**Policies**

**Fees**

**637 Opelousas Avenue  
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[algiersumc.org](http://algiersumc.org)**

# We Welcome Your Wedding

**Algiers United Methodist Church**  
welcomes you and provides these guidelines  
to assist you in planning your wedding.

## **Scheduling**

The following days are not available for weddings:  
Sundays, Holiday Weekends, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Holy Week, Easter,  
Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.  
Weddings must be scheduled at or before 6 pm.  
Fees must be paid in full in order to secure the date of the wedding.

## **Minister**

Weddings at Algiers United Methodist Church may be officiated by our pastor.  
If you desire another minister to assist or to conduct the ceremony,  
you may make arrangements through our pastor and we will gladly extend our welcome.

## **Music**

The AUMC wedding fee includes an organist/pianist.  
Additional musicians or soloists may be arranged  
at an additional cost set by the musician.  
The organ may be played only by an approved organist.

## **The Sanctuary**

The sanctuary seating capacity is approximately 200-250.

## **Sound**

If an audio technician is needed, please advise the pastor.

## **Parking and Accessibility**

There is street parking only and an elevator to the Sanctuary level.

## **Dressing**

The wedding party should arrive dressed in their wedding attire.

## **Rehearsal**

Please encourage all members of the wedding party and ushers  
to attend the rehearsal and to be punctual.  
The church will be open 15 minutes prior to a scheduled rehearsal.  
A period of one hour will be reserved for the rehearsal.  
The minister will conduct the rehearsal.  
The marriage license must be brought to the rehearsal.

## **Decorations**

Your florist may call the church and arrange for access to the sanctuary.

Please advise your florist or decorator that:

Only drip-less candles may be used.

Carpet and furnishings must be protected from wax, water, soil from potted plants, etc.

The use of nails, tacks, pins, glue, and tape is prohibited.

Decorations may not obscure the symbols of the church,  
nor should any of the altar ware

or furnishings be moved without the prior approval of the pastor.

## **Ushers**

Ushers play a very important role in the seating of guests and family members.

It is helpful to have at least two ushers,  
and for them be present for the rehearsal.

## **Use of Alcohol**

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted  
on church property or in church buildings.

## **Smoking**

Smoking is not permitted in any of the church buildings.

## **Petals and Bubbles**

For safety reasons, the throwing of rice or birdseed is not permitted.

Flower petals may be thrown and bubbles  
may be blown outside the sanctuary.

## **Personal Items**

The church cannot be liable for personal items  
lost, damaged or stolen.

*We want your wedding to be  
a wonderful time for you, your families, and friends!  
Do not hesitate to call if you have  
any questions or concerns.*

Pastor Callie Winn Crawford  
at 504-361-1334

## **Fees**

All fees must be paid in full to secure the wedding date on the church calendar.

The fee covers the cost of the Sanctuary usage, wedding, musician, rehearsal, minister, and custodian.

### **For Members**

**\$500**

### **For Non-Members**

**\$900**

# **Sample Order of Worship** *for the Marriage Ceremony*

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**Prelude**

**Processional**

**Greeting**

**Declaration of Intention**

**Presentation** *optional*

**Scripture Reading(s)**

**Prayer**

*Possible Solo or Anthem*

**Exchange of Vows**

**Blessing of the Rings**

**Exchange of Rings**

*Unity Candle If There Is To Be One*

*Possible Solo or Anthem*

**Declaration of Marriage**

**Blessing of the Marriage**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Recessional**

# Sample Vows

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## Declaration of Intent

*Name*, will you have *name*  
to be your wedded *wife/husband*,  
to live together in the holy estate of matrimony?  
Will you love *her/him*, comfort *her/him*,  
honor and keep *her/him*  
in sickness and in health;  
and forsaking all others keep only to *her/him*  
so long as you both shall live?

Response: **I will.**

## The Vows

I, *Name*, take you, *Name*,  
to be my wedded *wife/husband*,  
to have and to  
hold, from this day  
forward, for better,  
for worse, for  
richer, for poorer,  
in sickness and in  
health, to love and  
to cherish, till death  
us do part,  
according to God's holy  
ordinance; and thereto  
I pledge you my faith.

## The Ring Vow

In token and pledge  
of our constant faith and abiding  
love, with this ring I thee wed.  
With all that I  
am and all that  
I have, I honor  
you.

## Possible Scripture Lessons

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### **Genesis 1:26-28, 31a**

*“The two shall become one...”*

### **Ruth 1:16-17**

*“Where you go, I will go...”*

### **I Corinthians 13**

*“Love bears all things, believes all things,  
hopes all things...”*

### **Colossians 3:12-17**

*“Above all else, put on love,  
which binds everything in perfect harmony...”*

### **1 John 4:7-16**

*“Beloved, let us love one another;  
for love is of God...”*

# Algiers United Methodist Church Wedding Agreement

Please sign and return to church with payment



I am enclosing a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

for the wedding of

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

to be held on

\_\_\_\_\_ *date*

I have read the wedding guidelines  
and am in agreement.

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\_\_\_\_\_ *date*