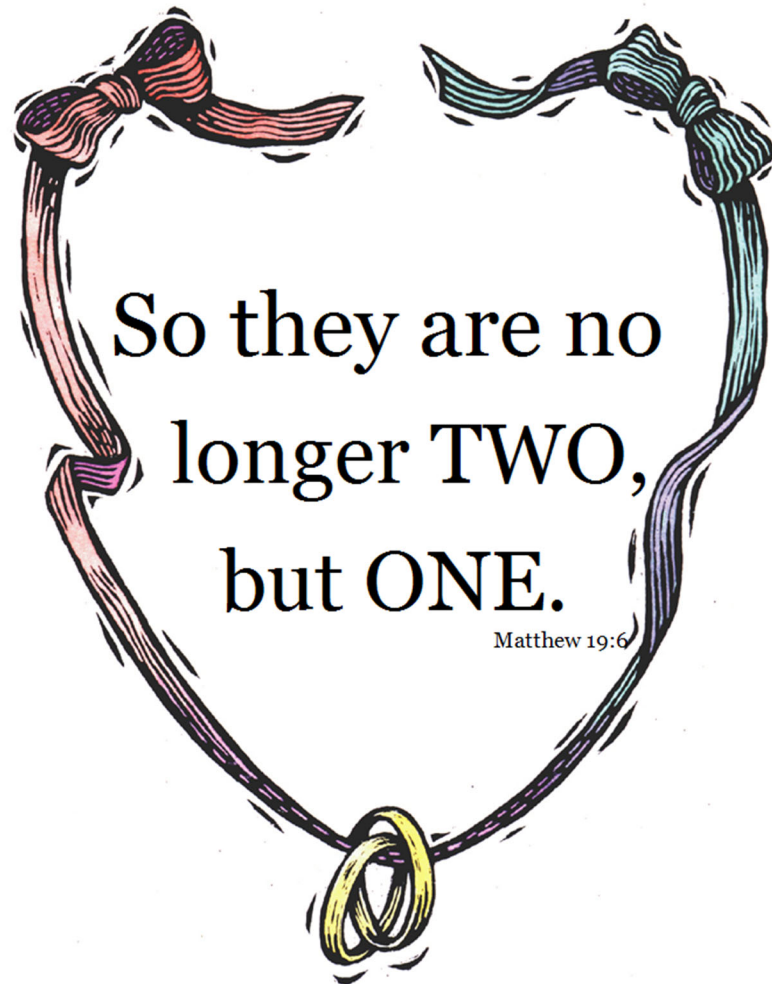




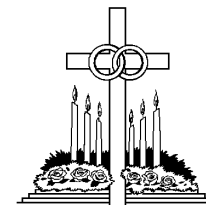
**Dove of the Desert  
United Methodist Church**



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# MARRIAGE INFORMATION FORM

GROOM'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_

BRIDE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS AFTER MARRIAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Of which church are you a member? (If not a member of Dove.)

(Groom) \_\_\_\_\_

(Bride) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE and TIME OF WEDDING: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE and TIME OF REHEARSAL: \_\_\_\_\_

Were you married previously? (Groom) \_\_\_\_\_ (Bride) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children by a previous marriage? \_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_

Names and ages: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## SUGGESTED SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 43:1-7  
Isaiah 55:10-13  
Isaiah 61:10-62:3  
Isaiah 63:7-9  
Romans 12:1-2, 9-18  
1 Corinthians 13  
2 Corinthians 5:14-17  
Ephesians 2:4-10  
Ephesians 4:1-6  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
Philippians 2:1-2  
Philippians 4:4-9  
Colossians 3:12-17  
I John 3:18-24  
I John 4:7-16  
Revelation 10:1, 4-9a  
Matthew 5:1-10  
Matthew 7:21, 24-27  
Matthew 22:35-40  
Mark 2:18-22  
Mark 10:42-45  
John 2:1-11  
John 15:9-17

You are precious in God's eyes  
You shall go out in glory  
Rejoice in the Lord  
The steadfast love of the Lord  
The life of a Christian  
The greatest of these is love  
In Christ we are a new creation  
God's love for us  
Called to the one hope  
Members one of another  
The Christ-like spirit  
Rejoice in the Lord  
Live in love and thanksgiving  
Love one another  
God is love  
The wedding feast of the Lamb  
The Beatitudes  
A house built upon a rock  
Love, the greatest commandment  
Joy in Christ at a wedding  
True greatness  
The marriage feast of Cana  
Remain in Christ's love

## *Notes*

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**WEDDING PARTY**

Maid/Matron of Honor \_\_\_\_\_

Bridesmaids \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Best Man \_\_\_\_\_

Ushers \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Flower Girl \_\_\_\_\_

Ring Bearer \_\_\_\_\_

Acolyte \_\_\_\_\_

Reader \_\_\_\_\_

DATE THIS FORM COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE ORGANIST/PIANIST WAS CONSULTED \_\_\_\_\_

HYMNS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**MINISTERIAL FEES**

**Dove Member:** \$250.00—\$300.00

**Non-member:** \$350.00  
\$400.00 (off site) plus mileage

This fee represents the time involved with **pre-marital counseling sessions (3-4 sessions)** plus the preparations for the ceremony. The honorarium should be presented in an envelope to the Minister on the day of the rehearsal.

A wedding is a Christian ceremony, not a commercial enterprise. We have a beautiful Sanctuary and church facilities which are available to solemnize Christian marriages. We are in no sense a “commercial wedding chapel”. We have tried to establish costs in a reasonable and equitable manner for professional services. They are based on an honest estimate of the costs for use of the facilities and furnishings.

The costs for professional staff are set because they are asked to do extra work for which they receive no other remuneration. However, it is not our intent to present a hardship. If you have a problem with the costs, please discuss it with the pastors.

Fees and honorariums will be reviewed with the couple and the wedding coordinator and in the pre-marital counseling sessions. Approximately three weeks prior to the wedding you will receive a statement listing all fees due.

**All fees must be paid ten (10) days prior to the wedding. Make one check payable to Dove of the Desert UMC for the facility use and any of the additional fees listed.**

**Additional Fees:**

- Wedding Coordinator \$135.00
- Additional Hostess \$ 40.00\*
- Pianist \$175.00
- Audio Technician \$ 50.00
- Bulletins (per 100 copies) \$ 35.00
- Tables (see Facility Use Agreement for Weddings)

\* Large weddings over 100 guests require an additional hostess.

## REHEARSAL

Rehearsal times are scheduled in consultation with the officiating minister. One hour should be allowed for the rehearsal itself. It is important that both the rehearsal and the wedding begin on time.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The church is normally opened two hours prior to the ceremony. If it is necessary for the florist to decorate prior to that time, please inform your wedding coordinator and make the proper arrangements.

**No rice, birdseed, confetti, etc., may be thrown inside or outside of the church building.** For environmental reasons, we also discourage mass balloon releases since these have been proven to be harmful to birds and other wildlife.

A dressing room is available for the bride and her attendants to prepare for the ceremony. Usually the groom and his attendants prefer to dress before coming to the church. However, a room can be made available for this purpose.

Please remind members of the wedding party that **no alcohol is allowed on the premises** and no service or rehearsal will be conducted if any member of the party is under the influence of alcohol. We also remind the wedding party that smoking is prohibited in any part of the building at any time. According to Arizona statutes all smoking must occur at least 20 feet from any door to the facility.

## FACILITY USE FEES

**Dove Members:** \$200.00  
**Non-Members:** \$450.00 (October 1 - March 31)  
\$500.00 (April 1 - September 30)

*This entitles you access to the Sanctuary, Narthex and two classrooms for dressing rooms on the wedding day. It includes **four (4)** continuous hours for setup, the service and pictures. It also includes two hours for rehearsal (usually the day before the ceremony). A fee of \$25/half hour will be charged for time in excess of included hours. For a reception after the service, see the Facility Use Agreement for Weddings.*

*Note: These fees do not include the ministerial fees.*

**A minimum deposit of 50 percent must be received before a firm date can be entered on the church calendar.**

SCRIPTURE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

READINGS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Consult with Pastor)

Couple agrees to meet with the Pastor for pre-marital counseling  
on the following dates: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

BRING TO WEDDING REHEARSAL: License, guest register,  
candles, and honorarium for pastor.

Signed Bride \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Groom \_\_\_\_\_

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## THE NATURE OF THE SERVICE

For Christians, marriage is a holy relationship. Wedding vows are understood to be a covenant between the couple and with God. This is expressed in two ways: **promises are made in the name of God**, to “love, honor, and cherish each other,” and **God’s blessings are bestowed** upon the couple.

As a liturgical event, the Christian Wedding is set within the concern and fellowship of the gathered congregation, as well as the larger society. Fully understood, marriage in Jesus Christ’s name is part of the whole church and gives additional meaning to human love.

## THE WEDDING SERVICE

Wedding services in most Protestant churches have traditionally been formally structured. The setting, the clothes, the music, and the language of the service reflect the desire to make the wedding a solemn and joyful occasion. The wedding ceremony in the Book of Worship of the United Methodist Church reflects this mood. Weddings at Dove of the Desert have generally conformed to this pattern. On occasion, some people have expressed a desire for alternate forms. We believe that a Christian wedding can be celebrated in a variety of ways and that a couple planning to be married should have an opportunity to plan a service which best expresses their relationship with each other before God.

One alternative to the traditional service is to make it a service of worship with printed bulletins. This allows the congregation to become active participants in your wedding rather than spectators.

A second alternative is an innovative service that is designed by the couple in consultation with the presiding minister and the pianist.

Reading of poetry may be included in the service, along with the scripture and a homily (short meditation) by the minister. The presiding minister can suggest various scripture passages which might be included (see back of booklet for scripture suggestions).

Music, both instrumental and vocal, should be closely related to the style of the service. Lists of music appropriate for the service are suggested elsewhere in this booklet. Every service, including the innovative, is to be seen as a service of the church, a covenant before God, a celebration.

LOVE

Love is *patient,*  
love is *kind.*  
It does not *envy,*  
it does not *boast,*  
it is not *proud.*

1 Corinthians 13:4

## DECORATION OF THE CHURCH

Our Sanctuary is a beautiful setting for a wedding. Minimal flowers and ferns from your florist make a warm and perfect addition. The church does not provide a unity candle. Only dripless candles are allowed. You need to arrange with your florist for the white aisle cloth or runner, if you choose to use one.

Removal of paraments from the altar area must be approved by the Altar Arts Coordinator. This includes anything on the altar, banners and podiums. Some items must remain in place. This is the church sanctuary, please be respectful.

**Please instruct your florist that no florist will be permitted to arrange or decorate the Sanctuary after the wedding music has begun (usually 1/2 hour before the ceremony).** Florists should allow sufficient time between their scheduled weddings so that preparations are complete prior to the beginning of the service. No tape is allowed for attaching flowers to the Sanctuary furniture.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

Flash photographs shall not be taken during the ceremony (couples should inform their guests of this policy) which begins with the processional and ends with the pastoral blessing. It is requested that your ushers be informed of this rule. The sole exception is that the couple's **professional** photographer may photograph the wedding party as they commence the processional and as they complete the recessional. Time exposures may be taken by the **professional** photographer. Re-posed photographs of the wedding party may be taken by the **professional** photographer in the Chancel following the ceremony. If the photographer plans to take pictures of the wedding party prior to the ceremony, please plan to allow plenty of time to do this so that the ceremony begins on time.

## VIDEOS

All video cameras must be located at the side or rear of the Sanctuary.

While the church pianist most often plays for all church weddings, there are some occasions when another pianist may be permitted to play. Such arrangements must be made in consultation with the presiding minister.

The design of the service is determined by the couple and the presiding minister. If an innovative service is planned, consultation with the couple, the minister, and the pianist is needed in order to provide maximum communication. Whatever the style of service chosen, if soloists, choirs, or instrumentalists are desired, preparations for this should be made well in advance of the wedding. The minister and the pianist want to do everything they can, within the guidelines of this policy, to make each wedding a memorable and happy occasion.

## SETTING YOUR WEDDING DATE

Couples must give three (3) months notice, (occasionally this can change for extenuating circumstances). It is necessary to phone the Church Office 623-572-7334 to ascertain if the desired date is available on the church calendar. No dates will be finalized until the couple has returned the Wedding Information Form and their deposit (\$100 refundable security deposit to hold the date) and the Pastors have been consulted. Upon receiving these items, the date will be entered into the church calendar and your first consultation with the wedding coordinator will be arranged.

Our ministers must be consulted to have another clergy person assist in the service. The invitation to other clergy participating in the service must come from the presiding minister. The clergy of Dove of the Desert United Methodist Church will preside at all weddings unless other arrangements are made and approved well in advance of the service.

## INVITATIONS

In ordering invitations, the suggested form for the address of the church is:

Dove of the Desert United Methodist Church  
7201 West Beardsley Road  
Glendale, Arizona 85308

The time stated on the invitation is when the ceremony will begin. Music begins at an appropriate time prior to the beginning of the ceremony.

Pre-service music is chosen by the pianist and the couple during their consultation. Music selected is of a joyous nature, and of varying speeds and textures in an attempt to create a happy and positive prelude to a beautiful and meaningful wedding ceremony. The pianist will be pleased to talk with the couple about their wedding music preferences. This should be done **a minimum of one month prior to the wedding**, should any special music need to be ordered.

Beyond the traditional processional and recessional, other music suggestions are:

### WEDDING MUSIC Pre-Service Music Suggestions

1. "Arioso" - J. S. Bach
2. "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring" - J. S. Bach
3. "Water Music Suite" - Handel
4. "Non Bitten Wir" - Buxtehude
5. "Sheep May Safely Graze" - J. S. Bach
6. "Largo" - Vivaldi
7. "Prelude in G Major" - J. S. Bach
8. "Rhosymedre" - Vaughan-Williams
9. "Where'er ye Walk" - Handel
10. "Cantabile" - C. Franck
11. "Sicilienne" - J. S. Bach and also Faure'
12. "Wachet Auf" - J. S. Bach
13. "Flute Solo" - Arne

### Processional and Recessionals

1. "Trumpet Voluntary" - J. Clark
2. "Trumpet Tune" - Purcell
3. "Trumpet Voluntary" - Stanley
4. "Trumpet Tune(s)" - D. Johnson
5. "Bridal March" - R. Wagner
6. "Wedding March" - F. Mendelssohn
7. "Fanfare" - Lemmens
8. "Now Thank We All Our God" - Karg Elert
9. "Psalm XIX" - Marcello
10. "Toccata from Symphony #5" - Widor

Couples are reminded that the wedding ceremony is seen in the context of a church service and the music should reflect that perspective.

Our Music Director is: Greg Ramsey  
gr@gopiano.com  
623-572-7334

## PREPARATIONS FOR YOUR BEAUTIFUL MARRIAGE

The church is deeply interested in you, your marriage, and your future home. Consequently, in addition to helping you build a beautiful wedding service, we are even more interested in helping you build a beautiful marriage. We want the arrangements to be most helpful in establishing your marriage.

It is highly recommended that each couple, if not already active in church, expect to attend worship on at least four to six different Sundays prior to their wedding. When you dedicate your lives to each other before God at the altar, you should have already begun to include God. Regular worship is essential for a growing faith in marriage.

All couples are required to meet with the minister prior to their wedding. Each minister has his or her own requirements for pre-marital counseling, which is normally three sessions. Sessions will cover such topics as: expectations, money, sex, religion, feelings about each other, hope and aspirations for the future, and mutual concerns. This time together can be a great aid in establishing a solid foundation in which to build a meaningful and sacred marriage.

A marriage is performed at Dove of the Desert United Methodist Church after prior counseling with the minister. Only in the event of extenuating circumstances will any departure from the regular counseling procedure be considered, however minimum requirements will still need to be met.

## LICENSE

The State of Arizona no longer requires a blood test to obtain a Marriage License. You are asked to bring the license to the rehearsal. Arizona laws require that the license be issued by the county in which the bride resides. (Usually the address of the bride's parents is used if she is living out of the state.) **It is not possible for the minister to perform the ceremony without a copy of the marriage license.** The minister is responsible for returning the proper portion of the certificate to the Superior Court. It is our suggestion that the couple get in touch with the Marriage License office well in advance of their date to be sure they have the correct information.