

Reserving Your Wedding Date

The church is able to offer a limited number of weddings each year, available on a “first-come” basis, so please call **707-833-1087** or e-mail us at **kenwooducc@gmail.com** first to determine availability. Our secretary or the Wedding Coordinator will confirm date availability, explain our services, and answer any questions you may have. The Wedding Coordinator can then meet with you to show you the facilities.

Once you have decided to have your wedding here, the Wedding Coordinator will provide you with a contract which details the church’s policies for weddings and receptions. When the signed contract and deposit are received by the coordinator, your wedding date is secured on the church calendar.

GUIDELINES

- Smoking is not permitted in the Church, Fellowship Hall, or on the grounds at any time. Kenwood is a smoke-free community.
- Food and beverages are welcome in the Fellowship Hall and designated parts of the grounds, but not in the Sanctuary.
- Live (but not amplified) music is permitted for receptions in the Fellowship Hall or the garden.
- For safety reasons, only bubbles or (real) rose petals are permitted in outside areas, including the front entrance. It is the responsibility of the wedding party to clean up all petals.
- Alcohol is permitted according to conditions outlined in the wedding contract.

Wedding Staff

Please begin by contacting our **Church Secretary, Brenda Roberts**, who will refer you to one of the following to answer your questions:

Wedding Coordinator Cathy Valerga will help you plan even the smallest details of your time at the church, review all plans with you prior to the wedding for your final approval, and coordinate with the *Red Carnation Ladies* to make the day perfect for you.

Pastor Larry Hallett will work with you to plan your ceremony in detail, ensuring that the service is as you wish it to be. He presides at all our weddings, but also welcomes the participation of special outside officiants, if you desire.

Music Director Harold Julander who, in conjunction with the wedding coordinator, will assist you in planning the perfect music for your ceremony. He is equally adept on the piano, the organ, or on the virginal (an early relative of the harpsichord).

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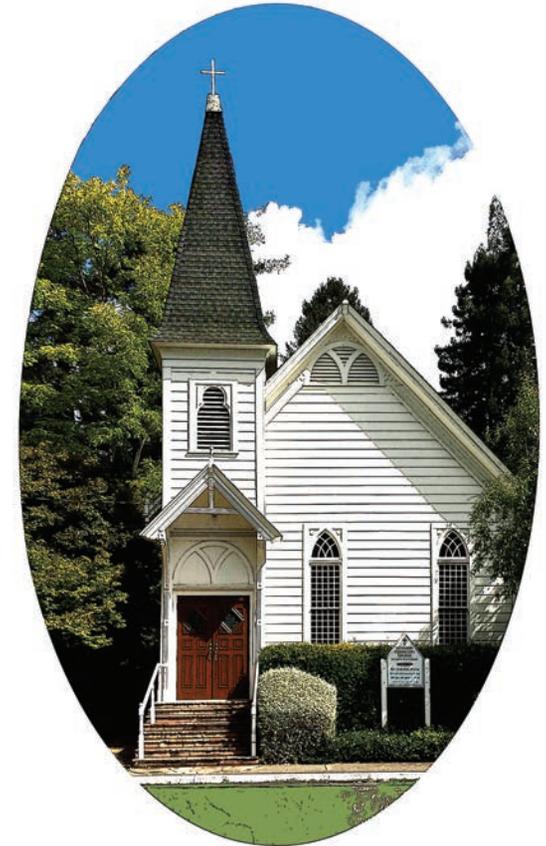
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Planning Your Wedding at Kenwood Community Church

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Planning a Wedding?

Introduction



Congratulations on your upcoming wedding! We are pleased that you are considering Kenwood Community Church for your special day.

We are a United Church of Christ congregation, an open and affirming church community. Our motto is, “No matter who you are or

where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.”

Marriage is a gift from God. It is a lifetime commitment made to each other and publicly witnessed and acknowledged by the community of faith. It is our pleasure to assist you as you make this commitment, and to help make your wedding a wonderful occasion.

As you consider the cost of your wedding, you can be assured that a portion of your wedding fee serves an expanded purpose. Weddings are a part of the ministry of our church, and help support benevolence funds on local, national, and global levels.

Facilities

Our lovely church is a historically-recognized building erected in 1888 in the Carpenter Gothic architectural style. In 1895 it was moved from its original, swampy location on the corner

of Laurel and Los Guilicos Streets to its current location on Channing Row across from Kenwood Plaza Park. The sanctuary remains little changed, with a light, bright interior, rows of colorful stained-glass windows, and comfortable Windsor chairs, all evoking a warmth and history that only 130+ years can provide.

SEATING CAPACITY

Sanctuary seating, the optimum capacity is from 70–80 guests.

Fellowship Hall (including Garden), the maximum seating is 70 guests.

DRESSING & WAITING ROOMS

There are several rooms available for use by the wedding couple and their attendants:

In the Fellowship Hall are a comfortable living room and a conference room, along with a traditional “Bride’s Room,” which has hooks for



hanging gowns and a full-length mirror. A full-length garment rack and a movable full-length mirror are also available. The building is not air-conditioned, but free-standing fans can be placed throughout the building. There are two unisex bathrooms for the wedding party and guests.

Our “Groom’s Room” is a two-room suite, historically known as The Pastor’s Study, located behind the Sanctuary. Furnished with sofas, chairs, and side tables, it is air-conditioned and has a private bathroom. It has a private back entrance with four steps which lead to an ADA-accessible side ramp entrance to the Sanctuary.

Services

Our wedding packages include the services of our Pastor, Music Director, and Wedding Coordinator for planning all aspects of your ceremony, the rehearsal, and the wedding itself, including the use of church facilities, per contract conditions. Our wedding coordinator can explain wedding and reception pricing to you.

The staff of Kenwood Community Church takes great pride in helping you plan your wedding day. You will have ample opportunity to meet with the pastor and staff to discuss the ceremony and the myriad details which accompany it.

Also provided, at no charge, are the services of the church’s *Red Carnation Ladies*, women who volunteer their time on your wedding day to welcome you and your guests, and help facilitate all details of your time at the church. Our goal is for your wedding to be as stress-free as possible for you, the bridal couple, and your guests. These ladies help make that goal a reality.

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