

Wedding Guidelines

at St. Luke's

During this Season of COVID-19

The safety of you and your family, as well as that of our St. Luke's staff, volunteers, and clergy are of utmost importance especially during this unprecedented time of COVID-19. At the recommendations of our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Bob Bushong, our Bishop Ken Carter, our Infectious Disease Consultant, Epidemiologist Dr. Southwick of the University of Florida and St. Luke's Re-opening Task Force, the following guidelines will be in place for all Wedding services until further notice. Even though our normal procedures have changed, We look forward to working with you to make your wedding a memorable day and to help you prepare for a healthy, growing marriage.

- weddings are limited to family members only with 50 or less attendees. The family may include those who are considered "like family" in the 50-person total. (Please note this number is subject to change based on the number of COVID cases in the community.)
- The church can provide a livestream of the service on a private and secure Vimeo Live link for those who cannot attend the service in person. (Please see cost sheet on this option.)
- The family must provide a guestlist to the church 48 hours prior to the service for check-in purposes the day of the service.
- All attendees must complete a required [Health Declaration Form](#) upon arrival on campus to expedite notifications if anything unforeseen arises.
- Weddings will take place in the main sanctuary with group seating that is six feet apart from the other group seatings. (A Wedding host will place a six-foot cloth in between group seatings to mark six feet as guests take their seats.)
- Guests will enter the sanctuary through one set of designated doors and exit through a different set of designated doors. Hand sanitizing stations are provided in the Narthex.
- Guests need to remain in their seats once they are seated for the remainder of the service except for use of the restroom facilities. No more than two people may be in the restrooms at one time.
- All attendees including staff must wear masks and practice social distancing guidelines while on church property. Masks must be worn at all times during the duration of the service. Guests should refrain from shaking hands, giving hugs, etc.
- An instrumentalist or pre-recorded music is recommended. One soloist is permitted to sing live during the Wedding.

- Upon conclusion of the service, a wedding host will dismiss guests in an orderly fashion by rows. Guests are required to practice social distancing while exiting the sanctuary and proceed directly to their vehicles to depart the campus.
- The family is asked to share wedding guidelines with their guestlist so guests are familiar with the requirements and will practice them while on campus in order to keep family, guests, clergy and staff safe during this season of COVID-19.

I have thoroughly read and agree to practice the above guidelines as set forth by St. Luke's United Methodist Church. I understand these guidelines are in place for the safety of all concerned. Should I have any questions or concerns about a guideline during the planning of the service, I will reach out to St. Luke's for clarification and direction.

Print Name

Date

Signature