

# ***St Mark's Presbyterian Church, Orillia***

## **POLICY ON WEDDINGS**

In accordance with the policy of The Presbyterian Church in Canada the Session of St Mark's Presbyterian Church has determined that for our congregation, marriage is a covenant between two people and, subject to this policy, is pleased to be a part of weddings on that basis.

We ask that:

- The couple will be desirous of a Christian marriage service.
- The couple will provide a marriage licence at least two weeks before the wedding.

The church is willing to provide:

- The Sanctuary for the conduct of the wedding.
- The services of a minister to plan the service with you, conduct a rehearsal and conduct the wedding in accordance with the laws of province. It is customary to provide an honorarium for the minister.
- The services of an organist at a fee of \$100 payable to the organist prior to the Wedding.
- The minister of the congregation and music director shall be given the right of first refusal for all weddings. A guest clergy officiant or assistant may be considered by the minister.
- The marriage will be recorded in the marriage register of the congregation and filed with the appropriate government department in a timely manner.
- Custodial services at a fee of \$100 payable to the church/custodian prior to the Wedding.
- Hall space for a reception can be arranged if required.
- No confetti or other material may be thrown within the church.
- Decorations (ribbons, flowers etc.) may be placed in the sanctuary provided they do not cause any damage. Flowers and decorations should be removed from the sanctuary following the ceremony.
- If you require the use of the Elevator, this must be arranged at the time of booking. The Elevator operator must be approved and trained by St. Mark's.
- Additional financial gifts to the church in order to support the cost of maintenance of our facility would be appreciated.