

We are pleased you are considering Laguna Beach United Methodist Church to be a part of your wedding journey. You do not need to be a member to use our beautiful Oceanview sanctuary. We will do all we can to help you and your guests rejoice in this happy occasion.

Wedding Package

Our sanctuary seats between 285 to 300 people. Our wedding fee is \$3,400. It includes our Pastor to officiate and optional premarital counseling, our Wedding Coordinator, sound technician, pianist/organist and soloist. A non-refundable deposit of \$500 will be needed to reserve your wedding date. The balance is due one month from the date of the wedding.

Event insurance is required to cover the cost damages if they occur. This must be turned into the office when the balance is due.

You will have the use of the sanctuary for 3 hours on your wedding day. This includes 1 ½ hours prior to your wedding time and 1 ½ hours following the start of the wedding. We ask that your wedding start on time.

Wedding Coordinator

The services of our Wedding Coordinator is required. They will ensure every detail is handled properly and the wedding party is given the assistance needed. The Wedding Coordinator will coordinate your wedding date with the Pastor's and churches calendar.

Our Coordinator will arrange for the church pianist/organist and soloist. One of our organists must be used if you want to use the church organ. They are prepared to suggest music for you. We can also recommend a soloist.

Pastor

We require that our Pastor officiate all weddings at our church. Outside clergy may be used at the discretion of our Pastor and their honorarium would be your responsibility. Your Wedding Coordinator will put you in touch with the Pastor to schedule a meeting. Meeting with the Pastor will give you an opportunity to know who is officiating your service. They will help prepare you for the commitment of marriage. You will discuss the meaning of a Christian marriage, the content and meaning of the wedding ceremony and the vows you make to each other. You and the Pastor will schedule the remaining sessions.

The Pastor must have your marriage license **prior** to the rehearsal date. The Pastor will have the couple and two witnesses sign the license after the ceremony.

Rehearsal

Your wedding rehearsal will be scheduled for 1hr the evening before the wedding date. Everyone in the wedding party must arrive 15 minutes before the rehearsal so it begins on time. The Coordinator will explain to each member of the wedding party what they will be doing and when. Please arrange for a stand-in if someone isn't at the rehearsal.

No items in the sanctuary or the church furniture can be moved.

Floral Arrangements

Your Wedding Coordinator will be happy to consult with you on flowers in the sanctuary. You are welcome to have a bouquet of flowers on the altar and separate arrangements in the Chancel. Your florist should provide pew clips if you have any decorations on the pews. The carpeting should be protected if you put flowers along the aisle. Real flower petals can not be used inside the church. You can use artificial petals. We have a unity candle and two candelabras you can use to add beauty to your service. All decorations must be removed immediately after the ceremony. You may leave an arrangement on the altar for the Sunday service.

Photography

Photography is permitted in the sanctuary. No flash photography is allowed during the ceremony so as not to disrupt the vows. Video cameras should be stationary.

Wedding Day

Your wedding day has arrived! The wedding party should arrive 1 ½ hours prior to the ceremony if they will be dressing at the church. We have two rooms available for the wedding party. Our Wedding Coordinator will help determine which rooms will best suit each party based on their ceremony needs.

Ushers must be present one hour before the ceremony. All guests will be escorted into the sanctuary. Ushers will be appointed to escort parents and grandparents.

1. Insurance complications do not allow rice, bird seed, confetti or bubbles to be used on the church property.
2. NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PERMITTED ON THE CHURCH PREMISES.
3. Balloon releases are not allowed in the city of Laguna Beach because of it's Bird Sanctuary status.

Email us at info@lbumc to have our Wedding Coordinator contact you to answer your questions or schedule an appointment to see the sanctuary.