

## WEDDING POLICIES

### AVON LAKE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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- 1) All weddings must be planned at least six months in advance.
- 2) The ministers of the ALUCC solemnize all weddings, or give permission for another minister's involvement.
- 3) The organist of the ALUCC is asked first to play for weddings when an organist is needed. If the ALUCC organist is not available, the minister must approve the choice of a substitute musician.
- 4) All couples married at ALUCC must complete premarital counseling, either with a minister here or with an approved counselor.
- 5) All wedding fees are to be paid two weeks in advance of the wedding. One check, payable to the church, may be written for the entire amount.
- 6) Non-members must pay a \$200.00 refundable fee, to hold the date. It will be returned one week after the wedding unless there is any loss or damage to church property, or a need for excessive cleaning. Please note that no alcoholic beverages are permitted anywhere on the church property and the church is completely non-smoking.
- 7) Couples are strongly encouraged to use the services of the church videographer, if they want a video made. If the church videographer is used, no other videos should be taken during the ceremony. If an outside videographer is used, he or she must stay in one location during the entire ceremony.
- 8) Photographers may take flash pictures during the processional from the center aisle. After the processional, no flash may be used, and the photographer must stay in one location in the back of the church.
- 9) No guests are permitted to take pictures or use a video camera during the ceremony. That statement must appear in the bulletin.
- 10) No rice or bird seed can be thrown. Balloons, bells and bubbles are permitted.
- 11) No tape, tacks or nails can be used on the pews or candelabra.
- 12) No food or drink is allowed in the sanctuary, during the rehearsal or the ceremony.
- 13) We do not allow the use of an aisle runner.
- 14) Minimum age for a flower girl or ring bearer is five. Flower girls may toss a few artificial petals – no real flower petals, please.

(Revised January 2020)