# Weddings at Limestone

#### Congratulations on your engagement!

We would be honored to walk with you through your decision to marry and to help make your wedding a rich and meaningful event. Limestone Presbyterian Church is committed to the belief that marriage is a gift from God, which begins with the wedding. Marriage involves a unique commitment between two people to love and support each other for the rest of their lives. Marriage is also a covenant in which God has an active part, and which the community of faith holds in honor and prayer. We look forward to assisting you in your wedding plans.

#### **Reserving a Wedding Date**

Weddings are customarily held on Saturdays and not on holidays. To reserve a wedding date at Limestone Presbyterian Church or to have a Limestone pastor officiate at another location, please contact our Church Office at 302.994.5646 or by Email at: XXXXX Someone will advise you on the availability of your desired date and work with you in contacting our pastors. Please note that your wedding will not be finally confirmed on our calendar until you meet with a pastor. In the event you wish to have someone other than our pastor perform the ceremony, you must receive approval from our pastor in advance.

We welcome those who are not church members to hold their wedding at Limestone Presbyterian Church. Members of Limestone Presbyterian Church are given priority for dates and times.

## **Premarital Counseling**

The pastor will require a couple to meet with them for several times before the wedding for pre-marriage counseling. According to the governance of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the minister is responsible to bless and approve each wedding he/she officiates; therefore, **you must meet with your minister before your wedding date can be confirmed.** Our pastors use a variety of resources with couples to help them build a good foundation for a joyful, caring marriage for the years to come.

In the event that the pastor asks the couple to meet with an outside premarital counselor in leu of meeting with the pastor, the couple is responsible for the charges.

## Marriage License From The State Of Delaware

A marriage license from the State of Delaware is required to marry at Limestone Presbyterian Church. Please give the wedding coordinator your Delaware marriage license no later than the rehearsal. Details for getting the license, including ordering online, can be found at the <u>web site</u> for the Clerk of the Peace for New Castle County in Delaware.

### Fees

Please contact the church office for a complete list of fees for weddings services

#### After the Wedding

It is our hope at Limestone Presbyterian Church to be as much a part of your marriage as we are a part of your wedding where together in Christ, we claim hope over despair, prefer truth to complacency, and seek to grow in personal faith and compassion for the world. Please let us know if we can assist you in any way as you learn to live in marriage. We pray God's blessings and love for your life together