

BAPTISM

For United Methodists, baptism is the sacrament of initiation that joins us with the church and with Christians everywhere. It's a symbol of new life and a promise of God's saving love...and a sign of God's forgiveness for our sins.

Both infants and adults can be baptized. This service should be placed in the order of worship with participation from the congregation. A person receives the sacrament only once in his or her life.

Infants and others unable to take the vows for themselves are presented by their parents. Parents should be members of Christ's holy church. To schedule a baptism contact Louise in the Senior Pastor's office.

WEDDINGS

Weddings may be held in our Sanctuary or Couch Chapel. Seating capacity in the Sanctuary is 1100 and Couch Chapel is 225. Maximum number of attendants for the Sanctuary is 10 bridesmaids and 10 groomsmen and the chapel is 5 bridesmaids and 5 groomsmen. One of the pastors at First Methodist will be in charge of all rehearsals and weddings. Counseling is required. The organist at First Methodist will be the organist for all weddings. Only sacred or classical music is permitted for the wedding ceremony.

Wedding rehearsal time is 5:30 p.m., or if there is more than one scheduled the same day at 6:30 p.m. Weddings are usually held on Saturday at 10:00 a.m, 12 noon, 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. A volunteer from our church wedding committee will be on hand for the rehearsal and wedding.

There will be commitment forms for your florist and photographer to sign. Aisle runners are not permitted. Also, any petals that are used by the flower girl **MUST** be silk. All facilities must be left in the clean condition in which they were found.

Individuals who are not members of our church may use our facilities but church members have priority.

No smoking or alcoholic beverages are allowed in any facility on our campus.

For inquiries and/or reservations contact Louise Eason in the Senior Pastor's office.