

## **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GUIDELINES FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS**

The following are strict policies regarding photographs, motion pictures, or videotaping in the church. An additional copy of these guidelines will be provided for you to give to your photographer.

Photographers are expected to maintain a low profile to preclude any distraction to those participating in or observing the ceremony.

No flash photographs may be taken by friends from the time guests begin arriving until the entire ceremony is completed. Please ask your ushers to inform guests with cameras of this policy.

During the ceremony, available light photographs may be made from the center of the balcony.

Photographers will not ask members of the wedding party to stand on kneeling cushions; or to sit, kneel, or lean on the pulpit, altar, or altar rail for posed photographs, nor will they themselves stand on the pews or any church furnishings.

The ceremony may be videotaped from a fixed location in the center of the balcony. No operator or photographer will be allowed in the choir loft or chancel area during the ceremony. No camera lights are allowed.

The bride and photographer should plan poses for various photographs before the ceremony to conserve the time of the wedding party, guests and church staff.

**It is the bride's responsibility to see that the photographer, relatives, and friends are informed of these photo policies.**

First United Methodist Church has a Director of Television Ministries who can film your ceremony. The use of any church television facilities or equipment must be arranged in advance, on a fee basis, with the Director of Television Ministries. Only members of the FUMC Television Ministry will be allowed to use this equipment.

Pictures should be completed 45 minutes prior to the ceremony and all pictures should be completed within 30 minutes after the ceremony.