

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GUIDELINES FOR FLORISTS



The sanctuary and chapel of First United Methodist Church are places of beauty and dignity. Excessive floral displays and elaborate greenery are discouraged. An additional copy of these guidelines will be provided for you to give to your florist.

The florist is requested to complete all arrangements at least two hours before the wedding. All decorations are to be removed immediately following the wedding. **A fee of \$50.00 will be charged if any decorations are left.** The florist will be responsible for any damage to the building or furnishings.

Church furnishings may not be moved. This includes seasonal banners, baptismal font, altar, altar rail, pulpit chairs and pews. Pedestals for flowers or greenery may not restrict the minister's movement behind the altar rail.

Protective material shall be placed under all candelabra or single candles.

Candelabra are not permitted within one foot of the altar kneeling cushions.

Candles or candelabra may not be placed where lighting requires reaching across the altar rail with the exception of the unity candle.

Flowers, plants, candles and candelabra shall not be placed on church furnishings: organ, piano, pulpit, altar, altar rail, baptism font or kneeling cushions.

Altar candles shall not be removed. The altar cross and paraments remain where they are since they indicate the sanctuary is a place where worship is conducted. No other items shall be placed on the altar.

Pew candle holders with globes may be used provided the fastener does not damage the pew or its finish.

No tape, tacks, staples or plastic may be used to secure any decorations in the church.

Aisle cloths are not used in First United Methodist Church due to safety issues for both the wedding party and departing guests.