

UNITY UNITED CHURCH

THE CIRCLE OF LIFE:

BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, AND FUNERAL POLICIES

"In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us." — A New Creed, United Church of Canada

MARRIAGE AT UNITY UNITED CHURCH

Thank you for considering Marriage at Unity United Church. In the United Church of Canada, marriage is understood as a covenant relationship, rooted in love, mutual respect, trust, and commitment. A marriage service is an act of Christian worship in which a couple celebrates their love and seeks God's blessing on their life together.

Marriage at Unity United Church is open to couples who wish to enter into a committed relationship grounded in love and faith. The church celebrates the diversity of families and relationships and seeks to offer a welcoming and supportive environment for all.

A marriage service is not only about a single day. It marks the beginning of a shared journey, lived within the wider community of family, friends, and faith.

Preparing for Marriage

Couples requesting marriage at Unity United Church can expect to meet with the minister for a period of preparation. These conversations are intended to support the couple as they reflect on their relationship and their hopes for married life.

Preparation normally includes opportunities to:

- Talk about the meaning of marriage in the United Church of Canada,
- Reflect on communication, commitment, and shared values, and
- Plan the wedding service together.

These conversations help ensure that the marriage service is meaningful, personal, and grounded in faith.

Life in the Congregation

Couples preparing for marriage are warmly welcomed into the life of Unity United Church. They are encouraged to participate in worship and congregational life as part of their preparation, recognizing that marriage is lived in community.

When Marriage Takes Place

Marriage services may take place at Unity United Church or another suitable location, in consultation with the minister. Services are scheduled based on availability and pastoral considerations.

A Shared Journey

Marriage marks the beginning of a new chapter in life. Unity United Church celebrates this commitment and offers prayerful support as couples grow together in love, faith, and service.
