

WEDDINGS AT STANFORD MEMORIAL CHURCH

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

(FAQs)

◆ **How long is the waiting list?**

There is no waiting list and we are currently booking weddings for 2009 and 2010. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis subject to availability.

◆ **How far in advance can a reservation be made?**

Bookings are made on an ongoing basis for the current and following year. The calendar for 2011 will open on the first business day in January 2010.

◆ **Are blessings of civil marriages allowed?**

If you have already been married in a civil ceremony we do not conduct marriage blessings. The only exception to this rule applies to the Catholic faith because the Catholic Church does not recognize weddings that take place outside of the Church.

◆ **Could a friend/family member perform a musical piece at our ceremony?**

All musical inquiries must be directed to the University Organist, Dr. Robert Huw Morgan rhmorgan@stanford.edu or 650.725.0530.

◆ **Are guests allowed to take photos during the ceremony?**

In order to preserve the sanctity of the ceremony and to not interfere with the wedding, guests and family members are not allowed to take photos or use video cameras during the ceremony. The only photos or video that may be shot needs to be taken by a hired professional.

◆ **Are we allowed to set up a guestbook?**

Guestbooks may be set up and there is a 56"x18" table in the church foyer where it can be placed.

◆ **Are floral arrangements and decorations allowed in the church?**

Floral arrangements are permitted but must be preassembled and delivered one hour prior to your ceremony at the earliest. Arrangements may be placed on the Chancel, marble banisters and/or high altar. Decorations on the pews are also permitted. To affix them, materials such as clips, rubber bands and twist-ties are suggested to secure the arrangements. Tape, glue or other adhesive materials are not allowed. Florist "clips" that are frequently used in arrangements cannot be used because the tops of the pews have a demi-lune/half-moon top.

◆ **Does the church provide candles for all the alcoves and the unity candle?**

Memorial Church will provide standard candles for the alcoves and the unity candle. Alternatively, you may choose to bring your own unity candle if you wish.

◆ **Can we have a receiving line?**

Due to space and time constraints, receiving lines are not permitted.

◆ **Do you have a list of preferred vendors?**

The Wedding Coordinator can suggest various experienced vendors familiar with Memorial Church.

◆ **What happens at the rehearsal?**

The rehearsal is the only opportunity to practice the entire ceremony with the Wedding Coordinator and oftentimes the clergy. Rehearsals last approximately one hour and are scheduled on the Friday afternoon prior to the wedding date.