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# CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT!

We're so pleased and honored that you're interested in having your wedding at Cornerstone Church! We look forward to assisting you in every way possible.

Please complete the online application at [cornerstonemi.org/Weddings](https://cornerstonemi.org/Weddings). Once we receive it, we'll check the availability of the buildings and pastors, and contact you as soon as possible. Due to our high volume of requests, Wedding Reservations for building only rentals can not be accepted. Any exceptions to this policy will need to be approved by our Lead Pastor.

There is no shortcut to building a foundation for marriage. It takes time—both quantity and quality—to prepare for a permanent relationship that will be strong and healthy. Cornerstone expects that you, as a couple, will participate in premarital counseling with a pastor and at least one other Cornerstone premarital opportunity before your wedding date. We want God's best for your marriage and your life!

Because marriage is designed by God, we share the highest hopes with couples seeking to be married at Cornerstone Church. The information in this booklet will help in planning your wedding here.



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## RESERVATIONS

Weddings for Cornerstone members (couple to be married) may be reserved no more than 18 months in advance. Others may reserve not more than one year or less than 60 days in advance. All weddings must first have approval from the pastor and the deposit received before a date is confirmed. A Marriage License from the State of Michigan is required in order to be married at Cornerstone Church.

## WEDDING COORDINATORS

Two wedding coordinators will be assigned to you to help with all the arrangements at the church to make your special day memorable. They assist the pastor at the rehearsal, coordinate arrangements before and during the service, and arrange for all church personnel requested by the couple. Any questions you have should be directed to your coordinators. Please plan to meet with your coordinators 2-3 months before the wedding to go over details of the ceremony.

## PREMARITAL COUNSELING OPTIONS

We want to help you build a marriage that will last by coming alongside you with a purposeful process designed to help you start your marriage right. The wedding administrator can help you decide which of the following options is best for you.

## MENTORING

The primary option for couples is marriage mentoring. Marriage mentors are experienced couples who have navigated marriage for a while and have a heart to walk alongside engaged couples. Couples will meet for 6-8 sessions with their mentors for a few months before the wedding and after, as marriage begins.

## PREMARITAL RETREAT

The Premarital Retreat is offered each Spring and Fall as a Friday evening (2.5 hour) and Saturday (8 hour) event, and is led by a mentoring couple. It focuses on the major areas to navigate as you prepare for marriage and provides the same materials used for mentoring in an abbreviated form.

## PREMARITAL ASSESSMENT & COUNSELING

The wedding administrator will let you know the timing of when the assessment should be completed. You will need to complete the PREPARE Inventory Assessment. This should be done 3-4 months prior to your wedding date. When the results are ready, a lay counselor then schedules to meet with you to go over the results, usually in one to three private sessions. There may be a fee for materials.



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## FEES

The fees below include the pastor, counselor, wedding coordinators, sound technician, custodial services, and some materials. This does NOT include fees for musicians, or any other services. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 confirms your reservation unless otherwise arranged. Also, all on-site weddings must pay a \$150 security deposit. Full return of the security deposit will depend on the condition of the facility upon departure. All other fees must be paid no later than 30 days before the rehearsal. One person of the couple getting married must be an official member of Cornerstone Church to qualify for member rates.

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### 84TH STREET

1675 84th St SE, Caledonia, MI 49316

Security Deposit ..... \$150

#### Indoor Ceremony (approx. 800 seats)

for members.....\$960

for non-members .....\$1200

#### Outdoor Ceremony

for members.....\$1120

for non-members .....\$1400

### HERITAGE HILL

48 Lafayette Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Security Deposit ..... \$150

#### Indoor Ceremony (approx. 400 seats)

for members.....\$1120

for non-members .....\$1400

*Air conditioning is not available  
in the Worship Center.*

### SOUTH WYOMING

2730 56th St SW, Wyoming, MI 49418

Security Deposit ..... \$150

#### Indoor Ceremony (approx. 350 seats)

for members.....\$800

for non-members .....\$1000

### OFF-SITE

#### Within 25 miles of 84th St. Campus

*(travel fee to be determined beyond 25 miles)*

for members.....\$450

for non-members .....\$540

*An official wedding coordinator may be  
available per request for off-site weddings.*



## BUILDING USE POLICY

All wedding parties must agree to abide by the Cornerstone Church Building and Use Policies. No alcoholic beverages or drugs/illegal substances are to be used in the building or on church property at any time. There is no smoking in the building. Anything thrown outside the church (i.e. birdseed, confetti, etc.) must be cleaned up by the wedding party. There is a \$150 Security Deposit required, which is outlined in detail in the agreement made with the Cornerstone Wedding Coordinator. The full amount of the Security Deposit will be refunded within two weeks of your wedding as long as all terms of the signed agreement are met. The wedding party may use the Corner Café before the ceremony for snacks (provided by you) at no charge and is responsible for cleaning the area when you're finished. All food and beverages must stay in this area, and have to be removed immediately after the wedding.

## DECORATIONS

Decorating may be done during rehearsal and prior to the ceremony during your four-hour block of time. Please plan to remove all decorations immediately following the wedding. Instruments, decorations, tables, etc. for regular Cornerstone Church programs have priority and may not be moved. Putty or hanging devices which are not permanent and do not cause damage may be used if prior arrangements are made. Tacks, nails, glitter, or tape of any kind may not be used.

## TIMES

The church is available for a four-hour block of time the day of the wedding, which includes time for decorating, photographs, and the ceremony. If you need more time than that, there is a \$100 per hour extra charge. Rehearsals are held for one hour, generally on the evening prior to your wedding. Thursday rehearsals may begin no later than 5:00pm. Ceremonies may begin no later than 7:00pm on Friday or Saturday at any campus.

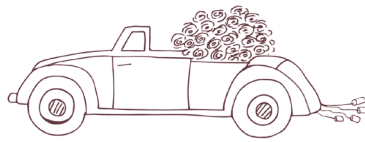
## DRESSING ROOMS

We provide a dressing room for the bride and her attendants, and another room for the groom and his attendants. The wedding party is responsible for removing all clothing, hangers, etc. and leaving the room in an orderly condition. We recommend having all personal items cleared from the room before the ceremony begins if your photographs have already been taken.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

All pictures taken prior to the ceremony must be completed half an hour before the wedding to allow you to prepare for the ceremony. We ask that no flash photographs be taken during the ceremony. Your photographer may take photographs with a flash before or after the ceremony.





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