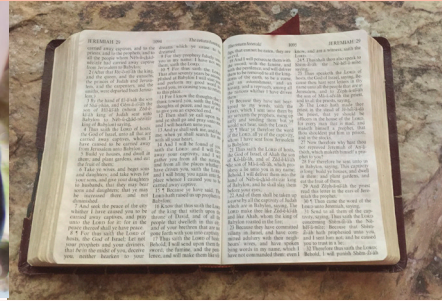




# cornerstoneweddings



## CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT!

We are 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 building and the pastors, and contact you as soon as possible. Due to our high volume of requests, Wedding Reservations for building rentals only (non-attenders at Cornerstone, non-Cornerstone pastor) 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. It's our expectation that you as a couple will participate in premarital counseling 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 below will help in planning your wedding here.

## 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 before a date is confirmed. A Marriage License from the State of Michigan is required in order to be married at Cornerstone Church.

## WEDDING COORDINATOR

A Wedding Coordinator will be assigned to you to help with all the arrangements at the church to make your special day memorable. She/He assists the pastor at the rehearsal, coordinates arrangements before and during the service, and arranges for all church personnel requested by the couple. Any questions you have should be directed to your coordinator. Please plan to meet with your coordinator 1-2 months before the wedding to go over details of the ceremony.

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. Your wedding coordinator can help you decide which of the following options is best for you.

## PREMARITAL RETREAT & COUNSELING

The Premarital Retreat is offered each spring and fall as a 2-day event and is led by a mentoring couple. The retreat focuses on major areas to navigate as you prepare for marriage. Your Wedding Coordinator can let you know the date and time of the opportunities available. For the counseling, 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, the pastor or lay counselor meets with you at the 84th St. Campus to go over the results, usually in one to three private sessions. There may be a fee for materials.

## MARRIAGE MENTORING

The other 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 8-10 sessions with their mentors for a few months before the wedding and after, as marriage begins.



## FEES

The fees below include the pastor, counselor, wedding coordinator, sound technician, and custodial services. This does NOT include fees for musicians, the PREPARE Inventory, 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 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.*

### 84TH STREET

1675 84th St SE  
Caledonia, MI 49316

#### INDOOR CEREMONY

(approx. 800 seats)

\$960 for members

\$1200 for non-members

#### OUTDOOR CEREMONY

\$1120 for members

\$1400 for non-members

### HERITAGE HILL

48 Lafayette Ave SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

#### INDOOR CEREMONY

(approx. 400 seats)

\$1120 for members

\$1400 for non-members

*\*No air conditioning available  
in the worship center*

### SOUTH WYOMING

2730 56th St SW  
Wyoming, MI 49418

#### INDOOR CEREMONY

(approx. 350 seats)

\$800 for members

\$1000 for non-members

### OFF-SITE WEDDINGS

WITHIN 25 MILES OF  
84TH STREET CAMPUS:

\$425

*Travel fee to be determined  
beyond 25 miles*

## 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.

## 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.

## CORNER CAFÉ

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.

## 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. Saturday weddings may begin no later than 1:00pm at 84th Street when there is a Saturday service (during the school year). Otherwise, ceremonies may begin no later than 7:00pm on Fridays or Saturdays 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.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

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.

## CANDLES

A unity candle may be used during the ceremony. All other "candles" must be battery-operated.

## LEAD WEDDING COORDINATOR:

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