## MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## **Church Policy for Wedding Photographers**

The bride/groom and the photographer must sign this copy and return it to the church office. Please make a copy for the photographer to keep for reference.

Because a wedding is a worship service of joy and dedication, we expect photographers and video operators to treat the wedding service with respect and dignity. The following are policies of the church:

- 1. Pictures may be taken of the bridal party in the narthex preceding the wedding processional.
- 2. The photographer <u>may not</u> come down the aisle beyond the back row of the congregation.
- 3. Pictures may be taken (<u>without a flash</u>) from the rear of the church during the ceremony.
- 4. Pictures may be taken (with flash) from the rear of the church during the recessional.
- 5. A video camera may be set up in the choir loft (without an operator) or in the balcony. There can be **no movement** from one location to another during the ceremony, and no use of artificial light.
- 6. Formal wedding pictures may be taken prior to or following the ceremony.
- 7. Smoking is not permitted in the church buildings.
- 8. It is suggested that photographers arrive one and a half (1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>) hours before the wedding so they can get their equipment in place before guests arrive.
- 9. Pictures must be completed within 45 minutes of the completion of the wedding.

Bride or Groom's Signature	Date
Photographer's Signature	Date

The purpose of Main Street United Methodist Church is to be a Christ-centered community where disciples are made by loving God and caring for others.