



United Methodist Church of Summit

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SUMMIT FUNERAL GUIDE AND FEES

FUNERAL POLICY

The Resurrection is a central doctrine of the Christian faith and shapes Christians' attitudes and responses to the event of death. In the face of death, Christians affirm with tears and joy the hope of the Gospel. Christians do not bear bereavement in isolation, but are sustained by the power of the Spirit and the community of faith. The church offers a ministry of love and hope to all who grieve. Just as the church embraces us in our baptism and throughout our Christian life, so it should embrace us in our death and in our hope of resurrection to eternal life. Christians believe that the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ gives them hope and cause for thanksgiving in the face of death. In this faith, we entrust those who have died to the infinite mercy and love of God.

It is the commitment of the clergy and music leadership of The United Methodist Church of Summit to present a properly balanced and theologically sound service that both honors our loved ones and praises God through worship and word.

PASTORAL STAFF

Upon the death of one of our members, please contact the Senior Pastor, at: 908-277-1700 as soon as possible. Upon receiving your call, arrangements will be made to meet and to reserve the sanctuary or chapel and inform our Director of Music of the service.

TYPES OF SERVICES

All services conducted by the pastor of the church are services of worship for the community of faith. While the form of the services may differ, each is a Service of Witness to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Memorial Service—The Memorial Service is a service in which the body is not present. Interment of the remains in a Service of Committal has either preceded the Memorial Service or will take place at a later time.

Funeral Service—The Funeral Service is a service in which the body is present in either a casket or an urn. The Funeral Service is concluded with a Service of Committal. This may include committal in the Memorial Garden.

Graveside Service—The Graveside Service is a service that takes place at the burial site. The Service of Committal is part of the Graveside Service.

LOCATION OF SERVICE

The service on the occasion of death ordinarily should be held in the usual place of worship in order to join this service to the community's continuing life and witness to the Resurrection. The service shall be under the direction of the pastor. The church Sanctuary or Chapel are appropriate places for a Memorial or Funeral Service.

VISITATION/VIEWING

Visitation can be done in either the Sanctuary or Chapel prior to the service.

THE SERVICE

Memorial, Funeral and Graveside Services are acts of worship among the Christian community. The purpose of such services of worship are to glorify God, to affirm our belief in the resurrection to life everlasting and to comfort the bereaved. Additionally, gratitude and honor are to be expressed to God for the life and witness of the deceased. The pastor will collaborate with the family to design a service that both honors your loved one and glorifies God.

MUSIC

Hymns should be chosen which affirm the goodness and grace of God and which give comfort and support to those who grieve. The pastor and the organist will guide the selection of appropriate hymns. The appropriateness of musical selections will be determined by the church's music department. Additional instrumentalists or vocalists may also be employed but must be approved by the church's music department. The family is expected to contact and to cover the cost of additional musicians.

THE PALL

If a casket is present at the service, it may be covered with a pall. Where appropriate the American flag may be used in lieu of the pall. The family may choose to use a flower pall.

FLOWERS

Typically, the family of the deceased will furnish the arrangement of flowers for the service. The church receptionist is present to receive flowers for an upcoming service from 9AM-1PM, Monday through Friday.

OTHER FRATERNAL, CIVIC OR MILITARY RITES

The service shall be complete in itself; however, fraternal, civic or military rites may be included at the discretion of the pastor.

LIVESTREAM/AUDIO

If there is a request to livestream the service or use of the sound system, the church's audio/visual technician must be used. Please see the attached fee schedule for cost. The request for livestream must be made at the original meeting with the Senior Pastor to allow time for set up.

SCHEDULING

For members, the church is available for services Monday through Saturday, except holidays and as venues are available. On Fridays and Saturdays, Funerals may be held during morning hours only. Every effort will be made to work around prior scheduled events. The church is closed or has limited availability on the following days: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Holy Week, July 4th, Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

MEALS

Often, families desire a meal before or after the service. Members who are affiliated with the church may contact Dotti Zottie at: 908-277-1725 to coordinate a memorial tea. Please note that if lunch is brought in by others, they will be responsible for all facets of the meals including drinks and clean-up.

Funeral Fees Non-Member and UMC Summit Members

	Non Member	Member
Use of Church	\$ 300.00	\$.00
Use of Chapel	150.00	.00

If paying by check, the above items are payable to the church, "The UMC of Summit"

If paying by check, the following items are payable to the persons listed:

Sexton's Fee	100.00	100.00
Check can be made out to: <u>Geraldo Rivera</u>		
Livestream/Audio	75.00	75.00
Check can be made out to: <u>Geraldo Rivera Jr.</u>		
Organist's Fee	250.00	200.00
<i>(Includes music consultation and service)</i>		
Check can be made out to: <u>JoAnne Teubner-Prussak</u>		

Soloist's Fee *(negotiated with the soloist)*

Pastor's Fee *at your discretion*

Check can be made out to: Rev. Laura Steele