

# BROOKLYN

The First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn  
A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

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## Member Wedding Policy

Whereas the principles of the First Unitarian Congregational Society call us to act as members of a “diverse spiritual community who nurture, strengthen, and challenge one another to grow and to have a positive impact on our community and our world” and,

Whereas, the Purpose Statement of the First Unitarian Congregational Society calls us to be a “religious community” that “cares for one another”,

We offer a reduced rate wedding ceremonies for members of the congregation and their children.

Sanctuary & Chapel Weddings held on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday:

- \$500 – Ceremonies Coordinator fee
- \$60 – Custodial fee
- Ceremony Space - No Charge
- First Unitarian Minister – No Charge

For the purposes of this policy, “members” are defined as those who:

- 1) Signed the membership book at least 12 months prior to booking
- 2) Completed their prior year’s pledge
- 3) Have fulfilled all requirements of membership as defined by the by-laws of the congregation.

The Senior Minister is generally not available to perform weddings on Saturdays or Friday nights. Outside ministers may be used.

Members do not have the option of planning a wedding without the support of the Ceremonies Coordinator and Custodian.

There is no charge for weddings of fewer than 10 guests performed during business hours (Monday-Thursday) 10AM-4PM.

Musicians’ fees are not included and should be negotiated through the Ceremonies Coordinator.

Weddings are to be scheduled with the Ceremonies Coordinator. Members are not given booking priority. Availability is on a first come/first served basis. It is strongly recommended that wedding couples reserve their venue as early as possible.

A \$250 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of booking.

This policy does not apply to: relatives of members (except their children), former members of the congregation, members of the congregation for less than one full year (12 months), or members of the congregation who have not fulfilled their previous year's pledge at the time of booking.

Additional fees will apply for the use of multiple spaces, to be negotiated with the Ceremonies Coordinator subject to standard charges. Fees may change at any time with minimal notice.

For the purposes of this policy, current paid staff and called clergy, and former called clergy shall be treated as "members". Former paid staff, hired clergy, and former members of the congregation may be provided "member" privileges with permission from the Board of Trustees or its designee.

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