

## Weddings at The Middlebury Congregational Church

To schedule your wedding, contact our Office Manager, **Joyce Foster (802-388-7634)**. Please be prepared to share your contact information and when you would like the wedding to take place. Joyce will forward the information to our pastor, Rev. Andrew Nagy-Benson. Pastor Andy will then be touch to arrange the first of three meetings with you.

If Pastor Andy is able to officiate the ceremony, he will work closely with you to assure that it reflects your wishes. We expect that your service will bear witness to the Christian hope of a committed, loving relationship. With the permission of Pastor Andy, you are welcome to invite a minister of your choice to conduct the ceremony. Pastor Andy will lead a **wedding rehearsal** prior to the ceremony. This normally occurs the evening before the wedding, but arrangements can be made to accommodate you and your guests.

In the months prior to your wedding, you may speak with our church organist, **Jeff Buettner (802-443-5938, daytime)**. Dr. Buettner, who has the right of first refusal to play at church weddings, will discuss possible musical selections with you. If he is unable to play at your ceremony, Pastor Andy will secure another organist for the occasion. Music consistent with Christian worship is expected.

The church may be **decorated** in consultation with the Facilities Manager. Two large, matching floral arrangements at the front of the church are commonly used. Please do not plan to tape or fasten anything to the pews.

**Photographers** should be aware that pictures can be taken from the sides of the sanctuary and the balcony, and that you may return to the church for pictures after the service. The church has a fine sound system for use during the ceremony.

**Rooms** near Fellowship Hall are available for the bridal party to dress before the wedding.

We ask that your guests **refrain from throwing rice or confetti**, etc. on the church entryway and front steps.

Fellowship Hall (beneath the sanctuary) is available for **wedding receptions** upon request.

### **Fee Schedule:**

Reservation of wedding date: **\$50**

Use of Sanctuary: **\$500** (*Energy surcharge from October through April: \$150*)

Use of Fellowship Hall for Reception: **\$300**

Facilities Manager: **\$50**

Organist: **\$150**

Pastor: **\$300**