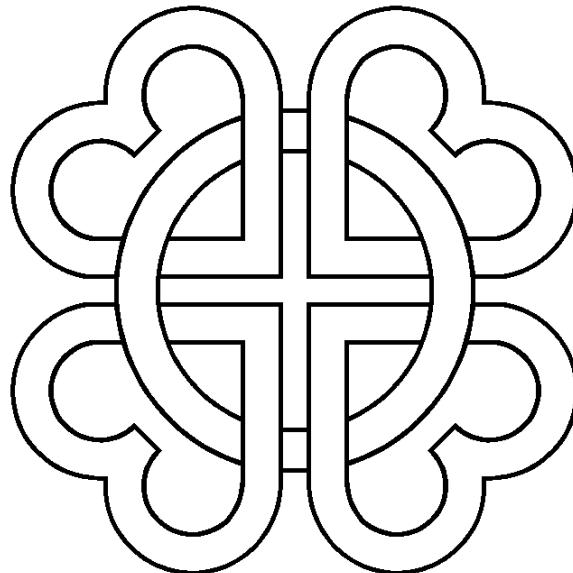


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**“One in the
Bond of Love”**

**Wedding Planning
Information**

We are very pleased that you wish to be married in the Congregational Church of Hollis, and we want to be as helpful as possible in your understanding of and the preparation for this joyous event.

The wedding ceremony is an act of worship. By placing marriage within the framework of the church's worship, a civil act is thereby filled with religious meaning. And by careful preparation, your wedding day — and your marriage — can be a creative and joyful event as you stand together before God, aware of and seeking God's will throughout your lives. To that end, the church offers its support, its concern, and its blessing.

Please contact the church office far enough in advance to preclude any conflicts in scheduling a date for your wedding ceremony. The Church Administrator will then have you contact the pastor to confirm the wedding date and schedule a time to meet with her. She will arrange approximately 3 pre-marital conversations with you to become better acquainted, and to plan specific details about the ceremony.

Other arrangements that may be required:

ORGANIST:

The church's organist, Ed Scibilia, has right of first refusal to play for church weddings. As you begin your wedding planning, please contact him directly (603-888-8003) to plan your wedding music. The organist should also be aware of soloists and/or instrumentalists who may be part of your plans.

VISITING CLERGY:

Special situations arise when clergy in addition to the pastor on staff at the Hollis church may be involved as officiants or assistants. This requires the approval of the pastor of the Congregational Church of Hollis.

PHOTO/VIDEO POLICY:

Photographers/videographers may use a flash during the processional and recessional only. During the ceremony, they must use existing light and are to remain in one place to take pictures.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- All appointments in the Meetinghouse are there for a purpose and should not be moved about or removed for wedding ceremonies.
- Throwing rice or confetti on church premises is not permitted. These are difficult to clean up and can be a safety hazard in certain cases.
- Decorating the Meetinghouse needs to be done in such a way as to ensure that paint is not marred or scratched. You will need to request that your florist use pew bouquet holders if you wish to place bouquets on the pew ends. Thumbtacks, nails, screws, or tape of any kind may not be used. The meetinghouse will be opened one hour prior to the time of the wedding service.
- If you use an aisle runner, it should be 50 feet long.
- Occasionally couples will make use of a wedding consultant. However, wedding consultants have no part in the planning of the wedding service, the rehearsal, or conducting the wedding. All wedding planning is done with the pastor.
- The time for the rehearsal and wedding will be set with the pastor. Sometimes more than one rehearsal or wedding is scheduled for a particular day, so it is important that rehearsals and weddings begin promptly on time. Be certain that everyone in your wedding party is aware of this. Any changes to the time or date of the wedding from the original reservation must be submitted in writing and approved by the pastor.

WEDDING FEES: (See Church Fee Schedule – contact churchoffice@hollischurch.org for Church Fee Schedule)

*All fees should be paid by the time of the wedding rehearsal in order to avoid confusion on the day of the ceremony.

LICENSE INFORMATION:

The marriage license, for a wedding to be held in the State of New Hampshire must be applied for by both parties at any town/city hall (Clerk's Office) in New Hampshire.