

Reception

We are pleased to have receptions following the service. Although we do not have people to prepare food on-site, we are happy to recommend local caterers and to provide servers as available. There will be a fee for this service; please consult with the church office for particulars.

Reception Rooms

George Birtch Memorial Room
Holds 100-125 standing

Fellowship Room
Holds 20-25 standing

Kimmel Room
Holds 70-75 standing

Fees

Please obtain the current fee schedule from the church office or one of the ministers. You may wish to have the fees paid on your behalf by the funeral home or choose to look after them personally.



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Funeral Services at Fairlawn



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At some point in our lives, we will be faced with planning a funeral or memorial service for a loved one. The shared ministry of Fairlawn Avenue United Church is here to help you through the process. We hope that this pamphlet will help.

Our Clergy

Our ministers, the Reverend David Lander and the Reverend Cynthia Stretton, are in a shared ministry, so both are available for services. If you would like a guest minister to assist in the service, please make this request to the Fairlawn Avenue minister you have chosen.

The minister will want to meet with family members or close friends to plan a service that is meaningful and to obtain details about the person's life. This meeting may take place at the church, in your home, or at the funeral home handling the arrangements.

The Sanctuary

The service may be held in the Sanctuary, in the Chapel for small gatherings, at the funeral home, at the graveside, or off-site. You are welcome to provide flowers, candles, a guest book, photos, and memorabilia.

Music

Music should be selected which is appropriate to a service of worship. Our Director of Music, Eleanor Daley, is available to play the organ. Arrangements for music or soloists from the church are made with the Director of Music. You may wish to include pre-recorded selections that will enhance the service in a meaningful way.

The Service

The service may take the form of a funeral (meaning that a casket containing the person's body is present) or a memorial service (with or without an urn with ashes present). The casket is normally crossways in front of the chancel before the service, open if the family chooses, but is closed during the service.

The minister will outline the service with those who are gathered to do the planning. It normally includes scripture readings, a short meditation, prayers, a time of remembrance about the person's life, and often hymns. Family and friends may participate by sharing memories or reading scripture.

An order of service bulletin will be prepared by the church office if so desired. Greeters may be family or friends. The funeral home will discuss pallbearers if there is a casket.

A brief service of committal may also take place at the time of interment of the body or ashes at a cemetery or crematorium.

Sound System

It is possible to use the Sanctuary sound system by arrangement with the Administrator/Worship Committee. It may only be operated by a church-approved, trained operator.

Accessibility

We are equipped with a lift to accommodate people who have difficulty with stairs, and can provide assistive hearing devices.