

If the family would prefer to have a reception for all funeral visitors in lieu of a meal, the church will provide setup of the room, and the family will be responsible for arranging catering. If the family desires to have the service and visitation at the funeral home, the food may be brought to the funeral home on either day; however, the church will not be responsible for setup or cleaning up.

**Preferred meal arrangements** \_\_\_\_\_

**FEES**

Fees associated with Funeral and Memorial Services for member and non-members are listed below:

	MEMBERS	NON-MEMBERS
Sanctuary	\$0	\$250
Chapel	\$0	\$150
Fellowship Hall	\$0	\$250
Organist/Pianist	\$150	\$150
Sound Technician	\$150	\$150
Minister	*	\$150
Vocalist	**	\$100
Music Director	***	\$100
Bulletin for Service	\$0	\$25 per 50

- \* suggested honorarium \$150
- \*\* suggested honorarium \$100
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# Funeral and Memorial Services



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## FUNERAL & BEREAVEMENT SERVICES

The loss of a loved one is never easy but your church family is here to walk with you in this difficult time. This brochure is a resource to help you consider the things you will discuss with the pastor officiating at the service.

### INITIAL ARRANGEMENTS

All inquiries regarding funerals/memorial services will be directed to one of the pastors or Office Manager for coordination.

Lead Pastor—Dr. Kenny Ott  
Executive Pastor—Rev. Kelly Beckley  
Congregational Care —Susan Brown  
Office Manager—Anne Taylor

### THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The Christian service, often called a *Celebration of Life*, includes the Word of God and honors the memory of the deceased and can be observed in several ways:

- The traditional “*funeral service*” is held usually in Canton First UMC’s sanctuary or chapel. Its distinguishing mark is that the casket or urn is present at the service and afterward taken away for burial or other disposition. If disposition is by burial, it is customary for a brief, graveside interment or committal service to be held.
- The “*memorial service*” is essentially the same as a funeral service except that the casket or urn is not present.
- The “*graveside service*” is a funeral service held at the cemetery or columbarium and is normally brief.

Will you have a graveside service? \_\_\_\_\_

### SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE SERVICE

No public announcement of plans should be made until the officiating pastor indicates his or her availability, as well as the availability of the sanctuary and other church facilities, in coordination with the family and funeral home.

What is your preferred date and time? \_\_\_\_\_

### OFFICIATING CLERGY

One of the pastors on the pastoral staff will officiate all services conducted at Canton First UMC. If the family desires to have another pastor participate in the funeral service, it is required that the officiating pastor be contacted first for approval. If another pastor is approved, it must be clearly understood that the Canton First UMC

pastor is the officiant and that invitations to other clergy are extended through the officiating pastor.

Are there other clergy you wish to participate?

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

### THE WORSHIP SERVICE

The officiating pastor will work with the family to design the funeral or memorial service within the Methodist tradition. We will try to accommodate requests for special scripture, favorite hymn, or other service music, as is feasible. It is not the normal procedure in the United Methodist Church to have an open casket for viewing in the sanctuary.

Will family or friends speak during the service? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested scripture \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested music \_\_\_\_\_

### MUSIC

The officiating pastor and choir director/worship leader will work with the family to select appropriate hymns or songs for the service. It is preferred that all music, including accompaniment be performed live with approval of the pastor. The family can provide musicians other than a pianist and pay them directly. Only our organist is permitted to play the organ.

### WORSHIP BULLETINS

Worship bulletins will be provided by the church, if requested at least twenty-four hours prior to the funeral service so that the support staff has adequate time to properly prepare them.

### MILITARY AND FRATERNAL RITES

It is Canton First UMC’s policy that neither military nor fraternal rites be incorporated as part of a church worship service. Such rites, if used at the cemetery, will be performed at the beginning of the committal service.

If military or fraternal rites are desired by the family other than specified above, we suggest they be performed at the funeral home or at a separate service.

### BEREAVEMENT MEAL (Canton First UMC members)

To assist members in this time of need, Canton First UMC wants to provide a meal either before or after the service for the members and out-of-town guests at the family’s home or at the church. We will need to know the number of guests and time that is best for the family.