# WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY



## WEDDING GUIDE 2014/15

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#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Do you have to be a Wesleyan affiliate to use/rent the facilities?

No, you do not have to be a Wesleyan affiliate to use/rent the facilities. However, Wesleyan affiliates do enjoy a discount on facility rentals.

#### I know there is a chapel on campus. Is it denominational?

No, the chapel is available for ceremonies of any or no religious denomination.

#### Can we bring in our own officiate/musician/caterer?

Yes, you may. However, we do have on site officiates, musicians, and a caterer.

#### What does it cost to get married at Wesleyan?

Please call us to discuss prices for our many facilities. Our prices are competitive and include setup, breakdown, and use of any furniture we have in stock. If you are interested in having your reception on campus, please note that we do not offer a per guest price. Whether you use our caterer or an outside caterer, their service costs will be in addition to the space rental. Also, any furniture that we have to bring on to campus will need to be paid for by the client. Please note that Wesleyan affiliates enjoy a 20% discount on facility rental costs.

#### Is there on campus parking for weddings?

We do have on campus parking for evening and weekend events. In addition, there is plenty of street parking available within walking distance of our chapel and reception facilities.

#### Are there options for a very small reception space?

Yes. While our primary rental spaces accommodate larger events, we do have spaces available for small events.

#### Is alcohol allowed at events on Wesleyan's campus?

Yes. We will discuss liquor laws and regulations upon contract development.

### Will there be an event coordinator on site during the ceremony and reception?

There will be a Wesleyan staff member present for the wedding rehearsal and wedding ceremony, but not in the case of your wedding reception being held on campus. While we are happy to host weddings at Wesleyan, our events department operates within the parameters of any administrative university department, and are not on duty during evenings and weekends. One of the benefits of using our on site

#### The Ceremony

The Memorial Chapel, built in 1782, and then renovated in 2003, holds up to 530 people. This non-denominational facility provides a warm and architecturally inspiring place to have your ceremony.

The cultural history of this stunning structure is vast. Among other notable visitors and events, President Woodrow Wilson held an office and taught in Memorial Chapel from 1888 to 1890 and Martin Luthur King, Jr. once spoke at the Memorial Chapel.



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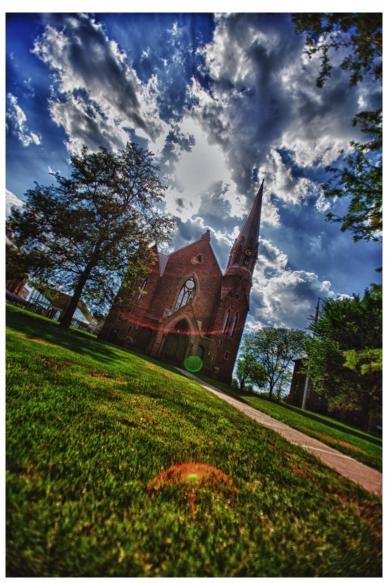


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The stained glass windows, beautifully maintained floors, and elaborate pipe organ compliment the simple angles and layout of Memorial Chapel, and the space provides a beautiful canvas for your special event.

You are welcome to tour the facility, along with Zelnick Pavilion and the '92 Theater. Please contact the Events & Scheduling office for more information.



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#### **Receptions and Event Spaces**

There are several on campus options for couples to consider. We can accommodate any sized gathering and will work to determine what is right for you. Facility rental cost includes in-stock furniture, setup and breakdown of furniture, and all custodial services. If furniture need to be brought in from an outside rental company, the cost will be the responsibility of the client.



#### Beckham Hall in Fayerweather

Beckham Hall, located in the Usdan University Center's Fayerweather building, is our premiere reception choice. With room for just over 200 guests, our ballroom boasts stunning vaulted ceilings, a hardwood floor and easily accessible upper and lower lobbies.





#### Daniel Family Commons in Usdan University Center

The Daniel Family Commons, located on the third floor of the Usdan University Center, offers a panoramic view of campus and the Center for the Arts. This location can accommodate seating for up to 147 guests.





#### Patricelli '92 Theater and Zelnick Pavilion

The Zelnick Pavilion is idea for standing or intimate seated receptions. Zelnick Pavilion can accommodate 40 people in a seated dining capacity, and up to 100 for a standing cocktail reception. The cost to rent the Zelnick Pavilion for a seated reception is \$500, which a standing reception is just \$250.

The Patricelli '92 Theater acts as a functional theater, hosting Wesleyan and Middletown community productions. The transformation into a dynamic reception space will help to add a dramatic and historic edge to your event.





#### The Russell House and Back Garden

The Russell House, built in 1828, is a registered historical landmark set on the northeast corner of campus. The grounds offer a variety of event spaces. Whether you envision an intimate and charming event in the historically decorated rooms, or an extravagant tented celebration, The Russell House is an accommodating choice. Seating capacities and pricing is contingent on where, on the grounds, you plan to hold your event. Please contact us for details



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