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Can we show pictures?

Yes, either on picture boards (easels are available) or on CDs that will be projected onto a screen. Please talk to your clergy person. For a memorial service, families often provide a framed 8x10 or larger photo to place at the front of the sanctuary.

Can we have programs?

Yes, the office staff will prepare a bulletin for you, if you wish, at the direction of the clergy person.

Can we have flowers or memorial gifts?

Yes. Please discuss with your clergy person.

If available, we will provide a Funeral Hostess, who will help things run smoothly the Day of the service.



Planning a funeral or memorial service for a loved one is a difficult task, but an important one. We will help you gather memories and design a service that will praise God, comfort those who are able to attend, and celebrate the life of your loved one.

Please ask the clergy person assisting you if you have questions in addition to those answered in this brochure.



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When can a service be held?

Funeral and Memorial Services are held any day of the week. We will do our best to accommodate your family's schedule. We may need to work around large events already taking place at the church. We will also need to work around the availability of church staff and funeral home staff, if they will be present the day of the service. A common time is 11 a.m. on a weekday, so that there can be a gathering time afterward.

How many people can come?

The Sanctuary at Clarkston UMC holds 400 people. The Community Center can seat up to 300 people.

Can we have visitation time here?

Yes. The Gathering Place is available for visiting before the service, or the Parlor is available for longer visiting times the day before the service. The schedule needs to be discussed and set with the clergy person helping you.

What about music?

The clergy person will help you determine appropriate song selections, as well as scripture readings, that will honor God and help celebrate the life of your loved one.

Can we have a meal afterward?

Yes. If you would like to have a catered meal, you may make those arrangements. The Funeral Luncheon Committee of Clarkston UMC is also available to provide a luncheon or gathering time refreshments.

How much will all of this cost?

- ◆ No cost for the building.
- ◆ Organist-\$175
- ◆ AV Tech—\$50
- ◆ Luncheon is \$125-\$200 (50-100 people) to reimburse the food purchased.
- ◆ Donations are accepted above that cost to honor the volunteer labor given by the Funeral Luncheon Committee
- ◆ Custodial Fee for weekends is \$20 per hour.
- ◆ Honorarium for Clergy (suggested amount is \$200), although this is not a charge.

If costs are a concern, please talk to the clergy person.

Is Childcare available?

It may be, upon request ahead of time. Please talk with the clergy person helping you.

