



Transcona Memorial United Church

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Funeral Information

Introduction & Funeral Planning

A funeral service is a worship experience of remembrance and thanksgiving for the life of the one who has died. Transcona Memorial United Church is privileged and honoured to help the family and friends in planning a service where death is grieved and where life is celebrated.

A funeral service can be a helpful part of the mourning and healing processes. Still, this is a time that can be made difficult because of the experience of powerful emotions. It is the privilege and hope of our community of faith to support bereaved families during this time.

Funeral services held in Transcona Memorial United Church are conducted by the incumbent minister and will be registered in the church's records. Arrangements for funeral services begin by contacting our minister or the church office. Requests for services in locations other than the church must be discussed with our minister prior to making such arrangements, as these decisions may affect costs and the registration of the funeral.

Arrangements related to the funeral service and reception should not be made before there is a chance to plan with our minister. Funeral services at TMUC are planned between our minister and the family members and friends who are entrusted with the arrangements. All interested family members, including children, are invited to participate in the planning.

Planning for a funeral service will include collecting information for record keeping, selecting readings and music, identifying the people who will be contributing to and participating in the service, and storytelling.

Music & Technology

TMUC is able to provide a variety of music resources for the service. These may include an accompanist (pianist or organist), a choir to assist in leading the singing, and recorded music. All aspects of music for the service will need to be planned with our minister.

TMUC also has a means of projecting PowerPoint presentations and videos, and has the capacity to live stream services on our Facebook page. All of these resources will have to be planned with our minister.

Reception at the Church

TMUC has a team of people, working under the direction of the United Church Women (UCW) who are available to host a reception for the family and their guests following a funeral service.

This team will set up and decorate the reception space, take down the tables and chairs following the reception, make coffee, tea, and a cold drink (if desired), set out plates and cups, receive food from the caterer and prepare it to be served, clean up following the reception, and organize elevator operators and ushers. The cost of this service is \$5.00 per person, which is based on the number of cups used.

Food for the reception is to be supplied by the family and must come from a business or organization that caters from a commercial kitchen. Food handling rules determine that we cannot allow food from a non-commercial kitchen. Food must arrive from the caterer on serving trays. Any uneaten food will be sent with the family at the conclusion of the reception.

Fees & Costs

The fee for a funeral service in Transcona Memorial United Church is \$800.00, which includes remuneration for the minister, rental of the sanctuary, remuneration for an accompanist, and an administrative fee. These are not eligible for tax-deductible receipts.

Additional donations are welcomed and are eligible for tax-deductible receipts.

If the family chooses to host a reception on its own in one of the church halls, the rental rate for up to 6 hours is \$300.00, or 6 to 10 hours is \$400.00. These rates include the use of tables, chairs and the kitchen (including dishes, cutlery, and appliances), as well as set up and tear down, and clean up being done by the renter.

Fees and costs are subject to change.

Book of Remembrance

In the church sanctuary are the Books of Remembrance which list the names of those in whose memory we have received donations.

When donations are made, acknowledgement cards are sent to the family of the deceased on behalf of the donor.

Donations can be made to:

- The Legacy Fund (projects and needs identified by the congregation and Council) and/or
- The Building Fund (for renovations or construction projects).

All gifts to these two funds are classed as "Charitable Donations."

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