

# Wedding coordinators try to make ceremonies glitch-proof

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Ever wondered who takes care of the last minute details of a wedding like pinning on flowers, rehearsing who goes down the aisle and in what order, and making sure all the tuxedos are the right size?

At Eastridge Presbyterian Church, 1135 Lastridge Drive, wedding coordinator Diana Wild sees to all those details and more in her pre-wedding consultations with brides.

"I work with brides who are getting married in our church," Wild said. "I guide them through what it will be like having a wedding in our church."

Wild said she also takes care of details such as reserving pews for special guests, finding out which candelabras the bride wants in her ceremony, and working with the ushers, flower girls and ring bearers.

She said brides who want to get married at Eastridge are required to use a coordinator.

"What I do takes a lot of responsibility and time from what the pastor has to do," she said. Couples are charged \$75 for Wild's services, but that's without the fees the church

charges to non-members.

Usually, she said, churches charge between \$100 and \$200 for use of their church and facilities.

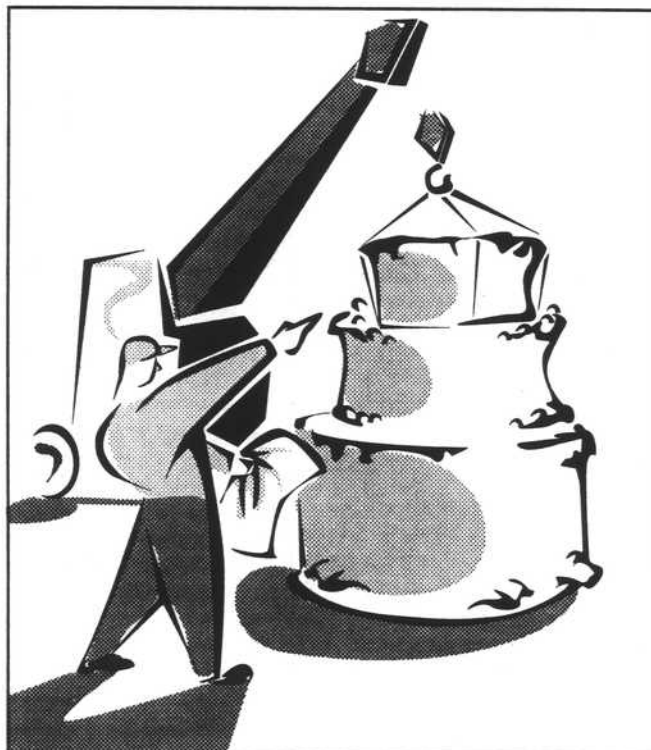
Once the bride decides to have her wedding at Eastridge, Wild said she meets with the couple four to six weeks before the wedding to go over details and procedures. She said one question brides ask frequently is what the restrictions are on the types of weddings that can be held.

"Really, any more, there aren't very many rules," Wild said. "I tell them ... we try to stay within good taste."

She said the types of weddings vary from small and informal to large and extravagant.

Most college-age couples, she said, opt for traditional weddings - both in the way the ceremony is held and the way the party is dressed - with four or five attendants and "all their friends from school" coming from all over the country.

Wild said besides the meeting, she attends the rehearsal, and also comes a half-hour or so before the photographers arrive on the day of the wedding to ensure that everything is running smoothly and there are no glitches.



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