

Funerals and Memorial Services

Funerals and memorial services are conducted at Countryside Community Church for church members, extended family of church members, and non-members depending on building availability and the schedule of the ministers. Services conducted at Countryside must be officiated by one of Countryside's clergy, although another minister may participate in the service. In the event of a death, please contact our Interim Minister of Congregational Care: Rev. Charlene Wozny (402-391-0350 ext. 225) or the church office at 402.391.0350 to check for church facilities and minister availability.

We can accommodate funerals and memorial services with adequate parking for approximately 350 people. Our beautiful Sanctuary is available for all funerals and memorial services, and our Chapel is available for smaller services seating approximately 25-75 people. Our ministers are also available to perform off-site services.

Fees

Generally, the mortuary handling details for the family is responsible for including fees for ministers and musicians in their charges and then paying these charges to the appropriate party by check. However, sometimes mortuaries handling burials and cremations are out of the Omaha area or there may be time delays between a death and the time of the service. If the fees for people providing services have not been charged by the mortuary, they should be paid, by separate checks, to those providing the services:

Funeral Coordinator: \$200; Non-members \$250

Organist: \$150

Vocal Soloist: \$100

Pianist/Vocalist: \$200

Honorarium for the minister, service and graveside: \$300-\$500; Non-members \$500

Building use: \$400 Non-members only

Additional fees for non-members of Countryside Community Church will be applied.

Funeral Coordinator and Minister

After confirming availability, the minister will work with you on planning the funeral service and will also provide grief support. Our funeral coordinator will coordinate logistics, music, sound & media services, and reception details.

Mortuary Coordination

Our funeral coordinator and minister will work with the mortuary to ensure information is shared between both parties. For large funerals, we may ask for additional support from mortuary representatives. This will be decided on a case-by-case basis and may impact your costs with the mortuary.

Funeral Program

Our office staff will create a funeral program or bulletin for the service and will ask that you submit the obituary, photos, and any additional quotes, poetry, or scripture passages to be printed. You may also choose to have the mortuary prepare the program. Both the minister and funeral coordinator will work with you on their respective responsibilities for the program.

Sound and Media Services

After discussing the details of the service with the Funeral Coordinator, A/V Team will be notified.

Sound Technician – \$100

Provides a sound technician for the service. If using recorded music for the service, the family can bring in the song on a flash drive or we can find and download a version if needed. Often there are many versions of the songs people want, and we want to make sure we have the right one.

Sound Technician with Visuals - \$150

Provides a sound technician for the service plus visuals. If using slide show or video in or before the service, the family can bring in the slide show or video on a flash drive or a link to a downloadable file sharing service. All files need to be available at least two hours before the service. Preferably one day in advance. Scanning Photos for a slide show – Price dependent on the number of photos, likely \$50-\$100

Livestream with YouTube recording - \$150

Provides a second video technician (1 camera operator recording). Livestreaming only available in the Sanctuary. A YouTube link will be provided to the family. A copy of the recording can be provided upon request.

Music

After discussing the details of the service with the Funeral Coordinator, including music selections, the music department will be notified. The fee schedule (above) includes ten minutes of pre-service music, up to ten minutes of post-service music, and two musical selections of any type (congregational singing, instrumental solo, vocal solo, etc.) during the service. Additional music requests may be arranged.

Reception

Receptions are held in the Common Grounds Coffee House for receptions less than 125 people or in Marys' Hall for larger receptions

Should you choose to have a reception at the church following the services for your loved one, Countryside's Agape Circle is available to provide a cookie reception or to host a lite luncheon in our Common Grounds Coffee House. You will be asked how many people you plan to attend the reception. The Agape Circle will set up and clean up the reception. Payment for reception should be paid directly to Countryside Community Church.

Our Agape Circle is supported by volunteers in the church. To respect their time, receptions are limited to two hours after the service. Any reception with more than cookies or a lite lunch will be considered a rental. Please contact the church office for a Facility Use Contract for details and fees.

Please see the chart on the following page for additional information

Reception Type	No. of People	Location	Suggested Donation	Time Duration
Cookies, Coffee & Lemonade	<150	Common Grounds Coffee House	\$100	2 hrs
Light Lunch Reception	<150	Common Grounds Coffee House	\$100*	2 hrs†
Catered Cookies, Coffee & Lemonade	150+	Marys' Hall	\$200 + catering fees (including catering staff)	2 hrs included, additional fees apply for extra time
Catered Meal/Hors D'oeuvre	150+	Marys' Hall	\$200 + catering fees (including catering staff)	2 hrs included, additional fees apply for extra time

*In addition to suggested donation, you will pay the food costs for luncheon items. Non-members are required to pay the donation amount.

†We suggest that if you are going to a graveside service immediately following the funeral service that you refrain from hosting a luncheon back at the church. If you decide that you really want a light luncheon following the graveside service, please be advised that our volunteers will set up your meal 90 minutes from the start of the funeral service.

Catering Suggestions:

- HyVee – If using HyVee, the fees for the catered food will be charged to the church and will be passed on to the family for payment.

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If you wish to show a slide show or video during the reception a projector and screen are available in Marys' Hall. Please work with the Funeral Coordinator to arrange it with the A/V Technician.

Flowers

Floral arrangements may be delivered directly to the church. Please ask that deliveries be made two hours prior to the service with name of deceased clearly noted.

Flowers are the responsibility of the family or funeral home to remove after the funeral and reception are completed.

Columbarium

If your family is interested in learning more about the Columbarium at Countryside Community Church, please contact Ryan Rippentrop, Office Manager, at 402-391-0350 ext. 223 or ryanr@countrysideucc.org.

Countryside Community Church and its staff will make every effort to work with families to provide the service which your family requests. For questions, please contact the church office at 402-391-0350 or office@countrysideucc.org.