Weddings & Receptions

Eliot Center offers several spaces for your wedding and reception. The most popular spots are the Eliot Chapel and the Buchan Reception Hall. We offer an array of amenities including: complimentary use of our equipment, assigned staff and services to make your event a success!

Download our Wedding Brochure

Learn more about Eliot Center Venue Dimensions, Capacities and Map

Imagine the ease of getting ready in the Channing Room, the formal parlor, then walking down the isle of the Eliot Chapel to meet your partner. After your ceremony, there is a simple walk down the foyer to your reception in the naturally well lit and modern Buchan Reception Hall. The adjacent outdoor courtyard and two-story atrium also provide an expansive space for you and your guests to nibble on hor’dourves, drink wine and make memories together.

ELIOT CENTER VENUES

The Eliot Chapel
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The Eliot Chapel accommodates up to 250 guests. Built in 1924, the Eliot Chapel is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Adjustable stage lighting, chandeliers and sconces help create a warm atmosphere for your event. The chapel's grand piano and pipe organ add to performance caliber acoustics.

The Channing Room...
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Adjacent to the Eliot Chapel, The Channing Room, features original 1924 architectural details in a formal, parlor-type setting. This space is an ideal preparation area for your bridal party, a great spot for signing your marriage certificate, or perfect for small intimate ceremonies. The Channing Room seats up to 30 guests and is included in every wedding package.

The Buchan Reception Hall

Just down the hall from the Eliot Chapel is the newly built LEED Gold Certified, Buchan Building. The Buchan Reception Hall is a 2600-square-foot, modern and naturally well lit space for up to 250 guests. With the adjacent two story atrium and outdoor courtyard, there is ample space for cocktails and dancing, as well as a sit down meal for up to 160 people.
Entertain your guests or take your formal photographs in one of our adjacent, enclosed outdoor courtyards. Both are landscaped with native plants, one with a built-in brick labyrinth and the other with an original multicolored mosaic.

Rates

- **Between $550 and $2050**
- **Non member Wedding Rates**
- **Member Wedding Rates**

**Quick Facts**
- Self cater or choose your own caterer
- Alcohol Permitted
- Your choice of officiate welcome
- Our Music Consultant will assist your musical visions
- Onsite coordinator, rehearsal time and two dressing rooms included in every package

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**Testimonials**

“Thank you again for making our experience at First Unitarian a truly meaningful, pleasurable and memorable one. Because of your knowledgeable and caring assistance, Eliot Chapel was not a rented facility but a spiritual home for the two families joined on a most joyous day.”

Janis Werschkul – Mother of the Bride

“Our wedding planning journey was made easy with Holli Nicknair and the First Unitarian Church. Holli was a tremendous help. She asked all the questions that we hadn’t even thought of and she was very reassuring, patient and innovative. Having the ceremony and reception in the same location made the whole event flow very smoothly and effortlessly. In the Buchan Room we were able to fit a 12-piece band, DJ’s and equipment, food and dining tables and space for dancing. We also put a few dining tables in the adjacent courtyard leaving plenty of room for mingling and dancing. The First Unitarian Church staff complemented our caterers and were extremely attentive and flexible. Holli provided all the necessary guidance for keeping our wedding and reception on track. We both feel that Holli was an invaluable resource. Thanks to her and the First Unitarian Church our special day was made possible!”

Tim and Christine Truszkowski, married July 18, 2009