

The Church has a ministry with the bereaved to perform after the funeral.

The bereaved require continuing comfort and sympathy as they adjust to changed circumstances. The custom of a reception immediately following a funeral helps with the return to normalcy, as do pastoral visits. Our Minister is available to provide whatever assistance may be required after the service.

Funeral Costs

Kildonan United Church is pleased to be able to offer services to families during their time of need

Many families ask for guidance in making contributions to the work of the Church. We suggest a donation of \$550 (subject to change) which includes the use and maintenance of the Sanctuary, the use of the Upper Hall for lunch and gathering time, the costs for the organist and the caretaker. This does not include an honorarium for the Minister. As families do ask, we suggest an honorarium of \$150. Contributions will receive a charitable tax receipt.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have further questions, or would like to meet with the Minister, please call the Church Office 204-334-7022 or direct to minister at 204-979-0510.

Yours in Christ's name,

The Kildonan United Church Congregation

Funeral Policy

Kildonan United Church

187 Kilbride Ave.

204-334-7022

I will live in the house of the Lord forever" Psalm 23:6



Why We Have Funerals in the Church

We understand that our purpose is worshipping and doing God's work, and we believe as a Christian community that in the love of God there is hope for the dead, and comfort for the grieving. A funeral or memorial service is one way for us to proclaim our trust in God's grace, and provide an opportunity to remember and to give thanks for the life that has now ended. We believe that every life is a gift from God, and therefore no one will be refused the opportunity for this funeral ministry.

It is our hope to be of help and for that reason we have put together this information, designed to answer questions and to provide you with knowledge of resources that are available to you.

The Service

Because Kildonan United Church understands a Christian funeral/memorial service to be a part of the life of faith, we encourage families to hold these faith celebrations in the Sanctuary. Our Minister, however, will consider requests to officiate at funeral and memorial services held in Funeral Home Chapels and other appropriate locations. Our Minister will be pleased to meet with you to plan the funeral service and is there to guide you through the service, helping with the selection of hymns and Scripture readings as needed.

Kildonan United Church has a Music Director who will play as requested.

Funeral Lunches

Kildonan United Church is able to offer families the use of the Upper Hall, for fellowship time after the service. The United Church Women will be pleased to provide lunch as requested.

Please contact the Church Office (204-334-7022) for further information.

Pastoral Care Before and After the Funeral

The Church's ministry at the time of death does not begin or end with the funeral service. Death is a time of transition for both the dying and those who are grieving the death of a loved one. The Church needs to be with the people in special ways during this time. It is a time for listening and of calling forth the spiritual resources of all who are undergoing this experience.