## **Policy on Marriage and Weddings**

Chemung Christian Fellowship believes that a marriage is to be expressed only in a monogamous lifelong relationship between one man and one woman. This is the only relationship which is divinely designed for the birth and rearing of children and is a covenant union made in the sight of God, taking priority over every other human relationship. The church (the body of believers) is the bride of Christ. The relationship between the Church and Christ is a metaphor of how our marriages should be.

Gen. 1:27-28; 2:18, 20, 23-24; Mal. 2:14-16; Matt. 19:4-6; Mark 10:9; Eph. 5:21-33; Heb.13:4; Rev. 19:7-8.

In order to preserve the sanctity of marriage the Pastor of Chemung Christian Fellowship will conduct the Weddings that take place within the Church building and on the property.

When the Pastor is not available to conduct a ceremony, the Pastor and Board of Administration of the Church will decide upon which course of action should be taken.

Believing that it is important for those who wish to get married enter into it well advised. The Pastor will talk with the couple and, if the pastor deems it profitable, there be some marriage counseling, sessions will be arranged.