

UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF
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Wedding Pricing Guide

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Welcome to USSB!

We're so glad you found us. Thank you for your interest in holding your wedding at the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara!

Our historical setting is quintessential Santa Barbara. With stunning mission-style colors of earth, sky, and adobe, our space is the perfect backdrop for your special day. Our grounds also offer a spiritual atmosphere, free from any religious dogma, that will make your wedding day even more meaningful.



We have a variety of beautiful spaces where you can exchange your vows and celebrate your love with family and friends - our indoor and outdoor spaces offer the flexibility you need to create the wedding of your dreams.

We understand that your wedding day is one of the most important days of your life, and we are committed to making it the best day possible. Our team of professionals is dedicated to providing you with exceptional service, making sure every detail of your wedding is perfect. We work closely with couples to ensure their vision for their special day is brought to life.

At USSB, we welcome all couples and strive to create an inclusive environment where everyone feels comfortable and valued. We are committed to making your wedding day a beautiful and unforgettable experience. So, come and celebrate your love with us, and let's make your dream wedding a reality.

Sincerely,

Joanie Bear

Joanie Bear, Facilities & Events Coordinator

VENUE RENTAL

Ceremony & Reception

INCLUDES:

- Parish Hall, Parish Courtyard, Sanctuary, Restrooms & Dressing Area
- Commercial Kitchen & Outdoor Cooking Area
- Audio Equipment
- Outdoor Terrace, Outdoor Market Lights
- Venue Staff
- Rehearsal Date
- Up to 200 Guests
- Post-event custodial service included in rate

SATURDAY: 10 HOUR VENUE USE ————— \$ 6,500

FRIDAY/SUNDAY: 8 HOUR VENUE USE ————— \$ 5,500



Ceremony Only

INCLUDES:

- 4 Hours of Venue Use in your choice of location:
 - Sanctuary (Capacity: 250)
 - Parish Courtyard (Capacity: 200) or
 - Jefferson Courtyard (Capacity: 100)
- Restrooms & Dressing Area
- Venue Staff
- Audio Equipment
- Outdoor Terrace
- Rehearsal Date
- Post-event custodial service included in rate

SATURDAY ————— \$ 4,000

FRIDAY/SUNDAY ————— \$ 3,000

MONDAY-THURSDAY ————— \$ 2,500



Reception Only

PARISH HALL & COURTYARD:

INCLUDES:

- Parish Hall, Parish Courtyard, Restrooms
- Commercial Kitchen, Outdoor Cooking Area
- Outdoor Market Lights
- Venue Staff
- Audio Equipment
- Up to 200 Guests (seated), 250 (standing)
- 8 Hours Venue Use
- Post-event custodial service included in rate

SATURDAY	—————	\$ 5,500
FRIDAY/SUNDAY	—————	\$ 4,500



JEFFERSON HALL & COURTYARD:

INCLUDES:

- Jefferson Hall, Jefferson Courtyard, Restrooms
- Commercial Kitchen, Outdoor Cooking Area
- Venue Staff
- Terrace & Labyrinth
- Up to 100 Guests
- 8 Hours Venue Use
- Post-event custodial service included in rate

SATURDAY	—————	\$ 4,500
FRIDAY/SUNDAY	—————	\$ 3,500



Micro-Wedding

INCLUDES:

- Up to 30 Guests
- 3-Hour Venue Use of Sanctuary or Courtyard
- Terrace
- Audio Equipment
- Restrooms & Changing Area
- Post-event custodial included in rate

SATURDAY ————— \$1,750

ALL OTHER DAYS ————— \$1,250

*Weekend weddings (Fri/Sat/Sun) are only available when booked 2 months or less prior to the event. Otherwise, a \$1000 will be added to the cost of the event to secure the date.



Full Venue Rental

INCLUDES:

- Parish Hall, Parish Courtyard, Sanctuary, Restrooms
- Jefferson Hall & Courtyard
- Commercial Kitchen & Outdoor Cooking Area
- Outdoor Terrace & Labyrinth
- 14-Hours Venue Use
- Outdoor Market Lights
- Venue Staff
- Audio Equipment
- Blake Lounge & Kitchenette
- Post-Event Custodial Service Included in Rate

SATURDAY ————— \$12,000



EQUIPMENT PACKAGES

All-Inclusive Equipment Rental Package

INCLUDES:

- Set up and Break-Down
- Custom layout and design
- Up to (depending on guest count):
 - 20 66" Round Dining tables (seat 8-10 each)
 - 10 Cocktail tables
 - 8 6' Banquet tables
 - 3 wooden buffet tables
 - 2 wooden octagonal tables
 - Sweetheart table
 - 200 White-Resin Folding Chairs
 - Outdoor market lights & Up-Lights
 - 6 Market Umbrellas
 - Fountain Vases



151-200 GUESTS	—————	\$ 2,500
101-150 GUESTS	—————	\$ 2,000
<100 GUESTS	—————	\$ 1,500

Cocktail Package

INCLUDES:

- Set up and Break-Down
- Custom layout and design
- Up to (depending on size purchased):
 - 10 Cocktail Tables
 - 5 Banquet Tables



ANY SIZE	—————	\$ 500
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Jefferson Reception Package

For <100 guests, in Jefferson Courtyard

INCLUDES:

- Set up and Break-Down
- Custom layout and design
- Up to:
 - 10 66" Round Dining tables (seat 8-10 each)
 - 5 Cocktail tables
 - 5 Banquet tables
 - Sweetheart table
 - 100 White-Resin Folding Chairs



100 GUESTS ————— \$1,000

A'LA CARTE

Add-on services available with wedding packages.

Spaces

JEFFERSON COURTYARD \$275/HOUR

30'x80' outdoor space - perfect for cocktail hour

PARISH COURTYARD \$550/HOUR

60' x 60' outdoor space

BLAKE LOUNGE \$75/HOUR

Lounge with private restroom & kitchenette - perfect for dressing or for a post-ceremony private moment

NURSERY/CHILDCARE AREA \$75/HOUR

A space for the little ones



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Equipment

Add-on to any All-Inclusive Equipment Rental Package only (see rates above)

MARKET UMBRELLAS	\$25 PER
Up to 6 tan market umbrellas with base	
INDOOR MARKET LIGHTS	\$500
Strands of Lights in Parish Hall	
UP-LIGHTS	\$200
6 colored up-lights in Parish Hall	
CHAIRS	\$8 PER
Up to 200 white, resin folding chairs	
ROUND TABLES	\$40 PER
Up to 20 66" round tables, seat 8-10 per table	
COCKTAIL TABLES	\$25 PER
Up to 10 32" round x 43" tall	
SWEETHEART TABLE	\$75
66" half-round table. One available	
BANQUET TABLE	\$25 PER
6' rectangular banquet table	



Sound

BE YOUR OWN DEEJAY	\$500
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Utilize our AV Experts to set your playlist up on our house system or share a slideshow using our in-house projector. Includes one tech test and day-of set-up.



OUTDOOR/PORTABLE SOUND SYSTEM	\$350
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Play your own music on our outdoor/portable speaker using your own device - includes set-up assistance

STEINWAY PIANO	\$100
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In Sanctuary or Parish Hall

PIPE ORGAN	\$200
In Sanctuary - for use by pre-approved, professional musicians	

FAQ

Can we have just our wedding ceremony, or just our wedding reception, at the Unitarian Society?

Absolutely! But our facility is a wonderful and beautiful place to have both! There's no need to make your guests drive from one venue to another. We have everything you'll need here.

Do we have to be members of the Unitarian Society in order to have our wedding or reception there?

Absolutely not – we are open to the public.

Can I arrange for a tour of the Unitarian Society?

Yes! Guided site tours are available. Please email Joanie Bear, our Facility & Events Coordinator joanie@ussb.org, or call her at 805-965-4583 ext. 223. Also, feel free to stop by any time during Sunday Service or during normal business hours to take a peek!

What about scheduling a rehearsal for our ceremony?

Your rental fees include one hour in our sanctuary, usually a day or two before your date.

Can we use our own minister to perform our wedding?

Yes, you can! Our only requirement is that the person is licensed to conduct wedding ceremonies in the State of California.

Does the rental fee include staffing?

Yes. In addition to reserving the facilities, your rental fee also includes the Unitarian Society event assistant for the day of your event (and at your rehearsal) to assist with vendors, security, and custodial services.

What is the earliest we can begin our setup?

On Saturdays, for a wedding with a reception, you and your vendors (including deliveries) can gain access as early as 9am, but may not exceed total hours in your contract. On Fridays and Sundays, that access time is 2:00 p.m. If additional hours are needed, please contact our Facility & Events Coordinator.

What time does our reception need to end?

By city ordinance, all events must end no later than 10:00 p.m. Your vendors however are given another hour (10pm-11pm) to clean-up and move out.

May I use candles?

Yes, but only if they are enclosed in protective glass containers (hurricanes) and your plans for the location and number of candles must be discussed in advance with our Facility & Event Coordinator.

Are animals allowed to be part of the ceremony?

Yes! We love helping you include your furry friends in your wedding celebration. Your well-behaved dog is welcome to join you on your special day. Other animals will be considered upon request.

Do you require the use of approved vendors?

We prefer that you use vendors on our approved list, but it is possible for you to use a vendor not on our list. Our main concern is with caterers. If you want to use a caterer not on our list, we would ask for an additional \$500 refundable security deposit, a visit to our kitchen at least two months in advance and some additional paperwork.

Does the Unitarian Society provide any tables, chairs, or other event “add-ons”?

Yes! The Unitarian Society does have in-house table and chair rentals packages and some a la carte items. All other rentals must be provided by an Approved Vendor. USSB does not provide event supplies such as table linens, glassware, tableware, decorative supplies, etc.

FAQ (CONT'D)

Does the Unitarian Society require a wedding coordinator?

Yes. We require that all weddings hire an approved professional wedding coordinator for receptions or large events (over 50 guests). A wedding coordinator is not required for ceremony-only. Our vendor list has many wonderful Coordinators, and you can also purchase wedding coordination services through USSB at a reduced rate. (These are former employees who have gone on to become wedding coordinators but know the in's and out's of our venue!)

Is there a space available for the bride prior to the ceremony?

Yes. A room is available just off our sanctuary, and it has its own bathroom. We also have a separate lounge available for a bride or groom with a private restroom, balcony, and kitchenette (see add-ons).

Can we supply our own food and/or alcoholic beverages?

Due to strict state and local legislation, we do not allow event hosts to provide their own food or alcoholic beverages, but you may be able to do so with your caterer. USSB requires all receptions to work with a licensed caterer or bartending service.

Does the Unitarian Society have on-site parking?

Like many other spaces right in the heart of downtown Santa Barbara, we have a limited number of on-site parking spaces. However, ample street parking is available. We host many large events here throughout the year (including 200+ members at our services every Sunday!), and parking never seems to be an issue. We have two large loading/unloading zones right in front of the church, so your guests can be dropped off right in front and there are several handicapped parking spaces available.

Is Unitarian Society wheelchair accessible?

Yes! Our Sanctuary, Halls, and Courtyards are all wheelchair accessible. Our campus maps indicate accessible entrances. Please have our Facilities Use Coordinator point out these ramped entryways upon your tour of campus.

What if it rains?

If renting during the rainy season we recommend creating a backup tenting plan with your Rentals Vendor.

Does my rental fee help the operations of the Unitarian Society?

Yes! 100% of your rental contributes directly to the mission, goals and operation of the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara. You can find out more about our congregation and its' values at www.usssb.org.

Is Event Insurance required?

Yes, a common practice with wedding venues, renters must provide a Certificate of Insurance covering \$1,000,000 general liability (naming the USSB as additional-insured), which can usually be easily obtained through your home-owners policy or a private event insurance carrier.

Are there contractual obligations after the contract is approved?

Yes, a refundable Cleaning/Damage Deposit, Proof of Insurance, and Vendor List are required 30 days prior to your event.

Anything else we should know?

We want your wedding experience in Santa Barbara to be the best ever! Please do be aware when booking of two impactful Santa Barbara events downtown: Summer Solstice (typically the 3rd Saturday in June), and Old Spanish Days (Fiesta) is usually the 1st weekend in August. These do not directly impact your event, but your guests might pay a premium at hotels, local caterers and vendors are hard to arrange and out of town vendors are impacted by traffic.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Ready to take the next step?

We know that weddings are not "one-size-fits-all." USSB has hosted thousands of couples from diverse backgrounds, beliefs, and ages - with as few as 2 guests and as many as 250. We have a commitment to saying "yes" whenever possible, and helping you navigate this important life event, however that looks for you.

We would be delighted to answer any questions you may have, provide you with a tour of our facilities, and help you build the wedding day of your dreams. We look forward to working with you!

Joanie Bear, Facilities & Events Coordinator

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