

MAKING YOUR REQUEST & WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

WHEN & HOW DO I MAKE MY REQUEST(S)?

WHEN SHOULD I PUT MY REQUEST(S) IN?

- You'll put in one request for your premarital counseling – and, if your interest is in *just* premarital counseling, that is the only request you will make. However, if you *ALSO* want to have a Heartland pastor officiate for you at a wedding offsite *OR* if you want a Heartland pastor to officiate for you at Heartland, you'll put in **a second request**, to cover that part of things.
- **We'd love to get your request for PREMARITAL COUNSELING around 6-12 months before your anticipated wedding date.** Then, you'll put in your **WEDDING request separately, at 6 months before your desired wedding date.** *(We ask that you wait until then for that part of your request, because of the fluid nature of our pastors' calendars and our facility calendar mean that we can't speak to our pastors or our building's availability until we get to the 6-months window.)*
- **We can't accept requests with less than 90 days notice** – simply because we need at least that much time to work with for our premarital counseling process.

HOW DO I PUT IN MY REQUEST?

- Rather than speaking directly with our pastors about your interest, please use the appropriate online form to make your request. That helps us get all of the right behind-the-scenes people in the loop about your request and makes the process go a lot more smoothly for you. You'll find those online request forms (and the info you will need to know in advance of making your request) via the links below:

[PREMARITAL COUNSELING](#) | [HEARTLAND PASTOR for a WEDDING OFFSITE](#) | [HEARTLAND PASTOR for a WEDDING AT HEARTLAND](#)

AFTER I SUBMIT MY REQUEST, WHAT'S NEXT?

- When we receive your request for premarital counseling, we'll email to get you going on your next steps (see details [here](#)).
- When we receive your request for a Heartland pastor for your wedding, we'll check with our pastors about their availability – and when we've got you matched with a pastor, we'll email you and get you started with your next steps. *(This can sometimes take a bit – because our pastors sometimes have other tentative calendar items in the mix that they need to nail down before they can confirm. So, please don't worry if you don't hear back right away – this is just a part of the process!)* If you requested Heartland as your site, we'll get going on confirming that part of your request too, and we'll be in touch when we have news for you on that!

WHILE YOU WAIT FOR US TO CONFIRM:

- Get plugged in with [Heartland's Couples' Ministry](#) and/or check out the other great resources we've posted to help you in [making the most of your engagement](#).
- If you requested a Heartland pastor to officiate at your wedding, get a jump on planning your [ceremony details](#) and check out the info on what to expect at your [rehearsal](#).
- If as you're waiting, you want to check in or have questions, please drop us a note at weddings@heartlandchurch.org.