



Vineyard Preservation Trust Event Rental Information

UNION CHAPEL

55 NARRAGANSETT AVENUE
OAK BLUFFS, MA

Nestled in the heart of Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard, the Union Chapel is a unique and historic venue that offers a truly distinctive setting for any event. Built in 1870, this charming octagonal building stands as a symbol of the island's rich history, renowned for its unique architecture it a perfect choice for weddings, receptions, meetings, discussion panels and concerts.

Historic Charm:

The Union Chapel's architecture is a beautiful example of Gothic Revival style, featuring intricate woodwork, soaring stained-glass windows, and high vaulted ceilings. Its octagonal shape gives it a warm, intimate feeling while still allowing for spacious gatherings.

Flexible Event Space

The open interior space of the chapel is versatile, with room for seating and standing arrangements. Seating can be arranged in rows or opened up for floor space to suit your event needs. The stunning acoustics also make it a fantastic venue for musical performances and lectures.

Location

Located in downtown Oak Bluffs and its proximity to the beach means guests can enjoy both the chapel's peaceful setting and the vibrant charm of the island.

Historic Significance

As one of the oldest structures in Oak Bluffs, the Union Chapel is steeped in history. It is a beloved part of the community and continues to be used for religious services, performances, and public events.

Accessibility & Amenities

The venue is equipped with modern amenities, including a sound and lighting system. The chapel is also wheelchair accessible, ensuring that all guests can comfortably enjoy the space.

Event Possibilities

- *Weddings & Receptions:* The Union Chapel offers an awe-inspiring backdrop for wedding ceremonies, and its peaceful atmosphere makes it an unforgettable venue for vows.
- *Concerts & Performances:* With its excellent acoustics and unique design, the chapel is ideal for concerts, recitals, and theatrical performances. The intimate atmosphere allows guests to feel connected to the performance, creating a memorable experience.
- *Meetings & Retreats:* Whether for corporate retreats, lectures, or nonprofit events, Union Chapel offers a quiet, contemplative space that encourages creativity and focused discussions..



Policies & Pricing

General Information

The Union Chapel is available for a variety of events, including wedding ceremonies, performances, concerts, lectures, and meetings.

Please note that we provide space rental only. You are welcome to select your own vendors from our list of preferred providers, which includes options for rentals, florists, photographers, and officiants. For a full list of preferred vendors, please visit www.vineyardtrust.org.

Capacity

The maximum guest capacity for the Union Chapel is 400.

Accommodations

The Union Chapel does not offer guest rooms or overnight accommodations. We also do not have dressing facilities for the bride, bridesmaids, or the groom and groomsmen.

Flowers

Flowers are not included in the rental, and we do not offer a "flower-sharing" service.

Food & Beverage

Food and beverages (other than water) are not permitted inside the Union Chapel.

Timing and Reservations

Wedding Ceremonies:

- Reservations for wedding ceremonies are allocated 2 hours.
- Access for the ceremony begins 1 hour before the scheduled start time. We recommend that the groom, groomsmen, and officiant arrive at this time to prepare.
- Access ends 1 hour after the scheduled ceremony time. All guests must depart, and personal belongings should be removed by this time.

- Reservations for wedding ceremonies include a one-hour rehearsal on the day before the event. Rehearsals are typically scheduled in the late afternoon, between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. While earlier times may be available, rehearsals cannot be scheduled later than 6:00 p.m

Performing Arts Events

- Reservations for performing arts events are for a 5-hour period.
- Additional time may be arranged for event setup and breakdown.

Union Chapel Staff

- A staff member from the Vineyard Preservation Trust will be on-site to assist with access to the venue, including opening windows, turning on lights, and preparing the space for your event.

Music and Microphones

We offer a curated list of approved musicians who are permitted to perform at Vineyard Trust properties. If you wish to hire musicians outside of our approved list, please contact the office for prior approval.

Piano Use

The Knabe concert grand piano is available for use at no additional cost. While the piano is regularly tuned throughout the season, tuning is not included in the fee. If you wish to have the piano tuned specifically for your event, please contact the office at least 14 days in advance to schedule the tuning. The tuning fee will be billed directly by the piano tuner.

Organ Use

The historic pipe organ is also available for weddings. To play the organ, you must hire an organist from our approved musician list.

Microphones and Sound Equipment

For wedding ceremonies at the Union Chapel, microphones and speakers are included in the rental fee. We can provide:

- A wireless lapel mic for the officiant
- A podium and mic for readers
- Mics for musicians, if needed



vineyardtrust.org
(508) 627- 4440
sandy@mvpreservation.org

For events outside of wedding ceremonies (e.g., performing arts events), sound equipment is not included in the rental fee. If sound equipment is required, we will provide contact information for an authorized vendor. You will need to coordinate all technical arrangements directly with this vendor.

Temperature Control

The Union Chapel is not equipped with air conditioning. During warm weather, our staff will open the windows and activate the ceiling fans prior to your guests' arrival.

Parking

Please note that there are no dedicated parking spaces for the Union Chapel. Street parking is available nearby.

Logistics and Staffing

We will coordinate all vendor access for deliveries and the removal of any rental equipment. A dedicated member of our staff will be on-site throughout the event, overseeing setup, and clean-up. Acting as the property manager, they will ensure that your vendors have everything they need, that all policies are adhered to, and that your event runs smoothly from start to finish.

The Booking Process

Rental fees are due at the time of contract signing. We prefer payments by check.

Cancellation Policy

If you need to cancel, written notice must be provided. A refund may be issued if the reserved date is rebooked for an equal or greater license fee.

Event Insurance

Event insurance is required for all events held at our properties. One-day policies can easily be obtained through an insurance website or agency. Some homeowner's insurance policies may also provide this coverage, so we recommend checking with your insurance agent.

Rental Rates (May - October)

- Wedding Ceremony: \$3,000
- Performing Arts Event: \$1,000 - \$2,000

**We look forward to making your
day a landmark day!**

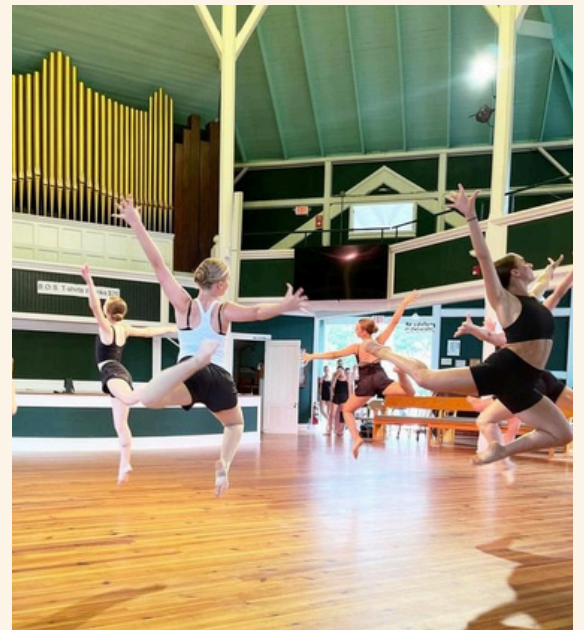


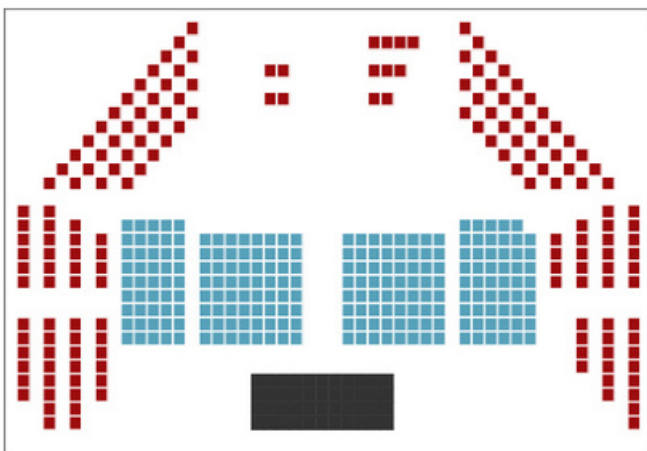
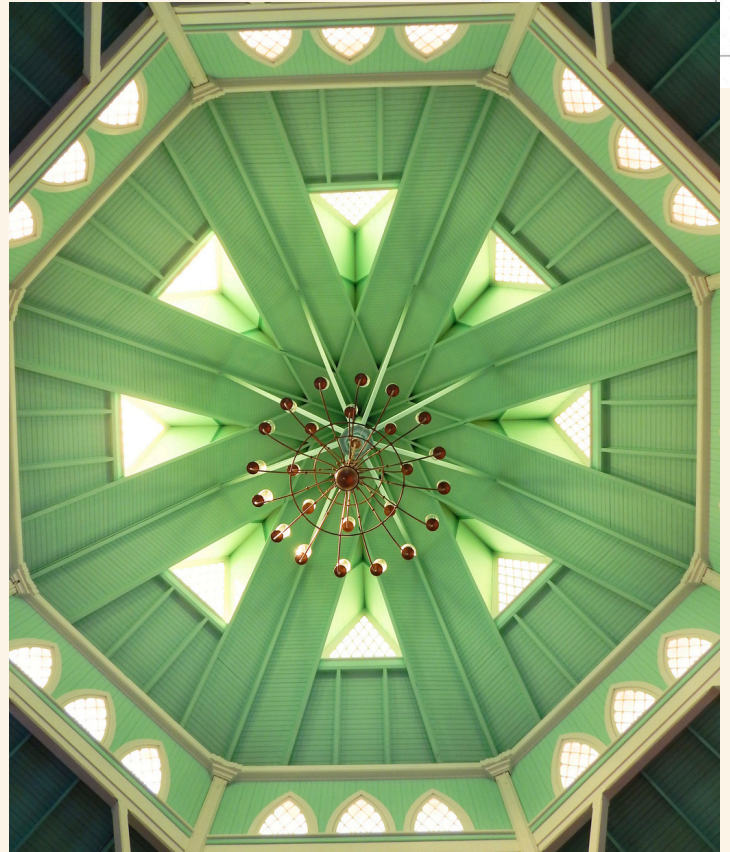
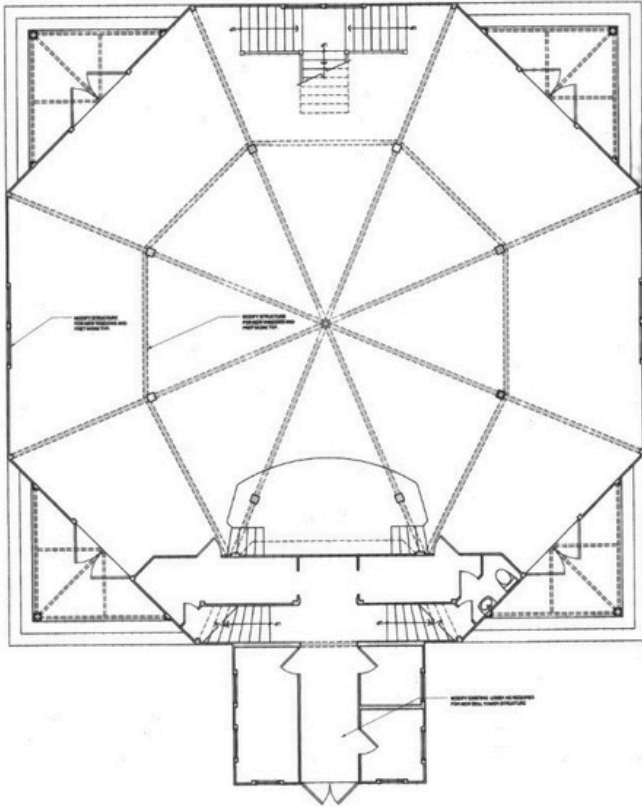
vineyardtrust.org
(508) 627- 4440
sandy@mvpreservation.org



Vineyard Preservation Trust

Union Chapel





Sections

Stage

- BALC-A - Balcony-A
- BALC-B - Balcony-B
- BALC-C - Balcony-C
- BALC-D - Balcony-D
- BALC-E - Balcony-E
- BALC-F - Balcony-F
- BALC-G - Balcony-G
- BALC-H - Balcony-H
- ORCH-A - Orchestra-A
- ORCH-B - Orchestra-B
- ORCH-C - Orchestra-C
- ORCH-D - Orchestra-D
- Reserved Seat



