

Megan & Matthew ***GET MARRIED!***

JUNE 9, 2018



Welcome!

Hello friends and family! We have less than 50 days left to go!

Updates 4/21: Invitations are out and the RSVP page is now live! [Click here](#) to RSVP with the credentials you received with your invitation. If you have any problems or concerns, feel free to shoot us an email at marmerwedding@gmail.com! Information on transportation has also been updated. You may view that below!

Updates 3/9: We have updated our website to include information on travel, hotel, registries, and our wonderful city of Kansas City. Please see below for all of the details regarding our [event](#), [where to stay](#), and [what to do](#) when you're not celebrating with us!

Megan will be posting updates on Facebook as we get closer to the event, so feel free to add me! Also, we have decided our wedding hashtags are #Russellmania2018 #OneRuthLessWedding and #marmerwedding if you're into that sort of thing.

We are so excited to see everyone!!

- Megan and Matt



The Big Day

Ceremony

June 9th, 2018 at 4:00pm
Country Club Christian Church
6101 Ward Parkway Kansas City, MO 64113

Phone: (816) 333-4917

Attire: Semiformal / Dressy Casual

Parking: Parking is available in the lot behind the Combs Chapel north of the main building. You may also park along residential streets near the church. Parking is not allowed on Ward Parkway on Saturdays. Parking for individuals with disabilities is available in lots on the east and south sides of the building.

Reception

Following the ceremony
The Martin Event Space
13440 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, MO 64145

Phone: (816) 333-4917

Attire: Semiformal / Dressy Casual

Transportation: Take an Uber to and from The Martin on us! You may find our special event promo code displayed prominently at both the ceremony and reception venues. Simply download and open the Uber app, request a ride during the event time, and enter the code under Promotions in the Payments tab. The promo is good for 2 rides up to \$10.00 each only to/from The Martin Event Space during our event time. More about how Uber works [here](#).

Parking: Parking is located on-site.

What to Expect: Cocktails, dinner, and drinks will be provided. Get ready to celebrate in our own geeky way with dancing and games!

Welcome to Kansas City!

Getting There

Kansas City is located in the beautiful state of Missouri (yes, that's right - NOT Kansas :)). The ceremony venue is located about 35 minutes south of the Kansas City International Airport if you are traveling by plane and about 15 minutes from Union Station if you are traveling by Amtrak. Car rental and Uber are available at the airport and around the city. We highly recommend Uber if you don't want to navigate the city, but it will probably cost you more in the long run versus car rental. If you are driving yourself, Google Maps is your friend! Please don't use Apple Maps. It is terrible and most likely won't be updated on the latest (and many) construction zones and traffic accidents in the area.

The time from the ceremony venue to the reception venue is typically 20-30 minutes depending on traffic.

Where To Stay

We have booked a discounted wedding block at **The Sheraton Overland Park!** You may reserve by clicking [here](#) or by calling **(866) 837-4214** and mentioning the Ruth Russell Wedding Block in order to secure the group rate. The cut-off date for guest rooms is **May 8, 2018** so please book soon!

The Sheraton Overland Park is located at:
6100 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS 66211

It is 20 minutes away from the ceremony venue via I-435 and Ward Pkwy, and 15 minutes away from the reception venue via Holmes and I-435.

Outside of The Sheraton, you will find many hotels in the vicinity of it including: Aloft Leawood Overland Park, TownePlace Suites - Kansas City-Overland Park, Hyatt Place Kansas City/Overland Park Convention Center, Holiday Inn Express & Suites.

There are also a number of small B&B's that you can book through [bedandbreakfast.com](#), as well as vacation rentals available through [airbnb](#).

Things to do

There is plenty to see and do in Kansas City and in the surrounding areas! Visit [TripAdvisor's list](#) to quickly find cool things to do depending on your taste. As for us, here's what we like to do:

The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

Free of charge, quiet, and jam-packed with over 40,000 works of art including Impressionist, Post-Impressionist, Asian, Native American, and Egyptian. Don't forget to visit the Donald J. Hall Sculpture Park, where you will see the famed giant KC shuttlecocks!

The National World War I Museum and Memorial

The National World War I Museum and Memorial is America's leading institution dedicated to remembering, interpreting and understanding the Great War and its enduring impact on the global community. The Museum holds the most comprehensive collection of World War I objects and documents in the world and is the second-oldest public museum dedicated to preserving the objects, history and experiences of the war.

The Country Club Plaza

Just down the street from "The Nelson" is a sprawling outdoor marketplace featuring romantic European sculptures and fountains, including the famous J.C. Nichols Memorial fountain located at the corner of 47th and Main. Lots of restaurants and retail stores can be found here, as well as Pokemon GO stops and gyms! The Plaza is one of our favorite Pokemon GO haunts, as well as the place where we lived for a year.

Downtown

The KC downtown area has had a revival in recent years and now has a lot to offer in the way of restaurants, breweries, arcades, nightclubs, museums, and art galleries. All of which are now connected thanks to the KC Streetcar connecting the entirety of downtown from Union Station to the River Market up north. Our

the energy of downtown from Union Station to the River Market up north our favorite places include the Flying Saucer Draught Emporium for delicious food and the best selection of beer around, and the Alamo Drafthouse for movies (both new and old).

Kansas City Zoo

Animals. 'Nuff said.

Escape Rooms

Escape Rooms are a fun concept taking the US by storm. The goal is to work together with a group of people to solve puzzles and riddles and escape from a locked room in a limited amount of time. Our favorite so far has been Breakout KC! (And so far, we've always broken out - last time in nearly record time.)

Worlds of Fun / Oceans of Fun

Our local theme park, complete with rollercoasters, water rides, and... SNOOPY!

Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens

One of the most gorgeous areas we have ever been to! The Arboretum spans 300-acres and includes wooded trails, gardens galore, and educational activities for the whole family. It is not uncommon to find plein air painters scattered around painting some of the 1,700 species of plants and flowers. Definitely worth the drive!

Loose Park

A 74-acre park directly south of the Plaza that includes a scenic walking path and a small lake. We go here all the time to get a jog or leisurely stroll in, and hopefully soon we can start using our new hammock! The most breath-taking part of this park is the Rose Garden located in the northwest corner. This is also the location of The Battle of Westport during the American Civil War and the park includes a visitor's center and plaques for all you history buffs to check out.

This is only a small sampling of what Kansas City has to offer! Look for a map and more information included in your formal invitation!

Registry

We are registered at:



Our Story

In the beginning of 2014, Matthew and Megan met at a board game meetup at the Cinderblock Brewery. They bonded over board games, beer, and generally nerdy topics and soon found themselves spending hours in Megan's car chatting about everything they could think of. On a whim, Megan asked Matt if he'd like to join her for a rare and special Final Fantasy concert in Omaha, NE since he

seemed as into that kind of thing as her. He said yes! The relationship blossomed from there - a great big flower of geekery and awesomeness.



The Proposal

On December 30th, 2016, Matt and Megan arrived in Zurich, Switzerland after coming from skiing in St. Anton the previous days, and before that Vienna, Austria for Matt's brother's wedding. They decided to walk around Zurich to take in the sights and the culture. Matt pointed out that they should eat at a nice fancy spot named Terrasse, which Megan ALMOST vetoed despite Matt making a reservation for it months in advance. They ended up going. Though a really cool beer hall was a close second!

The dinner at Terrasse was phenomenal where everything seemed just perfect. Megan even commented on just that, as they walked towards a bridge overlooking Lake Zurich. Megan was pointing out how beautiful the Christmas tree was, and identifying all of the different birds on the lake - swans, ducks, grebes. After much stalling, much kissing, and Megan picking up all of the hints knowing this was probably it, Matt told her that he had one more Christmas present for her.

He pulls out his grandmother's diamond on a gold chain necklace and gets down on one knee and pops the question (throwing a Rocky Horror Picture Show quote in for good measure). Megan said YES! And the rest is history.

The Bridal Party



Ashley Marberry

MAID OF HONOR

I currently live in Michigan, but I have traveled and lived in many other states. In my spare time I enjoy reading, watching movies, playing video games, painting/coloring, baking desserts and spending time with loved ones.

Megan and I both went to Clippard Elementary School, but while she was pretending to be a velociraptor and terrorizing our classmates on recess, I took to the swings and very diligently tried to swing myself over the bar. So, we didn't

really get to know each other until high school. Megan and I met again sometime during the fall of our freshman year; if I remember correctly, it was after school and in the library, a place we spent probably too many hours loitering on the internet and definitely not doing anything productive. This was the start of our glorious (smabfba:super mega awesome best friends forever always) friendship. Megan is the sister I never got to have. She has always been the best, most loyal, compassionate friend I have ever had. I'm incredibly honored that she chose me to be her Maid of Honor.



Laura Hagler

BRIDESMAID

I met Megan at Cape Central High School in art class and had a several week discussion about the pronunciation of 'Tidus' from Final Fantasy X. (She was technically right, though I still say it sounds dumb!) After that we became quick friends with our shared interests in drawing and gaming and spent a lot of late nights in front of the tv playing Crystal Chronicles and DDR. Congrats to you both! I am honored that I get to celebrate this JOYOUS MOMENT OF WEDDING WONDER with you!



Jessica Jones

BRIDESMAID

Jessica Jones first met Megan at college, when they ended up on the same floor of Woods House. Soon after, crazy shenanigans ensued. From dressing up in crazy outfits to entertain each other at midnight, to containing 'the outbreak', and the creation of Old Lady Mer, Jessica and Megan have had a lot of fun! Now that Jessica is back in the Kansas City area for good, she is so excited to see Megan and Matt tie the knot!



Sarah Wingate

BRIDESMAID

I met Megan about a decade ago in a 2D art class. Our first conversation was about leaky closet pipes. It was during this conversation that we learned we lived in the same residence hall and on the same floor. After class we walked back to the residence hall, and I haven't been able to get rid of her since. (Seriously, she followed me back to Kansas City after we graduated. I can't get rid of her.) Megan is one of my closest friends, and I'm so grateful that I met her. Congratulations Megan and Matt! I can't wait to celebrate your wedding day!



Rebecah Owen

BRIDESMAID

Rebecah Owen met Megan in college. They both lived in the same dorm, then lived in an apartment with 2 other girls. They became good friends. A fond memory of Rebecah is when she passed out after giving blood. Megan and a few other girls looked after her, they watched movies, and Megan playing video games. Rebecah wishes the happy couple all the best!

The Groomsmen



Nate Garrison

BEST MAN

Hailing from Brighton, Michigan, Nate Garrison grew up in the only state where you have more mileage on your snow blower than your car. He met Matt freshman year of college as they were both residents of the 5 star luxurious Fisher Hall. The two made steadfast companions slaying dragons, exploring subterranean realms, and casually saving the world while playing Dungeons and Dragons. Through shared experiences, the Fisherman eventually learned responsibility and Nate now works as a software developer for Epic Healthcare Systems. Nate still manages to play Dungeons and Dragons with Matt, although Megan has happily enjoyed the adventuring group. He still contacts Matt when troubled with existential questions about physics and the universe.



Lord Daniel Raven

GROOMSMAN

This groomsman comes from West Philadelphia (but was not born, or raised there). At the Comic and Game store is where he and Matt spent most of their days. Chillin' out, maxin' (stats) relaxin', all cool. They got in one little fight (with a Beholder) and yelled, "No fair!" Okay, fine, no more singing! They say that every man is the hero of his own story. This is one exception to that rule. Matt is the real hero here. He's the star of the show. He's the knight in shining armor. I'm just the dashing rogue counterpart to this radiant paladin. Now, if you'll excuse me, I need to go check for traps before he walks down the aisle... Cheers!

Ryan Russell

GROOMSMAN

Ryan is Matt's favorite younger brother, who has come to redeem himself from their shaky past. He feels really sorry for throwing a Thomas the Tank train at his brother's head, and will do anything it takes to make things right. Part of his trail of redemption is standing up at the alter with him when he needs it most. He also owes him a beer.

Tyler Steiner

GROOMSMAN

Tyler lives with his husband Tony in Lenexa, KS. Tyler and Matt met when they were both in the graduate Physics program at KU. They bonded over painful physics classes, board games, and Magic the Gathering. They have been playing board games and nerding out ever since.

Martin Wong

GROOMSMAN

This fella met Matthew Russel back in college! He bonded with Matt since they both had matching blue shirts and spent a lot of time playing games instead of studying.

Contact us!

If you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out!



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Designed and built by Matthew and Megan. Source code found [here](#). Based on website by Github user [czue](#).