

CIRCLE SUPPERS Fall, 2009

With special dedication to Susan Castelazo who kept the Circle Supper Hearth lit for the last 10 years! Thank you, Susan. We raise our glasses to you with love and appreciation.

Dear WSUU Members and Friends,

Welcome to Circle Suppers – Fall, 2009!

To all of you who have participated in the past, you know what a rich experience it is to share a meal with a small group of UUs from our congregation. Conversations are stirring, new friendships are made, and old friendships are deepened. And, of course, the food is delicious. Thanks for coming back.

To our new friends at WSUU and to those who have not experienced our fun-loving Circle Suppers, we especially welcome you, and invite you to read on.

What are Circle Suppers?

Circle Suppers are monthly dinners hosted in members' homes on the second Saturday of the month. There can be as few as six and as many as ten people* at any dinner, depending on space in the home. There might be two, three or even four hosted dinners on any Circle Supper night. It all depends on how many people have signed up. Each month our names are re-shuffled and new groups of 6-10 are scheduled in different homes.

What does the host do?

The host prepares the main dish and sets the table. The host may also set out some light snacks and drinks. Some may offer wine, but that is not a requirement of the host. Guests sometimes bring a bottle of wine to share.

What do the guests bring?

Part of the fun of Circle Suppers is the special side dishes and desserts we prepare and bring to these dinners. Each person (or pair*) is responsible for bringing one of the following: salad, vegetable, dessert. These are assigned in advance. Sometimes wine or bread will be assigned, depending on the number of guests.

How do I know where to go and what to bring?

After everyone signs up, we create a schedule that lists all the hosts for each month and which guests will be attending. Each guest will be assigned their dish to bring. Please call your host the Sunday before the dinner to confirm you are coming.

**Note: you can sign up as a single person, as a couple, or as some other form of twosome. Sometimes two friends will choose to be a "pair" for the season. If you sign up as a pair you can share the hosting of a dinner at one of your homes. You can also share in the driving and in the preparation of your assigned dish. There are no rules about this. There is a nice blend of single, married, and otherwise paired folks at our dinners.*

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What if I have to cancel after I've signed up?

As soon as you know you need to cancel, try to find a replacement from the alternate list. (see below) Tell your replacement where to go and what to bring. Then you should call your host and update them. If you cannot find a replacement, please let your host know this.

What if I would like to participate in Circle Suppers but can't commit at this time?

You can sign up to be an alternate. When a regular Circle Supper guest needs to cancel, they can call someone from the Alternate List to replace them. If you are on the list, you may be called. The person who calls you will tell you what house to go to and what to bring. You can then call the host to confirm you are coming.

I have special dietary needs. (vegan, vegetarian, allergies etc). Can I still participate? Absolutely! Please let us know if you have special dietary needs or other considerations you want us to be aware of. We'll include the information on the roster and schedule.

WELCOME!

Circle Supper Sign Up Form - Fall 2009

You can sign up for any or all dates. (Note, there is a Friday option this time.)
September 30 is the deadline to turn in form.

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| Name: | | | | |
| Street Address: | | | | |
| City, Zip: | | | | |
| Phone #: | | Email: | | |
| Please check which dates you want to attend a Circle Supper. | Sat., Oct 10 | Fri., Nov 13 | Sat., Nov 14 | Sat., Dec 12 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Check which dates, if any, you can host. How many people can you have? | | | | |
| Please let us know if you have any special dietary or other needs. | | | | |

Thank you!
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