

Wade Chestnut Memorial Chapel Duties of the Host Committee

It has been a tradition at Wade Chestnut Memorial Chapel to have a repast and social hour following each Sunday service during the church's season which runs from the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend to the Sunday of the Labor Day weekend. The food for the repast is provided by the hosts and hostesses that volunteer for a specific Sunday. There are usually 2 to 3 families that volunteer for each Sunday. Assignment of dates is performed by the church's vestry and is generally completed prior to Memorial Day weekend. The list of host and hostess date assignments is distributed to members together with the assigned priests and vestry member for each Sunday of the season. Volunteers who find that they cannot serve on the Sunday for which they have volunteered are asked to switch with someone that has agreed to make the change. Assistance in getting the word out that someone needs to change can be obtained from the vestry by sending a note to one of the vestry members. In addition to food service, hosts and hostesses are responsible for assisting with worship service as detailed below.

Food Service

Food service should begin immediately following worship service. Servers are encouraged to serve their favorite recipes. A basic supply of paper plates, cutlery, and napkins is available in the kitchen. You will probably want to bring serving utensils for your dishes. Most servers will utilize 1 or 2 eight foot tables and the counter top for serving. The hosts/hostess committee should also plan to clean up after the service, assisted by the vestry member on duty for that Sunday. Trash bags are available under the rear counter in the kitchen and trash and recyclables should be disposed of in roll out carts located behind the rectory. Vestry members and the priest living at the rectory will be responsible for rolling the carts out to the curb on pickup days.

Predicting the number of people that will attend service on any given week is difficult. Holiday weekends will see attendance as high as 60-70 and weeks following holidays tend to be light and may be as light as 10-15 attendees. Therefore we recommend that you serve food that can be added to if needed and used at home or frozen for later use should the turnout be light. The average attendance is 30 attendees. The vestry member on duty is responsible for unlocking the community center and chapel by 10:30 AM. Should your setup require more time, arrangements can be made with the vestry member to unlock the door earlier.

Worship Service

The hosts/hostesses for the day are asked to distribute bulletins to church attendees as they enter the chapel and also to provide a reader for the first and second lectionary reading. The bulletins are located on the pew beside the altar or in the storage room. The bulletins are numbered by Sunday following Pentecost. A schedule of Sundays is posted inside the storage room to assist in selecting the correct bulletin for distribution. The vestry and the priests are responsible for all altar setup, collection and deposit of offerings, and other aspects of the worship service.