

Supper Club

September - December 2024

Supper Club's intention is to be a wonderful group of men and women from all ages who enjoy gathering together, breaking bread, and getting to know each other better. Some people may have concerns about joining as they perceive that it will create an obligation or burden to their already busy schedules. So, we want to inform our church family of the following points:

1. No one cares if you are a good cook or a bad cook. Our members will run the gamut of gourmet cooks to people who know how to pick out the tastiest item at the grocery store deli and place it into a Pyrex pan, and no one knows the difference. We may have many "grill-masters," members who watch the Food Network and want to experiment with a dish on the group, as well as experts with Campbell's soup and can make a green bean casserole that tastes out of this world. Desserts can range from homemade cakes and pies to chocolate chip cookies and ice cream. We just want you to come, eat, and have fun.
2. You do not have to host. We may have members who truly love hosting in their houses, condos, community clubhouse, and apartments. However, we may have members whose homes are in the process of transition, or they have messy teenagers still at home. No one cares if your home would not qualify to be showcased in Southern Living, so feel free to take the plunge and host. Having said that, it is absolutely acceptable to offer to co-host and help someone set the table or clean up. We also have groups that meet at local reasonably priced restaurants and go Dutch. We also have single moms, dads, retirees, or members who travel on the go and just don't have the energy to host. We just want you to come and make new friends and strengthen existing relationships.
3. You do not have to be married or a couple to be in Supper Club. Our members consist of adult singles and couples. Membership at First Pres is not a requirement, and in fact we would encourage people to invite guests.
4. You do not need to worry about alcohol or food restrictions. While many may enjoy a grilled steak, burger, or chicken entrée, there are also members who might be on a special diet for heart disease, diabetes, etc. Groups will make sure there is a variety of meat and non-meat dishes. Typically group members will communicate a month in advance of a dinner to confirm any allergies and members volunteer to bring a "dish." So, if you are watching your weight or have a special concern, you can always bring a dish of something you like and nibble on the other offerings. We will have groups that enjoy drinking wine and beer. However, all groups will have plenty of club soda, iced tea, water and coffee. So, bring your favorite bottle of red or white, or enjoy a cold soft drink with your dinner.

5. We want families and caregivers of young children to enjoy adult companionship on a Friday or Saturday night (some groups may choose another night in the week) without distraction. So, we do request that children not be present for Supper Club.

6. Groups will consist of 8-10 members. Names will be randomly drawn and grouped. When signing up, please indicate if you want to be grouped with a significant other or special friend.

7. A kick-off celebration of the fun times to come will be held at Jim and Jill Campbell's on Saturday, August 31, at 1:00pm with individual groups beginning in the following three weeks and then monthly through December. Your individual group will have time at the kick-off to meet and plan for your Supper together. There are no rules for time or day to meet. Your individual groups will decide where and when is most convenient for the majority. The goal will be to meet monthly.

Please contact Jill Campbell at jilldoov@comcast.net to register or for any questions.