

Circle Supper Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to be a member of First Unitarian to participate?

No. Visitors and friends of First Unitarian are welcome to attend suppers as a way of getting to know our members and each other.

Are Circle Suppers for couples only?

No. Singles are welcome. You can sign up as an individual or with a friend to make a pair, if you wish.

Are there age restrictions?

All ages are welcome to participate in Circle Suppers. However, hosts are free to specify whether or not they are comfortable with small children at their homes. If they are not comfortable with small children, we will make sure that the younger guests are placed with a different host.

How many people attend a supper?

Circle Suppers have anywhere from six to ten participants, including the hosts. The average is eight.

Do I have to be a gourmet cook to host?

No. Some of us are. Some of us are not. Main courses have ranged from broiled salmon filet with lemon dill butter to hamburgers grilled in the backyard.

What if I have dietary restrictions?

You will be able to indicate your food needs on the registration form.

Do I have to agree to host a supper?

No. If your circumstances are such that you cannot host, that is not a problem.

What does the host do?

A host provides the main course and beverages. Guests provide appetizers, vegetable dishes, salad, and dessert.

If I host, do I have to know a lot about wine?

No. Some of us do. Some of us do not. A few of us do not drink for personal reasons and some of us are recovering alcoholics. We usually have wine, but if you do not know anything about it, someone else will bring it. None alcoholic beverages are always available.

To host, do I have to have a spacious home, fine china, good silver and glasses that match?

No. Some of us do, some do not. We have had circle suppers on solid walnut dining tables and on TV trays. We have eaten off wedding china and off paper plates. We have eaten with six-piece silver place settings and with plastic flatware.

If I were able to host, how many times would I be hosting between January and May?

This depends on the number of people who sign up to participate and the number able to host, typically you would host one time but circumstances may require you to host a second time.

If I am hosting, how do I create an atmosphere where people can learn more about each other?

The whole idea of circle suppers is to get to know people better. The host may ask a few questions to stimulate conversation that helps participants to learn about each other's lives, experiences, and interests. For example, a host could say, "Let's go around the table and share a book, song, or poem that has special meaning for you and why," or ask, "What are two items on your Bucket List?"

What if I missed signing up at the kickoff of the suppers?

You can sign up to attend a circle supper any time during the period of scheduled suppers.

What past participants have said about Circle Suppers:

"Meeting new people and getting to know people better has been wonderful."

"Had a lovely evening and enjoyed the delightful 'random mix' of people. AND thanks for letting a 'non-member' participate!"

"It was great spending an evening with people that I have only briefly spoken with at Coffee Hour after services."

"I learned so much about people while having a great evening. Lots of laughter as well as sharing about our lives and our interests."

