

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE AGAPE MEAL

1. Coordinating:

If you know in advance that you will not be available on your assigned weekend, please:

- Call another host on the schedule, if possible, and arrange to swap weekends.
- Then, notify the St. Mark's office of the change (650-326-3800).

2. Food:

Bring food that is easy to set up and to prepare. Cookies and Juice are fine. If you are inspired to bring more, some suggestions might be: cheese and crackers, veggies and dip, fruit platter, deviled eggs, chips & salsa, banana bread, bagels and cream cheese, mini muffins, etc.

This is not meant to be a burden!

3. Beverages:

- Coffee and tea are set up for you by the Altar Guild.
- Please bring a minimum of one gallon of juice or punch for the children and non-coffee drinkers. Pitchers are available in the kitchen, if you would like to use them.
- Please do not bring alcohol for the agape meal.

4. Set-Up and Clean-Up:

- Use the kitchen to set up the agape meal. Place the food you have brought onto St. Mark's many serving platters or bowls in the kitchen. Then place all serving pieces on one of the wheeled carts to bring the food into the church (or to the patio, during the summer months)
- Please use tablecloths, napkins, small plates, and cups as needed from the kitchen.
- Also, set up as much as possible before the service begins. This way you are not distracted during the service. Have all the food ready to go on one of the big carts in the kitchen and wheel it out after the service (during announcements and final hymn). Please make sure there are trash receptacles with liners in the church or patio by the food tables.
- If you set up inside the church before the service begins, please be done by 9:50 a.m. and please be respectful of the Choir rehearsal. Cover the food with an extra tablecloth and swoop it off at the beginning of the feast.
- Use the cart to remove the serving dishes. You can wash everything in the kitchen. Take home the leftovers, if any.
- ***Please leave the kitchen clean!***
- Please return the coffee thermoses to the kitchen, empty and rinse out. Place them in the dish drainer to dry.
- One of the hosts should take the linens home to be washed, if necessary. Please return them before the following Sunday morning.
- Last of all, please take the trash bags (from the church and kitchen) out to the dumpster in the fenced enclosure on the West side of the church by the choir entrance. It keeps the ants away!

THANK YOU!