

Hospitality Matters! - Margery Graves

When you walk into the church building and see a smiling face ready to greet you, or when you stroll into the Gathering Place after church to visit, find a cookie and then some coffee or tea at the kitchen counter, you are seeing the results of the Hospitality Committee work. Goals of this group include creating an atmosphere making everyone, old and new, feel welcome, and making it easy to get acquainted and visit with friends and visitors.

Members of the Hospitality Committee are continually looking for ways to improve on these goals, as well as to enlist a wide variety of folks from the congregation to help out, so that the burden won't fall on the few. You see the greeters and ushers in action every Sunday, but you may not see the bakers or the coffee makers. Making coffee takes only a little more than an hour and a half, starting about 9:00 and concluding about 10:30 to 10:45.. (A member of the Hospitality Committee finishes up after the second coffee.) Often there is the opportunity to slip in the auditorium for much of the first service, or most of the second.

The congregation should be aware that money donated (basket on the kitchen counter) is used for Don Justo (fair trade) coffee as well as for tea and other supplies, and that all other food is donated; we appreciate your support in making coffee hour self-sustaining..

Please consider volunteering for one of the above functions! We currently need help especially with making coffee and bringing treats. If no one has asked you, it is because they are not aware that you are interested; if you have been asked but have delayed answering, now is the time to make good on your intentions. By the way, you'll find this to be an excellent way to connect with others in the church! I highly recommend it to new and old-time members alike. Please speak to Jeff Chungath, or call or e-mail him at 262-8562 (chungath@yahoo.com) to let him know how you can help.