

New Member Celebrations

Prior to event:

- Ask Membership Committee to assist
- Ask someone to play piano
- Ask someone to make quiche
- Find someone to make pancakes
- Send invitation to new members
- Send invitation to board members and a couple long term members

Groceries:

- Check food staples (including butter and syrup)
- Fruit, juice, flowers

Event:

- Chalice lighting:
- Opening Reading: Here the act of joining rarely signifies an arrival to one's religious destination. Much more often it signifies a new departure. It may mean a new departure down your old path. It may mean the charting of a path unknown to you before. In either case, in joining with us a large part of what you are doing is renewing your commitment to yourself, to your own spiritual development...

In addition, and just as important, in joining this church you give added strength and energy to it and to all of us who have joined before you. We need you. We need your moral and spiritual support and your financial support as well. We need your thoughts. We need your dreams. This church is no greater than the vitality brought to it by its members.

-Forrest Church

(From New Member Certificate)

The Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship welcomes YOU into congregational membership.

You will be cared for and you will be called on to care for others.

- Have everyone introduce themselves
- Eat!
- Hand out certificates and take people's photos to display in lobby.

After event:

- Ensure flowers are at the front of the Sanctuary during services for the new members to receive during service.