

Announcing

St. Paul's Supper Clubs



Dear Sojourners –

One of our experiential learnings is that God works through us as a community rather than as individuals: “I can’t bring about the healing for this world (or state, city, or community) but I belong to a community of believers that can.” It is the community of St. Paul’s that can be God’s voice and presence in a hurting world.

Before Covid (BC), St. Paul’s offered Supper Clubs as a way of making us a stronger community so that we might get to know each other on a more personal level. The clubs made a real difference in strengthening our sense of community and making real the hospitality that Jesus practiced.

In the fall we had requests to bring the Clubs back - it was a challenging time, and we were not able to make it happen. But now that we are in a new year, we are hoping to get them started again. We have a list of people who have participated in the past and others who have expressed interest (this is a particularly good way to enfold new members into the St. Paul’s family) – and we want to encourage each of you to consider signing up in order to know your neighbor better. We divide into groups of 4 couples (a couple can be friends or married partners) for a total of eight people.

The guidelines that we followed before were:

- The group will meet at least 4 times over the next 5 months – February through June. Each “couple” will be responsible for organizing one of the 4 meetings.
- The place and time of each meeting is to be determined by the group. Your choice of a place – in addition to your own home – might include a restaurant or the Church. If you wish to use the Schreiner Classroom, the Library or Getman Hall, you need to clear the date and call the office to have it put on the calendar.
- The cost of the meal might be divided in several ways: when it is your turn to host you may put together the menu and provide everything; you may choose to do a “pot-luck” with people signing up to bring a protein, a salad, or a

dessert, etc. with everyone contributing to the beverages; if you choose a restaurant you could go “dutch” or pay for whatever you order.

- Remember this is not a “gourmet” cooking club and should not be a competition. If you love to cook Italian or Chinese, feel free to do that but if you like to grill hot dogs and hamburgers, that’s good too. The goal is fellowship.
- You determine the dress code – very casual to “black tie” if you decide to have a formal celebration.
- We are asking that the person whose name has an asterisk by it function as coordinator by calling the first meeting and helping provide a schedule.

You may sign up to participate (and please encourage others to join in the fun) by emailing Sandi Detweiler at sandidet@outlook.com. Please respond in the next week so we may get started.

God Bless,

Sandi Detweiler, Pat McDonald, Dana Pirone, Maxine Dornemann



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