

Hospitality Committee 2019

Providing opportunities for fellowship within our congregational life is the main goal of the Hospitality Committee. Our task is to nurture the warm, friendly, and welcoming atmosphere already present at Abiding Hope.

The committee thanks those who donated their time and energy, tureens, cookies, and financial gifts to carry out this ministry.

Meals were shared in 2019: the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, our Reformation Sunday/Congratulations Confirmands Breakfast, and this year our first Abiding Hope Family Thanksgiving Meal. In 2019 the Worship Committee again coordinated the church picnic/worship service at Zuck Park. Thank you for taking on that event. The hospitality team hosted bereavement dinners for the family and friends of Edwina Gesler, Mary Sontheimer, and Chetta Crosby, and provided a reception following the Community Thanksgiving Worship Service.

Ongoing tasks of the committee include: maintaining the paper products and basic kitchen supplies inventory, and hosting the First Sunday Coffee Hour (NOTE: This fellowship task will be shared by the various congregational committee teams in 2020). This committee is available to arrange baptism, new member, and confirmation receptions.

It takes all of the Abiding Hope members' help to keep our facility clean and welcoming. Please remember that "Our kitchen is a self-cleaning kitchen; if you use it you must clean it yourself." The kitchen and fellowship hall are probably due for a good deep-cleaning. If you could help with this, please let Jacque know.

Reminder: If you shop at GFS, please consider designating your purchase points to Abiding Hope through the "Go Gordon!" program. These points are used to purchase grocery items and paper product supplies used for planned church events. Thank you to those of you already doing this.

If other congregational committees are planning functions at church, please feel free to request our help as needed. We will try to assist and advise you as best we can.

Hospitality. Welcome. Friendliness. Warmth. Kindness. Generosity. Cordiality. Openness. Let's grow all of this. The Hospitality Committee encourage you to bring your ideas for activities, programs, and projects to do over the next year which will give all of us opportunities to gather and grow as a church family and as an open faith community.

Yours in Christ,

June Beard, Norma Henderson, Evelyn Senger, Jacque Holmberg, Jeanne Tropper, Judy Nordin, Sally Zill, and Nancy Cunning