

POLICY REGARDING PERSONAL CELEBRATIONS AND FELLOWSHIP TIME AT FPC

The Fellowship Committee encourages members of our church family to celebrate personal events – birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms, etc. – with their church friends during the Sunday morning fellowship time following worship services. These guidelines are intended to let you and your families know what to expect should you choose to have such a celebration at church. **Note that scheduled church events take precedence over personal celebrations.**

Fellowship services are provided by volunteers from the congregation, coordinated by the Fellowship Committee. When these volunteers are recruited they are asked to put out the supplies and treats, host the service and stay around for 30 or 45 minutes after worship to clean up the kitchen. Generally one or two volunteers are recruited for a typical Sunday. The Fellowship Committee provides the treats and makes the coffee and juice before Sunday morning worship services.

IF YOU WANT TO CELEBRATE YOUR EVENT DURING FELLOWSHIP TIME YOU SHOULD PLAN TO:

1. Provide whatever refreshments you wish. The Fellowship Committee will make the usual amount of coffee and juice for a Sunday morning. You are welcome to use the church's white paper plates, napkins and cups for your event. If you want something more decorative you should plan to provide it. Likewise you should plan to provide table decorations if you would like to have them.
2. Provide for additional serving and cleanup assistance if you anticipate that the event will last longer than 30 minutes after worship. If you anticipate that your refreshments will need to be dished up onto individual plates you should plan to provide servers.
3. If you want to hold a celebration event at church during the fellowship hour please contact the fellowship coordinator (Carol Kirsch at 325-2559 or carol-kirsch@uiowa.edu) one month in advance of the event.
4. If you would like an announcement related to your celebration Pastor Sam will make an announcement before worship if you let him know by the previous Wednesday that you would like this. If you want a notice in the Sunday bulletin send a written announcement to Tammy Foster (tammy.foster@firstpreslowacity.org) in the church office at least one week in advance of the bulletin you'd like it included in. Submit information for the newsletter by the 15th of the month prior to the month you would like it to appear.
5. Call the fellowship coordinator if you would like the name(s) of church members who may be hired to assist with your event, including catering services. You will be responsible for making these arrangements.