

Table Hostess Responsibilities – Ladies’ Fall Tea

Saturday, October 11, 2025 - 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Thank you for considering serving as a table hostess for our Fall Tea. We’re looking for women (*CCF regular attendees age 18+*) who love people and enjoy sharing hospitality.

Childcare for Hostesses (*under age 10*)

Childcare will be available from 10:30 am - 2:30 pm on Saturday ONLY. Childcare will **not** be provided on Friday, Oct 10th. Please provide names and ages when registering children. **The deadline to register is Oct 5th.** Please bring each child a labeled sack lunch.

Hostess Responsibilities

Besides decorating a table on Friday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, and/or on Saturday 8:00 am – 10:30 am, hostesses provide a light lunch and a dessert for the guests at a table of eight, as well as minister to and serve them throughout the event. Think of it as if you were inviting a few friends over for a light lunch. **Items provided:** Nametags and a marker, assorted tea bags, chocolate candies, and favors. Please arrive for the day of the event no later than 10:30 am, as doors will open at 11:30 am for all guests.

Secure a Co-hostess (*CCF regular attendees age 18+*)

In the event you are unable to attend the Tea at the last minute, your co-hostess will serve as the hostess. Co-hostesses do not need to register as “guests”, but when you register as a hostess, you will be asked to provide your co-hostess name and contact information for our records (*may provide later, if not confirmed*). If needed, childcare (*under age 10*) will be provided for co-hostesses on the day of the event, Oct 11th.

Hostesses Stations

Use a section of a rectangle table in the sanctuary to hold any serving dishes that won’t fit on your table (*you will retrieve items to serve guests*), as well as a section of a table in the gymnasium to store packing/extra items – please do not leave valuables unattended.

Seating

You will have the opportunity to select your table location, based on availability, after registering. If we happen to have a significant number of “No Shows”, hostesses and their guests sitting at the back tables are welcome to join other tables.

Table hostesses may reserve up to 2 seats at their table. All guests will be assigned to a table and notified in advance which table they are assigned to a week before the event. Upon arrival, guests will be escorted into the sanctuary to find their seats.

Table Décor

We encourage you to be creative with your table décor and expression of the event theme. Please be mindful to ensure that décor items are not a hindrance to fellowship or view obstruction for those at your table. Note: A tiered tray for your dessert makes a great centerpiece!

Teapot/Water Pitchers

Our kitchen volunteers will assist in filling your teapot(s) by visiting your table periodically so you won’t need to leave your guests alone.

Table Hostess Checklist

Place Settings

Required Items

If you can bring an extra place setting or two just in case we have a shortage of hostesses. Thank you

- Centerpiece/tiered tray (*guests should be able to see over it; use only battery-operated candles*)
- (8) Dinner plates (*China, nice plastic plates or sturdy, decorative paper plates*)
- (8) Napkins (*cloth or paper*)
- (8) Water glasses (*or clear plastic "crystal" cups will be available*)
- (8) Teacups and saucers (*coffee service will also be available*)
- (1-2) Teapots (*a carafe of hot water for each table will be available to refill teapots*)
- (1) Water pitcher (*jugs of iced water will be available to refill pitchers*)
- (1) Container for sugar and spoon (*a few non-sugar sweetener packets recommended*)
- (1) Small pitcher for creamer, as well as creamer/half n' half (*or individual creamer packets*)
- (8) forks (*dinner or salad size*)
- (8) spoons (*for soup*)
- (8) table knives
- (8) teaspoons
- Serving dishes and utensils applicable to the food you are serving (*please do not borrow serving dishes/utensils from the church kitchen*)
- (1) tea towel for potential spills

Food Ideas

Use your imagination and have fun choosing your dessert to serve your table of eight. The light lunch can be small tea sandwiches and/or a salad and the desserts can be homemade or store-bought (scones, muffins, biscuits, biscotti, and/or toppings such as lemon curd, jam, and/or Devonshire cream).

Should you need financial help providing dessert for your table, please contact liz@candlelight.org.

Table Cloth

The church will provide white, 90" round tablecloths for the 60" round tables. Please feel free to bring a top table cover, if desired.

Clean Up

Hostesses will be responsible for the cleanup of their tables. Dishwashing services will not be provided, so please make appropriate accommodations for the transportation of soiled linens, stemware, dinnerware, and serving utensils. The program ends at 2:00 pm, childcare ends at 2:30 pm. Our goal is to be out of the building by 3:00 pm as our maintenance crew needs to prepare for our Sunday services.

Questions?: Contact liz@candlelight.org

Thank you for your willingness to serve our guests! The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself. (Proverbs 11:25)