

Welcome To Foyer Groups. May You Have A Fun Time, And May God Be In Your Midst.

Foyer Groups are small groups of 8-10 persons sharing simple meals and fellowship. The intention is to have fun and provide an opportunity for us to meet each other and/or to become better acquainted. Each group meets once a month for a simple meal and relaxed conversation in the homes of members. The meetings last two to two and one-half hours. Groups are formed once a year beginning in August with sign up with the first meeting held in October.

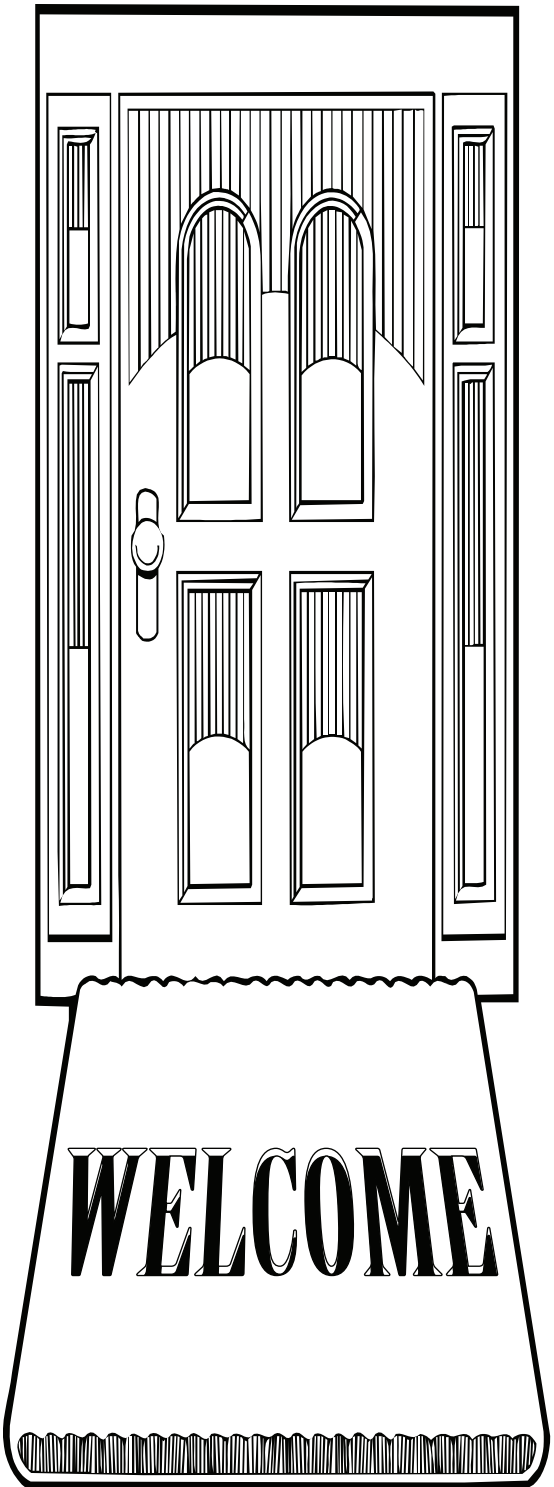
Foyer Groups are not intended to do anything, but simply to be what Christians are: groups of people who gather together and “love one another.” Foyer Groups provide time to be with one another so that friendship may grow.

Each month, two of the members host a gathering. They convene the group and welcome all into their home. Foyer Groups are not a study or prayer group; they have no agenda other than spending time with one another, which is important for the building of Christian community in our parish. The uniqueness of the Foyer Group is its lack of formal structure, its openness of communication, and its free access given to the Spirit.

Foyer Group Guidelines

The following are a few suggestions intended to help those who serve as host/hostess to the group. Additionally they help all participants understand the “spirit” of unstructured informality that is inherent to the Foyer Group concept.

- The role of host/hostess rotates each month among the group members.
- People should make every effort to arrive on time.
- Conclude the evening festivities close to the stated time. Evenings are usually two to two and one-half hours in length.
- It is a good idea to call all members during the week before a get-together to remind them of the forthcoming meeting.
- Before everyone is seated for the meal, the host/hostess should assume responsibility for the blessing or for asking someone else to do so.
- Keep the meal simple and relatively inexpensive, in most groups different members dishes various dishes to add to the meal. . All types of meals are good. Sometimes groups make dinner reservations or order pizza!
- Ordinarily, all members do serve as host/hostess for the meetings. However, there should never be any feeling of neglect of responsibility or embarrassment on anyone’s part if this is not possible. Members of the group may choose to co-host with other members of the group. Such offers to co-host are very acceptable.
- Each group selects a time to gather that is convenient for all members. The time selected for the first month’s gathering does not determine the time selected for the following month. **Everyone should bring his or her calendar, franklin planner, palm pilot, scrap of paper, photographic memory or whatever device you use to keep track of where you are supposed to be at what time to each gathering so that the next meeting time can be determined.**
- Feel free to call Mark Brown (mark.brown@suddenlink.net) or 904-3778 regarding any difficulties that you may experience in your Foyer group.
- Regular attendance by all members is very important. Something vital is missing when someone is absent. If you find it impossible to attend, please let the host/hostess know in advance.



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