

## **Coffee Hour Guidelines** **Revised September, 2010**

Coffee Hour is designed for the purpose of fellowship after the 9:30 am service. Coffee, tea, and powdered beverages (lemonade, iced tea) are provided by the Community Building Committee, along with cups, napkins, sugar, creamers, stirrers, etc. that are necessary to host coffee hour.

Hosts are encouraged to provide a snack for coffee hour- for adults *and* for children. Animal crackers, pretzels, cheese crackers, or graham crackers are great choices for children. Typically, these snacks for children will be available in the Coffee Hour cabinet. Doughnut holes, coffee cake, muffins, bagels cut up and served with cream cheese, cookies or fruit are well received by adults.

The exception is the first Sunday of each month. The host is asked to provide a birthday cake (or cupcakes) for "Birthday Benediction Sunday." If purchasing a cake, we recommend a half sheet cake. For those who belong to **Costco** or SAM's warehouse clubs, a half sheet cake can be purchased for @ \$15.00. There are other alternatives. It might be fun for a family or Sunday School Class to make and frost cupcakes for the birthday celebration.

While the Community Building committee is not in a financial position to typically reimburse individuals or groups for the purchase of snacks for coffee hour, exceptions can be made. Contact Community Building Committee if reimbursement is needed. We encourage everyone to keep the money spent for those snacks reasonable. **Keep it simple.** It is not our intent to stress anyone out financially or otherwise.

We hope our suggestions will encourage your participation as Coffee Hour hosts. Let's face it, we all enjoy a snack and a cup of coffee or juice as we converse. And it helps a lot if everyone takes a turn. Specific instructions are posted in the kitchen, and a copy will be sent to your home, in advance, if requested by you. We would like to make the experience a comfortable, joyous one for all involved.

The Community Building Committee