

So You Signed Up to Cook Dinner at Youth Group?!

First, thank you! We greatly appreciate your generosity, time and energy in preparing a meal for Youth Group. Dinners are an extremely important component of Sunday Night Youth Group, as they offer a space for teens to build relationships with one another, and with our Youth Advisors. Below you'll find instructions for preparing a Youth Group dinner.

The Meal

Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., and the Thompson Hall entrance will be open at 5:00 p.m. A typical meal includes an entree, beverages and dessert. Plates and glasses you'll find in carts in the center of the kitchen. Utensils are in drawers on the Thompson Hall side of the kitchen. Water pitchers are on the parking lot side of the kitchen down by the refrigerators. Napkins are to the right of the refrigerators.

We encourage beverages to not be a sugar-heavy, like soda. Lay out food on the two rectangular tables in front of the kitchen. We encourage parents to serve the food themselves to ensure that everyone receives an equal amount. If there are leftovers, you can invite teens for a second plate of food after everyone has been served.

Reach out to Joel (jstrom@towsonpres.org) the week prior for a rough estimate of how many teens and advisors to anticipate.

Feel free to cook in the Thompson Hall kitchen or bring a prepared meal. Since TPC is an Earth Care Congregation, we encourage the use of our dishes and silverware instead of buying disposables; however, we also understand that's sometimes not possible.

Clean Up

Teens and Advisors will bring their plates to the kitchen window. Here's how to use the dishwasher:

- Turn heater on (under far left sink)
- Turn power on dishwasher
- Closed drain under dishwasher
- Let dishwasher fill and heat up
- Rinse dishes
- Fill racks
- Slide in dishwasher, closed handle all the way (will hear water start to spray)
- Wait for dishwasher to stop (2nd light will go out)
- Put dishes out and repeat as necessary

(Bob Bickel, one of our HS Youth Advisors, will assist you with the dishwasher when he's present)

Once teens have left Thompson Hall, please wipe down the tables. As your leaving, please take the trash out to the dumpster (note that the recycling and trash dumpsters are adjacent to one another). The Thompson Hall door will be locked by then, so be sure you have all of your belongings with you.

Again, thank you! Please let Joel or our Youth Advisors know if you have any questions.