

CHERRY PIES NEWS 2023: We Need You!

ATTENTION CHURCH FAMILY: It is that time of year for Presbyterian Women to begin plans for cherry pie baking. **This year the Cherry Festival is scheduled during the Fourth of July week with festival nights Wednesday, July 5 through Saturday, July 9.**

In addition to women, the success of this mission fundraiser depends on the support of many people, including men and children. Here is what we need:

- One or two women (or perhaps a husband/wife team) willing to commit to overseeing the whole process, from organizing, ordering, and purchasing supplies; scheduling workers; and managing the kitchen each morning.
- Two strong men to operate the mixer on crust preparation day and at least 2-3 women to measure ingredients for the crust. Date TBD by “crust prep” team—usually a few weeks ahead.
- One or two men, with a truck or van, to transport the pies to the festival grounds each afternoon (approximately 3:00-3:30 PM weekdays and before noon on Saturday) and transport crates back to church at closing time (about 11:00 PM).
- A volunteer to order, pick up, and deliver the cherry turnovers to the tent each day (approximately 3:00-3:30 PM weekdays and before noon on Saturday).
- Many volunteers to share the duties of pie preparation each morning—dough mixers, crust rollers, hole punches, and crust crimpers.
- A few teams of two to stay and bake the pies throughout the afternoon (usually until 5:00-7:00 PM) and a few people to bag the pies once they have cooled (usually 8:00-9:00 PM).
- Several crews of at least 4 people to sell pies in the tent from 5:00-11:00 PM each weekday evening and 12:00-11:00 PM on Saturday.

It has been said that it takes a village to raise a child. Likewise, it takes a whole congregation to support the Presbyterian Women in this cherry pie fundraiser. **Even though the Cherry Festival seems far away, the decision of whether or not pie baking will occur this year needs to be made now and depends on a few folks to volunteer to lead the process.**

Please prayerfully consider how you can participate and contact Deanna Ott (814-490-3899) or Nancy Weinheimer (814-725-3061) to let them know that we can count on you! (Or if you have any questions.) We'll make our “go” or “no go” decision about cherry pie baking depending on the response received in the next few weeks.

