

“Finding REST at Christmas”

Women’s Christmas Brunch

December 4, 2021, 10am - 12pm

What is this?

- The annual NCC Women’s Christmas brunch is a fun and exciting kick-off to the Christmas season! This event is designed to not only be a great place to gather with other women from NCC, but also as the perfect, non-threatening way to invite friends and family to hear the good news of Jesus in a warm and welcoming environment. Each year up to half of the attendees at the NCC women’s Christmas brunch are invited guests!
- The sanctuary will be transformed as we clear the chairs and fill it with beautifully decorated round tables. Our students help serve a professionally catered meal, and then we will spend time singing some well-known Christmas carols and hearing a warm and gospel-rich message from a speaker. This year our guest is bestselling author and national speaker Asheritah Ciuciu. You won’t want to miss it!

Why would I want to host a table?

- Table hostesses make this event possible. We truly could not do it without you!
- Hosting a table also means you can bring as many guests as you would like without having a hard time finding seats together.
- It’s a lot of fun!

Common misconceptions:

- “*I’m not sure I could fill a table with guests.*” You don’t need to! If you only want a seat for yourself or a guest or two, not a problem - we will fill the rest of the table with others who would like to attend but are unable to host. You may purchase only one seat for yourself, or as many seats as you would like at your table (up to 10 seats).
- “*I’m not really a decorator.*” This is *not* a competition. Let me say this again: *this is not a competition*. If you want to bring your grandmother’s Christmas china, feel free! If you want to skip plates all together, you don’t even need them (food is served on clear heavy-weight plastic plates and will be set down on top of plates at the table, or straight onto your tablecloth.) Some people use chargers. Some people use ribbon. Some people use pretty paper plates. Some people team up with a friend and mix-and-match everything on the table. Get creative. Or put a wreath and a battery-operated candle on the table to keep it simple. We love to see these beautiful tables come together, but let me mention again: *This is not a competition*. **Hosting is about hospitality, not about decorating.**
- “*I don’t think I can pull this off by myself.*” We always have women who will team up and co-host a table together - and have a lot of fun in the process! Talk with others in your study group or community group and make it a team effort! This is a perfect opportunity for a community group to host a table or two together and bring neighbors, family members, and coworkers to join you!

Ticketing:

- Tickets are \$15 each
- Email Kristi Stephens (kristi@ncchapel.com) to let us know you are interested in hostessing, and to let us know how many tickets you would personally like to purchase. You can also let us know if you would prefer to set your table for 8, 9, or 10 guests.
- General ticket sales will begin on **Sunday, November 14**. You will be able to pay for and pick up your tickets at the ticket tables in the lobby.
- If you end up with unused tickets, please notify Ro Hoover (216-970-8360, rohoover@roadrunner.com) as soon as possible as we may have people looking for extra tickets. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to resell/ reimburse you, but we will if there are still women needing tickets.

Hostesses are asked to provide:

- Tablecloth for 70" round table (90" rounds work well)*
- Centerpiece -
 - No specific theme this year for the tables. Have fun and make it Christmassy!
 - Keep height in mind to encourage conversation across the table!
- Place settings for at least 8 - if you are able and willing to seat 10 please let us know!
 - Dishes or chargers are *encouraged but optional*
 - Napkins (nice disposable or cloth)
 - Flatware (nice disposable or metal)
 - Water glasses or goblets (nice disposable or glass)
 - Coffee cups
- A bowl for creamer - we will provide mini-moos again this year (you are welcome to provide a creamer pitcher with cream)
- Sugar bowl and sugar (or packets)
- Coffee carafe, if possible*
- Water pitcher, if possible*

*These items can be borrowed from the Chapel *if requested in advance*

Table setup:

- The sanctuary will be open for tables to be set up between **1pm - 4pm** and **6pm - 8pm** on Friday, 12/3.
- All tables **must** be set by 8pm on Friday.
- We ask that hostesses do not bring young children with them into the sanctuary during setup
- A storage area for boxes/ baskets will be provided for your convenience.

Morning of the brunch:

- Doors will open at 9:30am for guests. We ask that hostesses be present by 9:15 to welcome the ladies who will be seated at your table.
- Each ticket will be marked with an assigned table number, and tables will be clearly marked.
- Hostesses are our most important line of hospitality! Please be sensitive to those who may not be familiar with the building or who do not know others at the table.

Cleanup after the brunch:

- Please be sensitive to our guests and wait at least 10-15 minutes after the brunch concludes before you start to tear down your tables!
- Due to limited kitchen space, dishes cannot be washed at the Chapel. Please plan accordingly!
- Food will be served on clear plastic plates set on top of your place settings or dishes, so your plates will remain clean.
- Bus tubs and trash cans will be brought into the room during tear-down for liquids and trash to be disposed of.
- We suggest bringing a large zip-top bag to collect dirty flatware, a rag or disposable wipes to clean off mugs and cups, and a sturdy box or laundry basket to pack your items into for transport.

Questions?

Tickets:

- Ro Hoover - rohoover@roadrunner.com; 216-970-8360

Hostessing Questions?

- Kristi Stephens - kristi@ncchapel.com