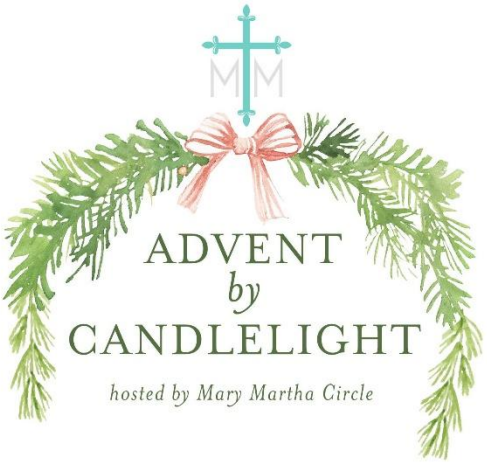

Advent by Candlelight 2026 Table Host Instructions

Wednesday, December 9, 2026

Thank you for hosting a table for our annual Advent by Candlelight!

We are excited to offer this special night to the women in our group, combining social time with advent preparation. Your leadership for your table will help make this a memorable event for all. **Below are guidelines that will be helpful in communicating with the other ladies you have invited or who are assigned to your table**.

All tables will be pre-set with a white tablecloth and Mary Martha Circle will provide water. Your group will be responsible for the following items or tasks **for your table:**

1. **Advent table decorations**. This year's theme is ***Prepare the Way!*** Through rustic natural elements that recall the journey to Bethlehem or peaceful touches that make room for Christ, let your table reflect how you clear away the noise and prepare your heart to welcome the King, creating a warm, expectant space where Christ's light can enter.

2. **Paper products, plates, utensils, and glasses**. While it is fun to have an elegantly decorated table with real china, et al... don't stress. You may choose to add a charger and cloth napkins to each place setting to dress up your table, but feel free to use disposable paper products for easy clean up when the event is over.

3. **Food**. You can be as elaborate as you like depending on whether the ladies at your table enjoy cooking. You can choose to serve your meal "tapas style" or a full meal with entrée, salad, and dessert. Get your food catered or make it on your own.
4. **Drinks**. Water will be available, but you can assign a couple of ladies to bring a holiday beverage or wine and/or beer for your table.
5. **Serving Table.** Each table will have a separate 6' serving table reserved along the wall of the Ministry Hall for food prep or for your buffet and we will have tables available in one of the classrooms to store bags and containers.

The Ministry Hall will be open at 2:00pm for anyone who would like to arrive early to set up their table. Cocktail time will begin at 6:00pm and the Welcome will be at 7:00pm.

Please email Natalie Uebelacker at theubs@comcast.net or Kim Masak at Masakkim@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to seeing you on December 2!