

IDEAS TO HELP IN ESTIMATING NUMBER OF GUESTS AT FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

- Number of immediate family members, including their spouses, children & grandchildren.
- Other relatives of the deceased, immediate family and spouses of family members, etc.
- Friends of the deceased and family members.
- Professional Associates of the deceased and family members – past and present co-workers, colleagues, clients, professional organization affiliations, etc.
- Neighbors, past and present, of the deceased and family members.
- Small group members of the deceased and family – Bible study groups, clubs, sports teams, classmates, etc.
- Hospital, clinic and hospice professionals.
- What is your network for notification of the death – Obituary in one or more publications, word of mouth, etc.?
- If there is a visitation the day/evening before the worship service, some will attend that rather than the worship service and reception.
- If the reception is held immediately following the worship service, before the interment, many will stay for lunch. However, if the interment is immediately following the worship service with the reception after that, many will not come back to the church for lunch, particularly if the location of the cemetery is a distance from the church.