

Alcohol Use Pilot Program

First Congregational Church of Downers Grove

January 2014

The First Congregational Church of Downers Grove will test a pilot program for the use of alcohol during special events. This initiative will be presented at the Church Annual Meeting on January 26, 2014.

Events at the First Congregational Church of Downers Grove **can serve alcohol (beer or wine)** if the event

1. is presented, reviewed and approved by the cabinet of the First Congregational Church of Downers Grove at least two months prior to the event date.
2. has obtained an alcohol permit from the Village of Downers Grove. This can be done in one of two ways:
 - a. hiring a catering company licensed to serve alcohol by the Village of Downers Grove (preferred method)
 - b. the person or group sponsoring the event purchases a one-time license from the Village of Downers Grove (alternative method)
 - c. communion wine does not require a Village permit.
3. is to be supervised by a designated church member who pledges to be in attendance for the duration of the event / meeting.
4. has a primary purpose which is church or community-related. Suggestions include but are not limited to: *spiritual enrichment, community enrichment, outreach, mission, stewardship, fellowship, social and economic justice, or education.*
5. is **not** a party (Octoberfest, St. Patrick's Day, etc.) where alcohol is a primary factor for holding the event.

The Village of Downers Grove, by law, allows up to six alcohol licenses per year.

The First Congregational Church of Downers Grove will pilot test the alcohol-use policy stated above for up to two years (January 26, 2014 to the January Annual Meeting in 2016). The Cabinet will review the alcohol-use policy and present its findings and recommendations to the Congregation at that time.