

# Creative Menus From The Kitchen: Brunches Perfect For Entertaining

By Mildred Huskins  
If brunch is an easy, relaxed way of hosting several guests, it is easier yet when you concentrate on simplicity. Just where or how the Sunday brunch originated may not be known but we can guess that it was started by a creative cook who enjoyed entertaining friends in a comfortable, casual atmosphere. This probably prompted her to set the time

of this lazy "late breakfast early lunch" meal around noon on Sunday realizing that this was very likely the most relaxed time of the week and a time when family and friends would particularly enjoy imaginative cookery and stimulating conversation. Whatever the reason, today brunches are a happy part of the American entertaining scene and as their popularity has increased so

has the quest for new and inventive menu ideas. The conventional ham and eggs have given way to more unusual recipes; often adding innovation and flair to the menu. Brunch Eggs is a hearty, satisfying entree for buffet-style service. Using packaged Stove Top stuffing mix, complete with its own flavorings, you add shredded cooked ham, and eggs. Bake it for 10 minutes and it comes from the oven to the table to be served hot with a flavorful sauce. Sections of grapefruit and orange on crisp lettuce, a tall pitcher of your favorite beverage, plenty of hot coffee, and your brunch is an occasion for everybody to enjoy.

**Brunch Eggs**  
1 pkg. (6-serving size) stuffing mix, any flavor  
¼ cup butter or margarine, cut into pieces  
1½ cups hot water  
1 cup shredded cooked ham  
6 eggs

Place contents of Vegetable Seasoning Packet and butter in a shallow 2-quart baking dish. Add water. Stir just to blend and completely melt butter. Add Stuffing Crumbs; stir just to moisten. Spread mixture evenly in dish and mark into 6 square. Sprinkle with ham. Make a depressing in center of each square and carefully add the eggs. Bake at 425 degrees about 10 minutes, or until eggs are set. Serve with

sauce, if desired. Makes 6 servings. Sausage en Croute is a recipe meant to star at your next brunch. Created by Pepperidge Farm to introduce their new frozen puff pastry sheets, Sausage en Croute is a combination of pork sausage, onion and green pepper gently sauteed then mixed with diced tomatoes and Swiss cheese. This mixture is spread on a thawed sheet of pastry then rolled jelly-roll style and baked. The result is feather-light layers of golden pastry

surrounding the sausage combination. Because the pastry can be bought frozen and ready for use, Sausage en Croute is easy to prepare and the idea is different and intriguing.

**Sausage en Croute**  
1 sheet Pepperidge Farm Frozen Bake It Fresh Puff Pastry  
1 lb. pork sausage  
½ cup chopped onion  
one-third cup chopped green pepper  
1 large tomato, diced  
1 cup shredded Swiss cheese  
3 tablespoons chopped parsley

Thaw puff pastry sheet 20 minutes. Meanwhile, in a skillet, brown sausage stirring to break into bits. Add onion and green pepper and cook until tender. Remove from heat and pour off drippings. Add tomato, cheese and parsley. Unfold and roll out pastry on lightly floured board to 14x10-inch rectangle. Transfer to baking sheet lined with brown paper. Spread sausage mixture on pastry. Roll up from long side jelly roll fashion. Pinch edges to seal. Form into circle, pinch together. Cut two-thirds way through roll at ½-inch intervals and turn pieces up with cut side showing. Bake at 425 degrees for 20 minutes or until golden. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

**Cheese Filled Bacon Muffins**  
1 lb. bacon, fried, drained,

crumbled (reserve one-third cup bacon fat)  
1½ cups Complete Pancake Mix  
¼ cup milk  
1 egg  
one-third cup chopped green pepper  
one-third cup onion  
2oz. American cheese, cut into 12 cubes  
Heat oven to 425 degrees. Line with paper baking cups

or grease 12 muffin cups. Lightly spoon pancake mix into measuring cup; level off. In large bowl, combine pancake mix, milk, reserved bacon fat and egg; by hand stir until blended. Add bacon, green pepper and onion; stir until mixed. Spoon batter into prepared muffin cups, filling two-thirds full. Press a cheese cube in center of batter.

Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Immediately remove from pan. Serve warm. Makes 12 muffins. We wouldn't necessarily recommend Wacky Fudge Cake as the dessert for your brunch, but we thought it was a good recipe to file in your goodies which are easy to make.



**BRUNCH SPECIALITY** — Brunch is an easy, relaxed way of entertaining several guests. Make it easier with a one-dish speciality such as Brunch Eggs.

## The Raleigh Roundup

By Mildred Huskins  
**RALEIGH** — Dr. Albert Edwards, House chaplain, gave members a sort of escape route in his prayer on the opening evening of the fourth week of the 1981 General Assembly. It was Monday evening and Ground Hog Day. His prayer went something like this: "...as we come to Thee on this evening of Ground Hog Day probably there are men and women of this House who wish there were convenient holes into which to retreat, not because they see their own shadow, but because of the shadow of some approaching constituent, or lobbyist, or over-zealous proponent of some issue. But Thou dost not give us such easy retreat ..." However, we thank Thee that if there are no holes there are harbors; not sanctuaries for escape, but places for refueling and replenishing so that we might face all things and people in Thy strength and with Thy peace ..."

There were some members searching those holes to pop into, but it seemed that there were more popping out of holes when Rep. Ruth Easterling sent up her "little bill" proposing a 12-cent tax on cigarettes with a part of the revenue to go into the highway fund. The bill had been filed Tuesday and Wednesday the little gray-haired Lady from Mecklenburg arose on a point of personal privilege. "Mr. Speaker," she said in her gentle way, "if there is anyone in this body who would like to co-sponsor my little bill, it will be in the principal clerk's office for 30 minutes after the session." She certainly had no takers on that one but immediately Rep. Sam Bundy of Pitt gained recognition from the chair. He proceeded to supply members with a long list of statistics about how the economy of the state was built on tobacco. He offered the information, he said for members to "smoke or chew on."

When the gentleman from the tobacco town of Farmville was seated, Speaker Liston Ramsey took the opportunity to call members' attention to one of the rules dealing with points of personal privilege which states that these privileges cannot be used to debate a bill "but since the bill is really not before us, Sam, you barely got by." The genial speaker then addressed members of the media gathered in one corner of the chamber: "Since you people have been saying nothing is going on over here, well, things are beginning to pick up." Rep. Easterling's little bill really got the attention of the tobacco-country lawmakers. Rep. Allen Barbee of Nash, didn't wait for a speech on the

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## Chowan Honor Roll

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- Grade 7-E — Teresa Twine
  - Grade 7-G — Carrie Watson
  - Grade 8-C — Milton Tynch
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- B Honor Roll**
- Grade 6-A — Sherie Harrell
  - Grade 6-B — Maxine Twine, Rodney Evans, Deborah Hollowell, Robin Tynch, Sharon Miller, Michele Kraus.
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  - Grade 7-B — Laura Bond, Mark Hollowell, Jennifer Lane, Kristie Westbrook.
  - Grade 7-C — Trina Johnson, Henry Nixon, Stacie Self, Crystal Stallings.
  - Grade 7-D — Melissa Andrew, Barbara Leary, Sandra Rountree.
  - Grade 7-E — Brian Bunch, Jacqueline Harris, Margaret O'Leary, Andre Wilder.
  - Grade 7-F — Tony Evans, Donna Pippins.
  - Grade 7-G — Frankie Casper, Amy Copeland, Smith Roberson, Pam Stansell, Stefanie Hill.

## 4-H Club Aids Crime Watch

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- Grade 8-A — Sherri Belfield, Jennings Bunch, Travis Ellis, Ben Rinehart.
  - Grade 8-B — Paul Bunch, Terri Stallings, Art White.
  - Grade 8-C — Amy Clarkston, Lee Harrell, Ron Hendricks, Cindy White.
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  - Grade 8-E — Dana Cole, Michael Crabtree, David Evans, Sharon Halsey, Sandra White.
  - Grade 8-F — Scott Criehton, Faith Lewis, Michelle Massengill, Mary S. Perry, Ray Thomas, Carrie Twine.
  - Grade 8-G — Terrell Holley, Elizabeth Rinehart, Samantha Spruill
  - Grade 8-H — Kenneth Layden.

**CRIME PREVENTION MEETING** — Gary Copeland, Jewel Langley and Anna Goodwin represented their clubs at the Crime Prevention meeting that was held Friday, February 6, in the American Legion Building. This group is being organized to help themselves assist officers in preventing crime. About 100 citizens were present and more meetings will be planned.



Benny Goodman began his career at the age of 14 as a clarinetist on an excursion boat out of Chicago.

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