

WELCOME
THE FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF MARIETTA
2024 SERVICE AUCTION
CATALOG



DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM

THE GATHERING PLACE

ADMISSION \$15 per person

Entitles you to a Bid Paddle, Hors d'Oeuvres Buffet,

Live Entertainment

FUUSM Annual Service Auction

April 12, 2024

Welcome to our Service Auction!

Here are a few hints to make your evening go more smoothly:

- 1. Bidding** – Your Paddle/Bidder # is required for all bidding – live, set price, and silent. If you have guests who aren't registered individually who want to bid, they must use your paddle # and pay you for any items they win.
- 2. Silent Auction** – The Silent Auction tables will close before the Live Auction begins. Pay attention to your bids so you don't get outbid! REMEMBER TO USE YOUR PADDLE #
- 3. Set Price Items** – Don't wait to sign up for Set Price items. The number of seats available is firm. When the lines on the sign-up sheet are full, you're out of luck. Fill in one line for each seat you want. REMEMBER TO USE YOUR PADDLE #
- 4. Live Auction** – Hold your paddle high to show the auctioneer and recorder when you win a bid.
- 5. Payment** – Payment can be made with cash, credit card, or check. Make checks payable to: FUUSM

Thanks to **Chris Jacobs** for returning once again as our amazing auctioneer.

Thanks to all the donors, without whom there would be no auction. And thanks to the great team of volunteers who have returned year after year to insure that you have as pleasant an experience as possible.

NOTE: A chronological list of auction event dates is included on the last page of this catalog.

Now, go bid on something!

LIVE AUCTION

1. UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER MURDER PARTY

Offered by Diana Bonnell

You are invited, acting as one of 8 characters, to a holiday themed party where you'll enjoy seasonal holiday food and drinks as you work to solve the "Murder of the ugly sweater". Put on your best ugly sweater or festive holiday attire and join the group for a holiday kick-off like no other. Prize to the winner.

Saturday, December 7, 2024, 3-5pm, Bonnell residence, 106 Bittersweet Drive, Marietta.

Selling: 8 seats

2. SPANAKOPITA COOKING CLASS

Offered by Stassa Phillips & Robin Bozian

Join Stassa Phillips and Robin Bozian for step by step instruction on making traditional Greek spanakopita [spinach and cheese pie]. You can snack on finished pans of spinach or straight cheese pie as you work! You will take home a pie ready to bake in your oven as well as recipes. It will beat anything you find in the frozen section of Giant Eagle! Please bring a 9 x13 inch pan, a pastry brush, and an apron.

Sunday, June 9, 2024, 1:30 – 3pm, FUUSM kitchen

Selling: 8 seats

3. SUNSET BREAKFAST

Offered by Shari Ballantyne & Nancy Lee

You are most cordially invited to a scrumptious sunset breakfast buffet prepared by Chef Gia and hosted by Shari Ballantyne and Nancy Lee. You won't want to miss this event, deemed by many as last year's "event of the season". We have room for only 14 special guests, so act fast and get those paddles up in the air!

Saturday, May 18, 2024, 6:30 pm, Ballantyne residence, 218 Caro Lane, Marietta.

Selling: 14 seats

4. STERLING SILVER UU CHALICE NECKLACE

Offered by Jim Grecni

Beautiful hand-made sterling silver UU chalice designed and crafted by our own Jim Grecni. Comes with 20 inch sterling silver chain. Wear your pendant proudly or give as an appreciated gift.

Selling: 1

5. HANDMADE WILD ANIMAL LAP QUILT

Offered by Karen Binkley

This warm flannel quilt is perfect for chilly mornings on the porch and evenings by the fire. Value: \$100

Selling: 1 Minimum Bid: \$70

6. AN OKTOBER EVENING OF BACH AND GERMAN FOOD

Offered by Dawn Hewitt and Randall Kidder

Following appetizers and libations in the Social Hall, Herr Kidder will present a short recital of Bach in the Sanctuary. Guests will then return to the Social Hall to enjoy a modern German meal prepared by Frau Hewitt. Dessert will be a traditional Schwarzwälder kirschtorte (Black Forest cake) and, of course, there will be German beer!

Saturday, October 12, 2024, 5:30pm., FUUSM Social Hall

Selling: 10 seats Minimum Bid: \$25

7. 3 NIGHTS AT THE FARMHOUSE AT RISING MOON FARM

Offered by Chris Hoke and Al Tuttle

Enjoy up to 3 nights in the old farmhouse - a great place for family get-aways or small group retreats. Wonderful area for plein-air artists, nature photographers, hiking, bird watching, bicycle riding on back country roads, and just getting away from the hustle and bustle of urban life. In addition to numerous species of birds, you can expect deer, raccoons, opossum, coyotes, snakes, bugs, and occasionally the neighbor's cows. Bring and prepare your own food in the fully equipped kitchen. This is a rural, semi-rustic experience - no TV reception, no internet, no cell phone service. Dress accordingly for the weather and outdoor adventures. Rising Moon Farm is situated in rural Tyler County West Virginia approximately 10 miles from the Ohio River and 40 miles north of Parkersburg WV and seven miles southwest of Middlebourne, WV. Book your stay anytime May – October depending on availability.

Value: \$350

Selling: 1 Minimum bid: \$150

8. WHO DO YOU CALL???

Offered by Elaine Barr and Jonathan Brier

Is your computer slowing down or in need of updates? Do you need help setting up your smart phone/watch/fridge? Is it time to replace an old computer or phone and you are overwhelmed with options? Have you been putting off setting up that password management system? The Terrific B² Tech Team (Elaine Barr and Jonathan Brier) will provide a session of up to three hours of home tech support for phones, smart devices, computers, WiFi networks, and more! The Team is available weeknights and weekends to assist you and will travel up to 30 miles from Marietta, OH.

Selling: 2

9. CIOPPINO DELIZIOSO AT CUCCINA BALLANTINIO

Offered by Nancy Lee

Prepared by Nancy and featuring a [former] spouse's award winning Cioppino (spicy tomato based stew featuring shrimp, scallops, and white fish). If you like seafood, you'll love this flavorful dish.

Saturday, October 5, 2024, 6:30pm, Ballantyne residence, 218 Caro Lane, Marietta.

Selling: 12 seats

10. LAUGHTER ON A PLATTER

Offered by Martha McGovern and Beth Lepore

To improve the quality of our lives, we are encouraged to laugh more. SO, here's your opportunity! Come share laughter with friends as you enjoy a leisurely multi-course dinner. We'll provide the dinner; you provide the humor. Select 3 of your favorite jokes, short humorous pieces or anecdotes, and be ready to share them between courses. We encourage you to wear comfortable clothes that make you smile.

Friday, October 25, 2024, 5:30pm, McGovern residence, 5-119 The Fields, Williamstown, WV

Selling: 12 seats Minimum bid: \$35

11. SUNSET SAFARI FOR 2

Offered by Gwen & George Banziger, Debra Miller & Jim Grecni

Experience the magic of the Wilds! You and a friend/spouse/partner/random stranger will enjoy a buffet style dinner on the deck of the Overlook Café before boarding an Open-Air Safari for a guided tour through the open range at feeding time when the animals are most active. OR maybe you'd rather take the Wildside Tour or the Horseback Sunset Safari! Your gift certificate can be applied to any of the Wilds Specialty Tours!! Visit <https://thewilds.columbuszoo.org/> to learn more and to book your tour. **Expiration date 3/22/2029** Value: \$180

Selling: 2

12. HANDCRAFTED RUSTIC PORCH SWING BY RISING MOON STUDIO

Offered by Chris Hoke and Al Tuttle

Crafted of hickory and ash, this unique swing seats 2. A charming addition to any garden. Includes hardware.

Selling: 1 Minimum Bid: \$150

13. SUMMER DELIGHT DINNER FOR 4 TO YOUR DOOR

Offered by Cathy Rees

Nicoise Salad with rare seared peppered tuna(canned may be substituted), green beans, cherry tomatoes, red onions, boiled egg, red potatoes, olives, and capers dressed with a lemon vinaigrette. A crusty loaf of homemade French bread and Whit's vanilla custard with fresh berries and berry syrup (non-dairy substitute available) complete this perfect summer meal. If the delivery address is not in Marietta, arrangements will be made to meet at a convenient location.

Value: \$75

Selling: 1 Minimum bid: \$10

14. WEEKEND IN THE 'LITTLE TOWN THAT ROCKS'

Offered by Anna De Hermanas & Rhea Bockhorst

3 night stay at the lovely home of Anna and Rhea in Black Mountain NC, the weekend of the annual Sourwood Festival, August 9-11, 2024. The downstairs digs have a Queen futon, kitchenette and coffee maker, and a separate entrance and bath. You can walk to Town (if you're fit - it's the mountains!) and enjoy the arts and crafts fair, music, food, and of course, Sourwood honey. There are great hiking trails in Montreat and the Blue Ridge Parkway is just a 15 minute drive away. Your hosts are available as guides or you can explore the area on your own.

Selling: 1 Minimum bid: \$100.

15. SET OF 3 BOTTLES OF PECH MERLE WINES

Offered by Linda Lawton & Ted Goertzel

The Pech Merle Winery, located in the Sonoma Valley, is owned by Bruce Lawton, Linda Lawton's brother. Linda has persuaded Bruce to donate some of his award-winning wines: Sauvignon Blanc (named Editor's Choice by Wine Enthusiast), Zinfandel (named Gold by the San Francisco Chronicle) Rose (named Best of Show in the International Wine Competition), Vigonier, Pinot Noir, and Cabernet Sauvignon. Linda has arranged the wines into four lots; each lot includes two reds and one white.

Selling: 4 sets Minimum bid: \$50

16. GREEK DINNER TO YOUR DOOR

Offered by Stassa and Jay Phillips

Call your friends, set the table, and wait for the Phillips to bring you this authentic Greek meal. Choice of either Greek Lasagna or Greek Chicken w/Vegetables. Includes salad, baklava, and a bottle of Ouzo! Two week advance notice requested.

Selling: 1

17. CSA PRODUCE BOX

Offered by Chris and Kelcey Jacobs

CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture. Buy this item and you will enjoy 11 weeks of fresh, local produce from Worthington Farms. Each box is for 1-2 people, filled with fresh vegetables and fruit based on what is in season. You will pick up your box each Wednesday at Rockstar Wellness on Second Street in Marietta beginning June 26, 2024. Recipes for items in the box are included!

Selling: 1

18. HOMEMADE FOR THE HOLIDAYS-BUCKEYES

Offered by Christina Thrasher

Ten dozen [that's 120 pieces!!!] fresh, homemade Buckeyes! Everyone loves this classic holiday confection – but making them, not so much. This would make a great gift or you can just eat them all yourself. Order anytime between November 1 and December 20, 2024. Please allow 1 week advance notice.

Selling: 3

19. WRITE YOUR ETHICAL WILL

Offered by Megan Krivchenia

An ethical will is a statement of what you want to leave to your family and friends that has no material value. It is a statement of your values, meaningful personal stories and the life lessons learned, your wishes for your family's and friends' futures, and more. Ethical wills, unlike traditional ones, are often shared during one's lifetime. They can be used to bring families together to reflect on their history and to hear first-hand from a loved one what they care about. Over the course of 2 to 3 sessions, Megan will guide an individual or a couple through the process of creating their ethical will. Dates and times to be mutually agreed.

Selling: 1

20. DAY OF THE DEAD DINNER & OPERA

Offered by Shari Ballantyne and a Cast of Many

We will begin the evening by remembering and honoring departed loved ones at a traditional Mexican dinner prepared by Chef Gia. Diners will then be treated to the opening night performance of "*The Day After Yesterday*" – a Tale of *FUUSM Past*", an opera starring Adeline and Mike Bailey, Dawn Hewitt, Karen Binkley, Suzyn Mills, and Darryl Ting.

Alcohol will be served so no children please. Bring a picture(s) of those you would like to honor.

Saturday, November 2, 2024, 6:00pm., Ballantyne residence, 218 Caro Lane, Marietta.

Selling: 14 seats

21. DAWN HEWITT SIGNATURE PIE

Offered by Kim McMichael

Kim didn't use one of his auction pies last year, so he's donating it back!! Of course, this one is a fresh out of the oven – and maybe still warm - Strawberry Rhubarb Pie. Have your fork ready – you're going to want to eat this right away. [One like it recently sold for \\$100!!](#)

Selling: 1

22. BOUQUET OF THE MONTH

Offered by Claire and Moon Mullen

Look forward to a beautiful fresh flower bouquet for the months of June, July, & August from Moonville Farm. Bouquets must be picked up at the Moonville Farm Stand at the Saturday Farmer's Market on Butler St between Third & Second Streets. from 9AM - 1PM every Saturday. Value: \$60

Selling: 1

23. AN EVENING OF ITALIAN S'S: SCARLATTI, SPUMANTE, SEAFOOD, & SPUMONI

Offered by Dawn Hewitt and Randall Kidder

After an Italian appetizer and libations in the Social Hall, Randallico Kidderelli will present a short recital of Scarlatti in the Sanctuary. Guests will then return to the Social Hall for an Italian feast prepared by Dawnatella Hewittini.

Saturday, July 27, 2024, 5:30pm., FUUSM Social Hall

Selling: 10 seats Minimum Bid: \$25

24. PIMP YOUR RIDE

Offered by Dawn Hewitt

Dawn might not be able to make your car sparkle or restore that new-car smell, but she'll try. She'll vacuum every suckable surface; wash and squeegee all windows, inside and out; wipe clean all interior surfaces; wash, wax (car wash), and hand buff the exterior; use rubbing compound on scratches; make the tires look new, etc. It won't be the work of a professional, but she will spend the better part of a day spiffing up your car. Date: To be negotiated. Value: \$100+

Selling: 1 Minimum Bid: \$50

25. VILLAGE CAKERY CUSTOM 2-LAYER CAKE

Offered by Linda Lawton & Ted Goertzel

Here's a sweet deal! Two gift certificates for custom two-layer cakes from Village Cakery. Your choice of cake, filling and custom decorations by Linda's sister, Cindy Mallahan. Cakes can be picked up in Barlow. Please allow one week advance notice for order. Winning bidder may take one or both.

Selling: 2

SET PRICE ITEMS

VISIT THE SET PRICE TABLE TO SIGN UP FOR THESE EVENTS

200. PIE CRUST CLASS

Offered by Darryl Ting

Learn to make a delicious, tender and flaky butter crust for pies with this easy, foolproof method.

The class includes ingredients to make one pie crust (you may bring more if you want to make more than one). You'll take home the pie crust you made and a recipe sheet explaining all the steps. Both hand and food processor methods will be demonstrated. Special Instructions: Bring an apron, a large bowl, a rolling pin, a hand dough blender or food processor, and something to carry your rolled out pie crust home with you. We will share kitchen equipment if you don't have something.

The class location is the FUUSM kitchen. Dates and times per agreement with participants. Maximum 5 per class; multiple classes will be scheduled as needed.

Selling: No limit

\$40 per person

201. HAND, KNEE, AND FOOT CARD PARTY

Offered by Beth Lepore

Join Beth Lepore at her home to learn how to play the popular card game—**Hand, Knee, and Foot**. It's a game that allows you to relax and laugh. If you enjoyed canasta during its heyday, you will love this game! Expect some good snacks, good fun, and much merriment. You will leave with a card holder and written instructions.

Saturday, June 22, 2024, 1:30-4pm. Lepore residence, 516 Second St., Marietta.

Selling: 8 seats

\$25 per person

202. BIRDING AND BAGELS (and coffee)

Offered by Dawn Hewitt

BYO coffee mug and binoculars, and spend about 30 minutes reviewing birding basics while you enjoy a bagel and schmear. Then we'll hit the trail looking for whatever birds are returning or passing through—during the peak of songbird migration! Expect warblers, tanagers, vireos, grosbeaks—who knows what else?! We will meet up at one of the hottest birding hotspots in the area (either in Williamstown or Vienna, WV) for this birding adventure. Be prepared to hike a mile or more, regardless of weather, so dress appropriately!

Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 8am, Hewitt residence, 100 Goebel Place, Marietta

Selling: 8 spots

\$20 per person

203. PUZZLES AND PIZZA : A JIGSAW PUZZLE PARTY

Offered by Mike and Adeline Bailey

Come test your skills and work on your visual-spatial recognition while you socialize with fellow jigsaw puzzle enthusiasts! We'll set up tables for teams of four (bring your own team if you wish) to work on different puzzles with the same number of pieces. Snacks and drinks will be available throughout, with timed breaks to enjoy pizza and see how everyone is doing. Competition ends at 8:30 or whenever the first puzzle is completed. Prizes for first and second place teams! Friday, October 18, 2024, 6:00 - 9:00(?)pm. FUUSM Social Hall

Selling: 24 seats

\$25 per person

204. SEVEN UP AND POPCORN!

Offered by Dawn Hewitt

The *UP Series* is a British documentary following a cohort of ten people every seven years from the ages of 7 (in 1963) to 63 (in 2019). In 1991, Roger Ebert included 28 Up on his list of the ten greatest films of all time. Watching every episode would take 17+hours! Instead, let's start with 7 Up (1963) and 7 Plus Seven (1970), which together take about 90 minutes, followed by a short discussion. Then we'll schedule 21 Up for a month or so later; then 28 Up, and so on, aiming to get through the entire series before the 2025 FUUSM Service Auction. Popcorn and 7-Up will be served at each showing.

Friday, May 24, 2024, 7:00pm, FUUSM Social Hall [First screening]

Selling: No limit

\$15 per person for the entire series

205. HIKE AND PICNIC AT MOUNTWOOD PARK

Offered by Mark Krivchenia

Join Mark for an informative 1-2 hour hike through this gem of a local natural area. Following a 1-2 hour hike, you will be treated to a picnic amongst the trees. Date and time will be determined by the folks who sign up.

<https://www.mountwoodpark.org/about/>

Selling: 20 spots

\$20 per person

206. UU RIVER CRUISE

Join fellow FUUSM members and friends for a private 2-hour cruise on Marietta's beautiful rivers. Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks included; cash bar available. Stay tuned for more information as your hosts work out the details of this unique event!

Sunday, June 30, 2024, 5-7pm. Valley Gem Sternwheeler, 601 Front St., Marietta OH

Selling: 65 seats

\$35 per person

207. BEGINNER TAI CHI – INTRODUCTORY COURSE [2 MONTHS]

Offered by Darryl Ting

A beginning class in exercise Tai Chi. You'll learn the exercise sequence called the Beijing 24, in the Yang style ... characterized by slow, flowing movement. Tai Chi works on improving your general health, but particularly on balance and muscle tone. Classes (6 participants max) will be twice a week for the first month, then weekly for the following month. Taught by Darryl Ting, who has been doing Tai Chi since 2011.

Participants will have the option of continuing for the full course for an additional \$50.

Class times to be worked out among the participants.

\$50 per person

208. BEGINNER TAI CHI – FULL COURSE [5-6 MONTHS]

Offered by Darryl Ting

A beginning class in exercise Tai Chi. You'll learn the exercise sequence called the Beijing 24, in the Yang style ... characterized by slow, flowing movement. Tai Chi works on improving your general health, but particularly on balance and muscle tone. Classes (6 participants max) will be twice a week for the first month, then weekly. It usually takes 5-6 months to become functional ... knowing what and how to do it, and able to do it without an instructor. Taught by Darryl Ting, who has been doing Tai Chi since 2011.

Class times to be worked out among the participants.

\$100 per person

209. WINE AND PAINT POURING PARTY

Offered by Cindy Brown

We're going to imbibe a little wine [or a lot, your choice], nosh on some hors d'oeuvres, and unleash your inner Jackson Pollock! Everyone will go home with at least two original paintings they'll be proud to display. All materials provided. No previous art experience – or talent! - necessary.

Sunday, July 14, 2024, 5pm. 311 Lawton Rd., Marietta OH

Selling: 4 seats

\$20 per person

210. DEMOCRATIC PARTY SPRING DINNER

Offered by Jane Tumas Serna

Attend the Washington County Democratic Party's Spring Dinner at the Armory, elegantly catered by Parkhurst Dining on the spacious upper floor. During social hour, visit tables to learn about the critical issues in this coming election from experts and citizens deeply concerned about: Reproductive Freedom, Local Unions, Marietta College Young Democrats, the Environment and Climate Change, LGBTQIA+, Gerrymandering, Voting Rights, and Protecting Our Democracy.

Adjacent parking, accessible entrance and elevator.

Friday, May 17, 2024, Doors open 5:00 pm, Dinner 6:00pm, Armory, Marietta OH

Selling: 6 seats

\$35 per person

AUCTION 2024 EVENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 8, 8am	BIRDING AND BAGELS (and coffee!)
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