

WELCOME

THE FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF MARIETTA

2025 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

May 16, 2025

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

300 A Robert Burns Supper and Birthday Celebration

Offered by Adeline and Mike Bailey

Join the Baileys for a celebratory dinner of traditional Scottish fare and ceremony associated with Burns' birthday, followed by readings from the works of Scotland's favorite poet and tunes from his collection of songs. Dinner will include Cocka-Leekie Soup, Haggis, Neeps and Tatties; Topsy Laird Trifle and Scones; Cheese Board and Bannocks; and Tea, Coffee, Ales, and Scotch Whiskey.

Wearin' of your family tartan and speakin' in Scots dialect not required, but welcomed!

Saturday, January 24, 2026, 6:00pm, FUUSM Social Hall

Selling: 12 seats

301 Sunset Safari for Two

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

Experience the magic of the Wilds! You and a friend/spouse/partner 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. Includes parking. Good for 5 years.

Value: \$205 Minimum Bid: \$50

Selling: 2 gift certificates

302 Lake Seneca Pontoon Cruise

Offered by Kim & Diane McMichael

Enjoy a relaxing boat ride on beautiful Seneca Lake, the third largest inland lake in Ohio, and just 45 minutes away. Non-alcoholic beverages, snacks, and great conversation will be served. A "facilities" break will be scheduled at the marina.

Date and time TBD, but most likely late August/early September and from 2pm to 5pm.

Selling: 5 seats

303 Summer Delight Dinner for Four

Offered by Cathy Rees

Noodle Soup Bowl with shrimp or tofu, Vietnamese Chicken Salad [chicken, lime juice, fish sauce, garlic, red onion, green and red cabbage, carrots, basil, cilantro, peanuts], Whit's vanilla custard with Bing cherry sauce [non-dairy substitute available]. Delivered to your door or, if not in Marietta proper, we will arrange a meeting location.

Value: \$75 Minimum Bid: \$10

304 Poor Mac's Diner and Comedy Club

Offered by Martha McGovern & 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 casual multi-course meal. We'll provide the meal; you provide the humor. Select 3 humorous items: jokes, cartoons, anecdotes, or short humorous pieces, and be ready to share them between courses. We encourage you to wear comfortable clothes that make you smile.

Saturday, October 11, 2025, 5:30pm, 5-119 The Fields, Williamstown, WV

Selling: 12 seats Minimum Bid: \$35

305 Gorgeous Turkish Rug

Offered by Betsy Kalter

Purchased in Turkey in 2015, this beautiful rug has never been used. Measuring 3'x5', this rug is perfect for your bedside - your feet will thank you.

Selling: 1 Minimum Bid: \$50 Buy Now Price: \$900

306 Handcrafted Painted Twig Table

Offered by Al Tuttle

Hand crafted twig table with painted top. 22 in dia., 32 in tall. Crafted by Al Tuttle & Chris Hoke

Selling: 1 Minimum Bid: \$50

307 Three Bottles of Award-Winning Wine

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

308 Beijing Duck Entrée

Offered by Robin Bozian

Two Beijing ducks prepared for you to host a dinner at your home. Basted and hung for 24 hours, these ducks are then roasted and the meat and skin cut up. Robin will make Po Ping pancakes, brush scallions, and hoisin sauce to accompany the meat and skin. Directions on how to serve and eat this dish will be provided. Winning bidder is responsible for providing side dishes. As the main entree, 2 ducks will serve 6-8; if not the main entree, many more.

Robin needs a minimum of 2 weeks notice to prepare this dinner. Value: \$180

Selling: 1 Minimum Bid: \$25

309 Sterling Silver UU Chalice Pendant

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. Don't miss this opportunity to own one of these original pieces – Jim's inventory is almost exhausted. Value: Priceless

Selling: 1 Minimum Bid: \$20

310 Dinner is Served

Offered by Shari Ballantyne and Nancy Wolske

Low lights and classical music will set the mood for this elegant evening of conviviality and dining. Guests will enjoy a classic menu of filet mignon and sides as wine and conversation flow freely. Coffee and a delectable dessert will conclude this lovely soiree. Please don your finest summer attire and join us for a memorable evening.

Saturday, August 2, 2025, 7pm

218 Caro Ln., Marietta

Selling: 6 seats Minimum Bid: \$25

311 CSA from Worthington Farms

Offered by Kelcey and Chris Jacobs

CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture. Buy this item and you will enjoy 11 weeks of fresh, local produce from Worthington Farms in Lowell. Each box is for 1-2 people, filled with fresh vegetables and fruit based on what is in season. Recipes for items in the box are included!

Pick up weekly beginning Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at: Rockstar Wellness, 225 Second St., Marietta. Value: \$145

Selling: 1 Minimum Bid: \$25

312 Hamilton at the Ohio Theater

Offered by Diana Bonnell

This is your chance to see the traveling Broadway production of this Tony-, Grammy-, and Pulitzer Prize winning musical - right here in Ohio! Diana will provide tickets, transportation and parking for three winning bidders.

Sunday, July 20, 1pm [Leaving Marietta at 10:00am]

Selling: 3 tickets Minimum Bid: \$250

313 Handmade Child's Quilt

Offered by Karen Binkley

This charming Karen Binkley original is perfect for the child in your life...or your own lap! 44" x 58"

Selling: 1 Minimum Bid: \$45

314 Armenian Dolma Dinner

Offered by Robin Bozian

A pot of Armenian dolma for you to host a dinner at your home. This traditional dish is made up of vegetables such as green pepper, eggplant, onions, squash, and grape leaves stuffed with a mixture of lamb, rice, and onion. Although lamb is the traditional meat, beef can be substituted. Robin will either provide a pot of prepared pilaf [Armenian rice] or the ingredients to be prepared by the host. This dish will easily serve 6-8.

Robin requires a minimum of two weeks notice to prepare this dish. Value: \$180

Selling: 1 Minimum Bid: \$25

315 Pimp Your Ride

Offered by Dawn Hewitt

Want your car thoroughly cleaned inside and out?? All windows will be washed; interior surfaces washed and Armor-All'ed; upholstery and floors vacuumed and spot-cleaned; even the cupholders and glove box will be cleaned. The exterior will be washed and waxed [not paste, sorry]; wheels and hubcaps washed and wheel wells hosed clean; trunk will be spotless! Dawn is a church lady, not a car detailer, but she'll spend the better part of a day making your car sparkle outside and in. Date to be mutually agreed upon.

Selling: 1 Minimum Bid: \$50

316 Harrison Construction Gift Certificate

Offered by Dan Harrison & Harrison Construction, Inc.

Four [4] hours of professional electric and/or carpentry labor from one of our area's most sought after construction companies. Excludes materials. Must be used by May 16, 2026. Value: \$400

Selling: 1 Minimum Bid: \$45

318 Day Trip to Hocking Hills and Old Man's Cave

Offered by Lori and Tom Flis

Hosts Lori and Tom Flis will transport the three winning bidders to Old Man's Cave in the beautiful Hocking Hills. After a mostly easy hike [there are several sets of steps], hikers will enjoy a delicious lunch at Hocking Hills State Park Lodge. If time allows, a visit to Jack Pine Studio, a local handblown glass studio will cap off the adventure. [<https://www.jackpinestudio.com/>]. Date to be mutually agreed. Value: \$125

Selling: 3 seats Minimum Bid: \$90

319 Ride for Freedom

Offered by Shari Ballantyne

Ride with Shari on the back of her flag-adorned Harley 3-wheeler in "The Gay Pride Parade" on June 14 in Parkersburg, WV. After the parade, enjoy the festivities at PrideFest 2025. Meet at FUUSM. Long pants and a jacket are required for the ride. Shari will provide a helmet and she promises not to speed. Value: Priceless Saturday, June 14, 2025, Time TBD

Selling: 1 Minimum Bid: \$25

320 VILLAGE CAKERY CUSTOM 2-LAYER CAKE

Offered by Linda Lawton & Ted Goertzel

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

Selling: 2

BUY NOW ITEMS

VISIT THE BUY NOW TABLE TO SIGN UP FOR THESE EVENTS

150 An Evening at Campus Martius Museum

Join us for a private evening of history and fun! The evening will start with a scavenger hunt highlighting historic people, places, and events of our local area. Following the hunt, guests will enjoy appetizers and drinks in the Main Hall. Then it's off to tour the Putnam House and explore the rest of the museum while gathering information for the final event - Trivia! Questions will include items from the scavenger hunt, the Putnam House tour, and even a bit of FUUSM history.

Sunday, June 22, 2025, 5:30-8:00pm, 601 Second St., Marietta

Adults \$35 Children 17 and under - FREE

151 "Seasons of Twigs and Feathers" by Sandra Bush

A book of poems and essays written by FUUSM member, Sandra Bush, with photographs by Diane Bush Nastase.

Selling: 6 \$10 each

152 Day Trip to Visit Maxo Vanka Murals

Offered by Dawn Hewitt

Remember Dawn Hewitt's reflection about Croatian artist Maxo Vanka? In 1937 and 1941, he painted 25 murals on the walls of St. Nicholas Church that celebrate cultural identity, honor immigrant contributions and sacrifice, and advocate for social and environmental justice. This is your chance to see them in person. Travel with Dawn to Millvale, PA, just north of Pittsburgh. Includes a private, docent-led tour of the murals and church, and lunch at a Croatian/Hungarian/Middle Eastern/Greek restaurant in Pittsburgh. Home by 6 pm.

Saturday, September 6, 2025, 8am to 6pm.

Selling: 15 seats \$100 per person

153 FUUSM Member/Friends Directory, Deluxe Edition

Offered by Dawn Hewitt

Sure, you can access the most up-to-date directory online for free. You can even print it at home for free. Heck, you can walk into the FUUSM office and ask Dawn to print you one for free. But this is a FUNDRAISER! So for a limited time, you can own the most current FUUSM directory printed on special paper for just \$5!!

Selling: 20 \$5 each

154 Music Through the Ages

Offered by Martha Webster and Randall Kidder

Join UU Choir Director, Martha Webster, and Pianist, Randall Kidder, for an evening of music history and progress. Musical selections will range from as early as the Medieval period to modern Broadway and will include a wide variety of genres. The recital will consist of accompanied singing, piano pieces, and maybe a surprise instrument or two. Coffee and dessert will be served following the recital.

Saturday, March 14, 2026, 6:30pm, FUUSM Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

Selling: 50 \$30 per person

155 Lego My Flower!

Offered by Diana Bonnell

Spend a hot afternoon in the cool while you create a beautiful Lego flower to take home. Wine, beverages, snacks - and friends!

Saturday, July 26, 2-4pm, 106 Bittersweet Dr., Marietta

Selling: 8 seats \$40 per person

156 Music of the Sayyids and Dervishes

Offered by Randall Kidder, Betsy Kalter, and Cindy Brown

FUUSM Pianist, Randall Kidder will present *Music of the Sayyids and the Dervishes* [Volume Two of the Four-Volume series *Music for the Piano*]; an evening of piano music in the musical idiom of the Middle East

Sayyids and Dervishes occupies a special place in the body of works by Armenian philosopher, composer and mystic George Ivanovitch Gurdjieff (1877-1949) and Ukrainian composer Thomas De Hartmann (1885-1956).

(<https://www.gfnyc.org/>) Meditative and mindful, these compositions stem from melodies and music Gurdjieff heard in remote monasteries in Asia and the Middle East. The Dervish pieces are often characterized by powerful dance rhythms, full of spiritual fervor, while the music of the Sayyids presents more of a mystery.

During the two intermissions, guests will enjoy a sumptuous selection of Middle Eastern mezze, desserts, and beverages.

Friday, April 17, 2026, 5:30 - 8:45 pm, FUUSM Sanctuary & Social Hall

Selling: 30 seats \$35 per person

157 It's Your Funeral

Offered by Diana Bonnell

Let's celebrate this year's Day of the Dead with some music! Bring the name of song that you would like to have played at your funeral - and the name of the artist who performed your favorite version. We'll listen to everyone's songs while partaking of a Mexican feast.

Sunday, November 2, 2025, 6:00pm., 218 Caro Ln., Marietta

Selling: 16 seats \$20 per person

158 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, August 17, 2025, 5pm. 311 Lawton Rd., Marietta OH

Selling: 8 seats \$25 per person

AUCTION 2025 EVENT CALENDAR

Saturday, June 14, 1:30-3pm	RIDE FOR PRIDE
Sunday, June 22, 5:30-8pm	EVENING AT CAMPUS MARTIUS MUSEUM
Sunday, July 20, 10am-	HAMILTON: AN AMERICAN MUSICAL
Saturday, July 26, 2-4pm	LEGO MY FLOWER
Saturday, August 2, 7pm	DINNER IS SERVED
Sunday, August 17, 5pm	WINE AND PAINT POURING PARTY
Saturday, September 6, 8am	DAY TRIP TO VISIT MAXO VANKA MURALS
Saturday, October 11, 5:30pm	POOR MAC'S DINER AND COMEDY CLUB
Sunday, November 2, 6pm	IT'S YOUR FUNERAL
Saturday, January 24, 2026, 6pm	A ROBERT BURNS SUPPER AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
Saturday, March 14, 2026, 6:30pm	MUSIC THROUGH THE AGES
Friday, April 17, 2026, 5:30pm	MUSIC OF THE SAYIDDS AND DERVISHES