

First Universalist Unitarian Church

2024 Auction FUNdraiser

"BACK TOGETHER AGAIN"

Saturday, May 4 • 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.



Goods & Services Auction

2024 CATALOG*

***THIS IS THE LAST CATALOG EDITION, BUT YOU CAN STILL SNEAK IN AN OFFERING UNTIL MAY 2ND!**

Get your tickets now!

TICKETS

\$30 in advance

\$35 at the door

First UU Church
504 Grant St., Wausau

5:30 p.m. – Silent Auction Starts

8:30 p.m. – Silent Auction Closes

9 p.m. – Winding Down

Have FUN bidding on the cool goods & services in this catalog.

Your generous bids raise money to keep us **together** and going strong at First UU!

GRAB SOME FRIENDS & JOIN US

Hearty Hors d'Oeuvres | Cash Wine/Beer Bar
Decadent Desserts | 50/50 Raffle |
& MORE!

After being auctionless for FIVE YEARS, we're finally ...
BACK TOGETHER AGAIN with the 2024 Goods & Services Auction.

This dazzling social event usually happens at our church every two years, so we have some catching up to do in 2024! Please don't miss out! Join us on Saturday, May 4, 2024, for some special togetherness and fundraising FUN!

Bid on cool stuff, chat with old friends, meet new friends, eat, drink, and buy your way to a full social calendar — all while helping the church financially.

No checkbook is required on auction night. We'll send you an email invoice for all the goods/services you won (along with any event dates). You take home goods you won that night.

Your ticket gains you entry to the event, which includes hearty hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, & desserts. There will also be a cash beer/wine bar (or fill out an IOU slip for beer/wine).

Wine: \$5 / glass Beer: \$5 / bottle or can N/A Cocktail: \$5 / can
(A portion of each sold will be a church contribution, so enjoy... responsibly, of course.)

- **Browse this catalog of auction offerings** that will be available for you to bid on at the church the evening of May 4th. **We'll still take donations of goods/services up to the week before the event** (they just won't be featured in this catalog).
- **Buy your advance tickets (\$30) in the atrium each Sunday until April 28th or purchase tickets at the door on May 4th (\$35).** Tickets are also available during church office hours from Kris or online by going to uuwausau.org > click on "CALENDAR" (upper right) > go to May 4 > click on "Buy your advance ticket here: \$30" and follow the prompts. Or follow this link: <https://onrealm.org/uuwausau/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MjNjMDU1ZWYtMDViMi00ODE5LWExOWItYjEzOTAxMTI1ZGFi>.
- **Can't make it to the auction? Submit Absentee Silent Bids via email until 10 p.m. Thursday, May 2nd.** Simply email Kay Meyer at kmeyer1104@gmail.com. People attending the auction will have the final bidding opportunity, so feel free to arrange for an auction-attending friend to serve as your bidding proxy according to your instructions.

"Come on BACK TOGETHER AGAIN!"

We hope to see you on May 4th.

— Your 2024 UU Auction Committee



GROUP DINNERS, FOOD EVENTS & OUTINGS

EWE-EWE ITALIAN FEAST AT BISTRO BENEDETTO

Join chefs Andy Benedetto & Donna Seidel and Gary & Kathy Schneck for an unparalleled evening of fun and fine dining. The dinner will be served at the Benedetto/Seidel home on Saturday, June 29th. Beginning with appetizers, the dinner menu will include backyard pit-roasted lamb and house specialty freshly-made artichoke ravioli along with accompanying salad, bread, and dessert. Wine pairings, coffee, and other beverages will be poured. Top 8 bidders. **Minimum bid: \$75.**

SEAFOOD LOVERS DINNER FOR 6

Mix, mingle and party with your church friends while we do the cooking. Dan and Carolyn Schaut invite you to their home for a seafood extravaganza on Friday, September 13, 2024. We are not talking fish sticks here. Fresh caught fish from Alaska, accompanied by sides sourced locally followed by something decadent, dark and very chocolaty. And, of course, with paired wines. Weather permitting, we'll be outside on the deck and later enjoy some s'mores by the fire pit. Top 6 bidders. **Minimum bid: \$75.**

TRADITIONAL INDIAN DINNER

Join Saleem Surti and Dawn Ashenbrenner for a traditional Indian meal, from appetizers to dessert. Dine on favorites such as Biryani, Samosas, and Saag Paneer. Dinner will be Sunday, September 29th. Top 6 bidders. **Minimum Bid: \$35.**

ST. LOUIS-STYLE BBQ WITH THE MASONS

Join Brian, Sarah, Ellie, and Chow (a large, excessively friendly dog) on Friday, August 23rd from 6-9 p.m. in their backyard for an evening of STL-BBQ standards (a.k.a. mostly meat seared to perfection), deviled eggs, homemade peach pie a la mode, and very few vegetables. Included will be microbrews only available in STL (or when people like us buy them and bring them elsewhere), and N/A beverages. At 7:10 p.m. the Cardinals vs. Twins game will be broadcast on an outdoor screen. Limit 8. **Minimum bid: \$35.**

TAPAS DINNER PARTY

Join Jeff Hinueber, Mary Atwell, Laura Syring, and Jerry Phelan for a wide array of delectable tapas, including vegetarian and non-vegetarian choices, such as olives with Manchego cheese, glazed chicken wings, roasted Padron peppers, slow-roasted pork loin, and much more. There will also be an assortment of Spanish wine, beer, and N/A beverages. The dinner will take place at one of the hosts' Southeast side homes (TBD) on Saturday, August 10th, 2024, 5 p.m. Top 8 bidders. Suggested minimum bid: \$30.

AFRICAN UNITY DINNER

If you missed it in past years, or if you want to experience it again, you have another chance to savor the exotic flavors of traditional African foods during a taste trip across the Dark Continent. Randy Jefferson's African Unity Dinner conjures up a myriad of aromas and flavors, beginning with the ever-popular Senegalese Peanut Soup, chockful of yams, greens, and tomatoes with a touch of ginger heat. Your journey ends sweetly with a slice of Fresh Coconut Pie, renowned in Liberia's capital of Morovia. In between, you'll stop off in Egypt for Kusherie, cumin-infused red sauce and caramelized onions over a hearty blend of brown rice and lentils, based on the recipe Elaine Strite brought home from Cairo. The heart of the continent is represented by roasted cauliflower dusted with ground caraway and coriander. There will also be Ethiopian comfort food, turmeric-tinged braised cabbage, and carrots. Expect generous portions of Injera teff flatbread for flavor soaking throughout. While your table will not be on the Nile, if weather permits, it will be on the deck overlooking Wisconsin's own big river. Be among the 8 guests on Saturday, September 28, 2024 (which happens to be Meskel, a religious holiday in Ethiopia), for a taste trip to remember. **Minimum Bid: \$30.**

FAMILY-FRIENDLY SOUP LUNCHEON

On a chilly October Sunday, rather than dashing home to fix lunch, you have an opportunity to enjoy a hearty soup luncheon with family and friends. The menu offers a choice of soups/chilis that includes selections that are child-friendly and vegetarian. The soup will be accompanied by assorted breads, crackers, relishes, cookies...and, of course, fellowship. Hosted by Early Risers and friends in the UU Church dining room with no limit to number of attendees. When: Sunday, October 20, 2025 at 11:45 a.m. Cost: \$10/Adults \$5/children 7+ years (children birth-6 years FREE) with a maximum family cost of \$25.

SUPPER SUPREMO — SALAD, SPAGHETTI, SPUMONI and SINGING

Join the UU Choir directed by Margaret Jerz for a fun evening of food, socialization, and song. You will be served a delicious family style Italian meal while being serenaded by the amazing choir. Mama Mia - what a great time will be had by all! Wine — melodious strains and tiramisu — come and participate in the fun. Will you have to sing for your supper? Event to be held Saturday, March 1, 2025 in the UU dining room. Top 30 bidders are invited. **Minimum bid: \$20.**

A TASTE OF THE SOUTHWEST — DINNER FOR 6

Enjoy homemade Tamales, Chile Rellenos, Tamale Pie, Chilled Avocado Soup, homemade Flour-Masa Tortillas and Southwestern pastries ... pistachios & pinon nuts, Southwest salsas and cheeses, wines from "South of the Border" and Hispanic N/A beverages. All served at 414 Franklin Street by Mary and Dennis O'Flyng. The festivities begin at 6 p.m. Saturday, November 9. Top 6 bidders. Suggested minimum bid: \$30.

PALESTINIAN DINNER

Chefs Heather & Kent Busig and Jeff & Ramona Leigh invite you to a sumptuous multicourse dinner of fine Palestinian cuisine. To be held on September 21st at 6:30 p.m. Top 8 bidders. **Minimum bid: \$40.**

STEWART INN GETAWAY

Enjoy two nights at the Stewart Inn on Grant Street across from first UU. Valid through April 30, 2025 with some restrictions around holidays and special dates. Offered by Randy and Sara Bangs. **Minimum Bid: \$200.**

WAUSAU ROCKS GUIDED GEOLOGY OUTING

Discover greater Wausau's ancient past with Russ Wilson and Bart Hobson. Glacial rivers! Volcanoes! Mass wasting, loess, glacial till, plutons — if you're not sure what they are and want to find out, now's the chance to learn! Our little city has an exciting past and it's all on display when you know where to look. Outing includes a half-day's exploration of the geologic features of the Wausau Area and includes LUNCH!! July 13th (rain date July 20th). Transportation provided from the yet-to-be-determined meeting place. Please supply email address and phone #. [Editor's note: If you can't be among the top 8 bidders, add your \$40 bid to the bid sheet anyway, and if there is sufficient interest, Russ and Bart will consider offering the tour/lunch a second time.] **Minimum bid: \$40.**

UU SISTERHOOD AFTERNOON EVENT

Join your UU sisters for an afternoon of communion and celebration of our interconnected experiences on November 17th, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. We will be reflecting on the past year and sharing our hopes and joy in anticipation of the holidays and the New Year. Food will include traditional tea sandwiches and sweets, coffee, tea, and soft drinks. Special "good fortune" menu items as well! More details to be provided closer to the event. Your hosts Sheryl Hemp, Linda Grilley, Lila Hobson. \$25 per person, limit of 25 people.

COTTAGE RENTAL

PICKEREL LAKE COTTAGE

Three nights at Pickerel Lake Cottage. Choose from September/October, 2024 for colorama or good fishing in May 2025 at this 4-bedroom lovely cottage, 50' from the water. Dates chosen need to be cleared with Anna Gresch (715-432-53710) as cottage is also rented out. Sleeps 8. Fully furnished large kitchen, tub/shower in bathroom, gas fireplace in living room. Located on the north shore of Pickerel Lake in Forest County, about 5 miles past the town of Pickerel. Includes 2 kayaks and 2 canoes. Weber charcoal grill on deck. Fire pit by lake for evening s'mores. Boat landing for your own boat is just ¼ mile away. Normally rents at \$175/night, so this is a \$525 value. **Minimum bid: \$250.**

SERVICES

ONE MAN, ONE DAY, HUNDREDS OF TOOLS

You scope out the projects, I'll bring the necessary tools and sweat. Chainsaw, trailer, extension ladder, scaffolding, VOM meter (for minor electrical repairs), pipe wrenches, pick axe, sledge hammer, shovel, wheelbarrow, caulk gun, oxy-acetylene torch, arc welder, power wire brush, grinder, belt sander, concrete vibrator, drills, hammers, screwdrivers, Band-Aids, etc. You provide any materials (e.g., new faucet, new light fixtures, lumber, concrete). Offered by Jerry Phelan (engineer and semi-proficient jack-of-all-trades). **Minimum Bid: \$400.**

DRUM LESSON

David Keeffe will give you a 45-minute drum lesson. Winner gets to choose congas, Irish drum Bodhrán, (pronounced 'bow-ran'), or trap set. (David has demonstrated his skills by playing at church several times.) **Minimum Bid: \$25.**

PERSONALIZED YOGA LESSONS

Mandy Wright, certified YOGA instructor since 2019, will give you a series of 4 personalized yoga lessons. Winner can choose a location, including Mandy's home. Lessons are open to individuals or groups. [Editor's note: As top bidder, you get to choose whether you'll be the sole student or invite a few of your more inflexible friends...or relatives.] **Minimum bid \$40.**

A MINI COOPER LONG WEEKEND!

Dan and Carolyn Schaut are offering their snazzy 4 seater Mini Cooper convertible for a long weekend (Fri-Sun or Sat-Mon). It has a manual transmission to bring out the kid in you. Unlimited mileage. Longer rentals are negotiable for the winner as long as the church benefits. They will provide road trip recommendations that are perfect for top down driving. For example, The Great River Road, the curviest road in Wisconsin or Northwoods splendor drives. They are flexible on timing and offer that if the weather is not cooperative, the weekend can be rescheduled. [Editor's note: Dan and Carolyn say it's okay to enjoy a cruise around a couple of state parks some summer weekend ... or whatever. It's just not the same in your lame car!]

Recommended minimum bid: \$175.

KAYAK RENTAL

Enjoy the use of 2 flat-water kayaks for a day. Ask Tim or Karen Peterson for details. **Minimum Bid: \$30.**

GOLF LESSONS

Sharon Faville is offering three golf lessons at Rib Mountain Golf course any time this summer by mutual agreement. Students are responsible for fees and clubs, although you can check to see if Sharon has clubs you can use. Top two bidders each get three individual one-on-one lessons. Value: \$75–\$100 for three lessons.

LEARN TO CURL

With Ron Grilley and Pat Meyer. The lesson will be held at 10 a.m. on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday in January 2025. The final date will be determined in late 2024 and the lesson will include instruction on the “stick” technique for those with back/knee concerns. A soup lunch at the curling barn will follow the lesson. Maximum 10 curlers. **Minimum bid: \$20.**

SUSHI-MAKING CLASS

Kon’nichiwa. Make your own sushi! Learn to make hand-rolled sushi to save money and eat healthy at home. Aliya Surti and Dawn Ashenbrenner will teach you some tricks to make it easier to create your own sushi rolls. You will make 2-3 rolls and take home a bamboo mat so you can make more on your own. Class will be held August 4th after the church service. Top 6 bidders win. **Minimum bid \$20.**

APPETIZER CLASS & SAMPLING

Join Chef Anna Gresch in a hands-on class in making 10 different appetizers using phyllo dough, puff pastry dough, and flatbreads. All ingredients will be provided. You will get to taste the finished products and take home all the recipes. The class will be held in the UU kitchen on Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 9-12 in the morning. Top ten bidders with **minimum bid of \$30.**

CHOOSE THE SERMON TOPIC

Tell the Pastor what to Preach! Have you ever wished you could tell the Minister what to preach? You’re in luck! Within reason, the highest bidder will select a topic that Brian will research and ultimately preach on during the 2024-25 church year. **Minimum bid: \$30.**

TWO HOURS OF HOUSE CLEANING

Melissa and Ricky Morales, owners of Top Shelf Cleaning in Wausau, are donating a 2-hour house cleaning service to make someone’s life so much easier and someone’s house so much shinier. Use it to pamper yourself or as the perfect gift for a friend. You can check them out at <https://topshelfcleaning.com/> **Minimum bid: \$100.**

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI LESSONS

After this year’s lack of snow we just know that next winter we’ll be deluged with the white stuff! Be prepared to enjoy it with this ski lesson package from the Kresses. You’ll receive two 1-hour lessons in the skate or classic technique of your choice. Lessons will be held at the Nine Mile Chalet and cannot be divided into two 1-hour lessons for 2 people. Ski pass and equipment not provided. **Minimum bid: \$50.**

CHILDREN'S GARDENING EXPERIENCE

Give a child you love an experience that will last a lifetime. The child will receive a 10 by 8 foot space in the Kresse's already beautiful and bountiful garden, to learn how to grow their own vegetables or flowers. Various plants and seeds will be provided and Greg and Rachel will assist with the garden planting and care. The garden is located on the west side of Rib Mountain. **Minimum bid: \$30.**

PET/HOUSE SITTING

Marguerite Donnelly will take care of your pets and house while you are away. Marguerite will make sure your pets have food, water, exercise and plenty of attention. Schedule to be mutually determined. Available twice. Minimum of three days, maximum 7 days. Bid per day. **Minimum bid \$30/day.**

GOODS

Everything from A to Z... You may take these items home with you on May 4th!



HOMEMADE BREAD

Every other month for 1 year Linda Haney will make you a loaf of bread—your choice of several different varieties/flavors. Delivery is negotiable or make arrangements for church pick-up. **Minimum Bid: \$40.**

FRUIT, VEGETABLE, & HERB BASKETS

Receive a basket of produce from Granite Ridge Farm — early July, August, and possibly September (with a good growing season). Baskets will include things such as beans, peas, lettuce, onions, cukes, carrots, broccoli, beets, tomatoes, rhubarb, blueberries, herbs, and other surprises. Baskets will be delivered to church on dates to be determined by winning bidder and growing conditions. Donated by Jim and Joyce Schneider. **Minimum Bid: \$40.**

8 x 15 inch CUTTING BOARDS

Made by Mike Moen predominantly of maple, cherry, and walnut with other hardwoods mixed. They are coated in food-safe cutting board oil which will need to be renewed periodically. **Minimum Bid: \$25 each.**

2 MINI CUTTING BOARDS/TRIVETS

Approximately 5 by 7 inches each, made predominantly of maple, cherry, and walnut with other hardwoods mixed. Made by Mike Moen. Coated in food-safe cutting board oil.

Minimum Bid: \$20/2.

SHAKER STYLE BENT WOOD BOXES BY MIKE MOEN

Made from cherry wood, held together with copper tacks and wooden pegs, stained and coated with water-based varnish. Used in the past by Shakers to store dry goods and seeds — the original Tupperware.

- Sewing tote with 6 cloth napkins, **Minimum Bid \$75.**
- 2 small oval boxes as a set, **Minimum Bid \$55.**
- 1 oval box 7" x 4⁵/₈", **Minimum Bid: \$55.**

HOMEMADE SOUP

Four times within the next 12 months (scheduled by mutual agreement), Karen Peterson will make you a batch of homemade soup (serves 8–10). Includes minestrone, chicken noodle, squash, and bunkhouse chili. Karen can deliver, or make arrangements for pick-up at church. **Minimum Bid: \$50.**

HAND CROCHETED AFGHAN

Blue tones, 4 by 5 foot. (Machine wash on gentle in a bag.) Offered by Mary Moen. **Minimum Bid: \$60.**

HANDMADE CANOE PADDLE — 49" LONG

Bent shaft paddle (10 degree bend), 49" long, made of yellow pine, Sitka spruce, Spanish cedar, and butternut. Back of the paddle is fiberglassed and saturated with epoxy. The entire paddle is coated with 3 coats of marine spar varnish. Handcrafted and donated by Mike Wasilczuk. [Editor's Note: This work of art can be used as intended, but it also makes a fine art piece for adorning your wall — or as a gift for the wall of your favorite paddling buddy.] Retail value: \$150.

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THREE LITTLE KITTENS STORYBOOK COLLECTION TEA SET

Charming, hand-painted tea set inspired by treasured childhood tales. Used once. Offered by LeeAnn Venne. **Minimum bid: \$25.**

HICKORY DICKORY DOCK STORYBOOK COLLECTION TEA SET

Charming, hand-painted children's tea set with Hickory Dickory Dock motif. Never used. Offered by LeeAnn Venne. **Minimum bid: \$30.**

ANTIQUE DIAMOND PATTERN LEADED GLASS WINDOW 16"X16"

A treasure from the old Wausau UU office/parsonage, this upper window from the old boardroom is a priceless find. Use it as a decoration or incorporate it into an art project, it's full of character and memories. Donated by Kathy Schmirler, who is also including five pages of vintage church photos and four UC butter pat plates. **Minimum bid: \$50.**

TODDLER HALLOWEEN KNIT HAT

Adorable pumpkin-themed hat for preschool-aged child. Offered by Karen Peterson. **Minimum bid: \$20.**

MAY BASKET SAMPLER

A taste of chocolate, cheesecake bites, and brie with gift certificates to Milk Merchant, the Chocolate Shop, and Sugar and Spice. Offered by Sue Miller. **Minimum Bid: \$30.**

FIREWOOD CORDS

Face cords of dry firewood, mostly maple and hickory. Three face cords available including delivery if needed. Offered by Tim Peterson. Top 3 bidders. **Minimum Bid: \$70/face cord.**

WEIGHTLIFTING MACHINE

Weightlifting machine with assembly instructions and exercise manual. Offered by Jim and Joyce Schneider. Successful bidder will need to collect the machine at the Schneiders and disassemble it, then reassemble. **Minimum Bid: \$50.**

5 DOWDLE PICTURE PUZZLES

Travel the world through these Dowdle puzzles of Prague, Barcelona, Buckingham Palace, Paris, and a balloon festival. Used once and \$20 each new, donated by Jim and Joyce Schneider. **Minimum Bid: \$35 for all 5 puzzles.**

ADORABLE PINK AND BLUE BABY BLANKET, HAT, BOOTIES

Handmade baby car seat blanket, hat, and, booties. The perfect gift for the new baby. Donated by LeeAnn Venne and Cindy Owen. **Minimum Bid: \$25.**

WOMAN'S LOTUS FLOWER KNITTED BEANIE

This perky hat is made with Malabrigo Rasta 100% Merino wool, so it's warm and cozy. Donated by Sara Eberlein and Laura Place. **Minimum bid: \$20.**

LITTLE GIRL'S LOTUS FLOWER KNITTED BEANIE

Child's version of the Lotus Flower Hat, made with Malabrigo Rasta, 100% Merino wool. Donated by Sara Eberlein and Laura Place. **Minimum bid: \$20.**

'BANKHEAD' KNITTED HAT KIT

Everything you need to knit a fairly easy "Bankhead" beanie: A skein of Malabrigo Rio worsted weight yarn, a size #7 circular needle, and the pattern. Donated by Sara Eberlein and Laura Place. **Minimum bid: \$20.**

PALE TURQUOISE WOOL NECK KERCHIEF

This neck scarf is made with Juniper Moon Farm "Herriot" 100% baby Alpaca wool. Wear it as a beautiful accent and/or to keep your neck warm! Donated by Sara Eberlein and Laura Place. **Minimum bid: \$20.**

WAGONLOAD OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS

A delightful assortment of Little Golden Books in the cutest little red wagon ever. Donated by LeeAnn Venne. **Minimum bid: \$25.**

HANDKNITTED SHOULDER SHAWL

Crafted by Cindy Owen, this lightweight lace-patterned shoulder shawl, in blues, fits over your shoulders to ward off the chill of those air-conditioned summer rooms. Matching knitted pin included. **Minimum bid: \$20.**

STATIONARY BIKE TRAINER STAND

Blackburn Trakstand Mag 3 bicycle trainer. Unit has 3 magnetic resistance settings. Install the provided axle in place of your bike's axle when using the trainer. This make/model sells used on eBay for \$75. Donated by Linda Haney. Recommended minimum bid: \$20.

COUCH THROW

Beautiful gold/beige brocade couch throw. Donated by Linda Haney. **Minimum bid: \$5.**

STAMPING SUPPLIES

Plastic bag full of stamping ink pads, stamps, and plain cards. Donated by Linda Haney. **Minimum bid: \$10.**

SLOW COOKER

Large (6 quart) Crockpot brand, gently used, slow cooker with locking lid for less transporting mess for those church potlucks. Includes timed-cook option (switches automatically to warm once cook time completes). Sells new on Amazon for \$80. Donated by Linda Haney. **Minimum bid: \$20.**

POWER XL SMOKELESS GRILL, NEVER USED

Ramp up your culinary efforts with this new smokeless electric grill. Donated by Marsha Fitzgerald. Approximate value: \$135.

CHRISTMAS STOCKING HANGERS

Eight solid brass ornamental hangers to adorn your mantel at Christmas, or buy these for that special family member who loves vintage Christmas decorations. They are used to hang your Christmas stockings from the edge of your mantel. Similar items are sold on eBay for \$15 each. Priority will be given to the high bidder wanting all eight; however, note on the bid sheet if you want less than the whole set. Three have a slightly smaller hook (two toy soldiers and Santa). Donated by Linda Haney. Recommended minimum bid: \$50 for all eight.

ONE DOZEN CLEAR WINE GLASSES

Always be prepared to toast the occasion with these 10.5 ounce wine glasses. Donated by Carolyn and Dan Schaut. **Minimum bid: \$25/12.**

FESTIVE COBALT BLUE DESSERT CUPS

Even plain vanilla ice cream will taste better in this set of 8 gorgeous cobalt blue glass dessert cups. Donated by Carolyn and Dan Schaut. **Minimum bid: \$20/8.**

STUNNING BLUE GLASS VASE

A true piece of art in a beautiful shade of blue, this stunning vase will be a focal point wherever it lands. Donated by Carolyn and Dan Schaut. **Minimum bid: \$25.**

4 FLORAL ETCHED MARTINI GLASSES

Serve your Cosmos, or your morning orange juice, in these lovely glasses and you and your guest will feel special for the rest of the day! Donated by Carolyn and Dan Schaut. **Minimum bid: \$20/4.**

8 STEMMED MINI CRYSTAL DESSERT CUPS

Whether filled with custard or berries or even ice cream, these beautiful dessert cups will bring a festive feeling to your table. Donated by Dan and Carolyn Schaut. **Minimum bid: \$20.**

5 STEMMED CRYSTAL DESSERT GLASSES

Ramp up your dining experience with these lovely dessert glasses, they can also double for wine glasses if you need extras! Donated by Carolyn and Dan Schaut. **Minimum bid: \$15/5.**

6 CUT-GLASS STEMMED DESSERT CUPS

Everything tastes better when it's served in a beautiful dish. Picture these with berries and cream or ice cream with salted caramel sauce. Yum! Donated by Carolyn and Dan Schaut. **Minimum bid: \$15/6.**

8 MIS-MATCHED CRYSTAL DESSERT GLASSES

These elegant dessert glasses will make any table setting feel special. Top 8 bidders win! Donated by Carolyn and Dan Schaut. **Minimum bid: \$3/glass.**

HAND-PAINTED CERAMIC COASTER—SET OF 2

Two sets of 2 hand-painted coasters. Top 2 bidders win. Donated by Sally Schmidt. **Minimum bid: \$10.**

ASSORTED GREETING CARDS — HANDMADE WITH LOVE

A delightful assortment of 10 hand-made greeting cards. Donated by Sally Schmidt. **Minimum bid: \$15.**

WINE-LOVERS BASKET

An assortment of wines to add to your cellar, you'll be ready to pop the cork. For the perfect pairing for your summer dining. Offered by Chris Young and Donna Keuck. **Minimum bid: \$30.**

MOVIE NIGHT BASKET

Everything you need for a movie night in the comfort of your own home. Offered by Chris Young and Donna Keuck. **Minimum bid: \$25.**

ASSORTMENT OF PERENNIAL PLANTS

Choose 10 perennial and/or prairie plants of your choice from the Kresse's beautiful garden in Rib Mountain. Available choices are: cup plants, daylilies, sedum, liatris (blazing star), fall asters, purple coneflowers, downy sunflowers, red rhubarb, and Polana raspberries. **Minimum bid: \$30.**

GENTLY USED KIRBY SENTRIA VACUUM CLEANER

Heavy duty, well-built, long-lasting quality. Comes with power drive, hose accessory (missing attachments), shampooer attachment. The beater adjusts for the carpet thickness. Owners manual: <https://www.kirby.com/kirby-owner-support/earlier-kirby-models/sentria/> . Offered by Jim Maas. **Minimum bid: \$50.**

TOTE BAG FULL OF GENTLY USED PUZZLES

To always be prepared with something to fill your downtime you'll want this fun assortment of gently used puzzles to have on hand. **Minimum bid: \$20/all.**

BEST-LOVED CHILDRENS BOOKS

Donated by Jess Zimmer on behalf of our UU Religious Education program is this collection of the last year's most loved Time For All Ages stories. This is a treasure of stories children will want to come back to over and over again! **Minimum bid: \$40.**

HOME-MADE WINES BASKET

You totally deserve to gift yourself this basket of 4 bottles of wine (Liebfraumilch, White Zin, Pinot Grigio, and Gewurztraminer), two coasters, and 2 wine stoppers. Donated and made lovingly from kits by Nanette Matthews and her sister, Patti Ballou . **Minimum bid: \$30.**

CHRISTMAS IN MAY

Have fun with this bountiful box of Christmas ornaments and items. Get a head start on the holiday season with this collection of festive decorations. Approximate value of \$50. Donated by Sheryl Hemp.

CONTEMPORARY QUILTED WALL-HANGING

Find a place on your wall for this contemporary quilted wall-hanging. At 13" by 16", it is hand-made. Donated by Margaret Jerz. **Minimum bid: \$35.**

BREAKFAST/BRUNCH BASKET OF GOODIES

Take home this basket of breakfast/brunch treats tonight and you won't have to fret about tomorrow's breakfast! You'll have gourmet coffee, hot chocolate, and a box of tea to start, two adorable hand-made mug rugs to set a welcome table, and home-made baked goods to top it all off (scones or muffins).

Offered by Margaret Jerz. **Minimum bid: \$40.**

BOOK: FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT FOR KIDS

- *His Life and Ideas*, by Kathleen Thorne Thomson. An engaging, kid-friendly exploration of America's leading architect and his work. Donated by LeeAnn Venne.

COLLECTION OF FOUR WISCONSIN FIELD GUIDE BOOKS

Including:

- *Wildflowers of Wisconsin*, by Stan Tekiela
- *Mammals of Wisconsin*, by Stan Tekiela
- *Wild Berries & Fruits*, by Teresa Marrone
- *Fish of Wisconsin*, by Dave Bosanko

New condition. Donated by LeeAnn Venne & Cindy Owen. **Minimum bid \$12.**

CHURCH HISTORY IN PHOTOS

Whether you're a church newcomer or an old-timer, you'll enjoy some vintage photos taken by and donated by our former church administrator and church member, Kathy Schmirler. Included are pictures of events and the building (especially the razing of the old parsonage/office/Sunday School building). And don't worry, the church archive already has a copy of Kathy's photos. Donated by Kathy Schmirler. And by the way, a special thank-you to Kathy for her documentation efforts and her many years of service to the church!

THE TEXAS TENORS - GRAND THEATER TICKETS

Two seats for the performance by The Texas Tenors on Thursday, May 16, 2024 (7:30 p.m.). Enjoy primo seats (J1 & J2). The Texas Tenors are a three-time Emmy Award-winning classical crossover, trio vocal group formed in 2009 by country singer JC Fisher, pop singer Marcus Collins and opera singer John Hagen. Market value: \$113.70. Donated by Dick & Barb Lepinski.

STONE ACRES PIZZA COUPONS

Enjoy a special Pizza Night at Stoney Acres Farm with a \$10 coupon toward any pizza. Good through the 2024 season. Top 6 bidders get a coupon. Bid multiple times if you want multiple coupons. Donated by Tony Schultz.

CUISINART AIR FRYER

Good condition; lightly used. Donated by Mary Werner

ANNA'S GOURMET BASKET

Includes Anna Gresch's home-canned salsa, red current jelly, jalapeno pineapple sauce, black currant vinegar, seasoning mix, chocolates from the chocolate shop, \$30 gift certificate from the Milk Merchant, and small marble cheese board with antique servers. Donated by Anna Gresch. Value: \$100.

ANNA'S "ELEGANCE TIME" BASKET

Includes a hand-woven, new clutch purse from Guatemala, matching new silk scarf, necklace and bracelet set, decorative notebook with hand turned pen of spalted maple. Value: \$100.

TREK 21-SPEED BIKE #1

Trek road bike, 21-speed (3 front chainrings and a 7-speed rear sprocket), with gravel-friendly tires, green. Excellent condition. Formerly part of a his & hers set (see "Bike #2"). Donated by Mary Werner.

TREK 21-SPEED BIKE #2

Trek road bike, 21-speed (3 front chainrings and a 7-speed rear sprocket), with gravel-friendly tires, green. Excellent condition. Formerly part of a his & hers set (see "Bike #1"). Donated by Mary Werner.

HAND-TURNED HARDWOOD BOWLS

Each bowl is made from a different hardwood. There are a variety of sizes to choose from. Lovingly crafted and donated by Jim Sundberg. Minimum bids are based on bowl size and rarity of the wood used for each. Bowls are finished with a food-safe linseed oil.

- Bowl #1 - Ash, 10.75" x 2.5". **Minimum bid: \$50.**
- Bowl #2 - Red heart, 7" x 2.5". **Minimum bid: \$50.**
- Bowl #3 - Maple, 8.5" x 2". **Minimum bid: \$60.**
- Bowl #4 - Maple, fluted design, 7" x 2.5". **Minimum bid: \$50.**
- Bowl #5 - Unknown wood species, live edge, 7.75" x 5.5" x 4". **Minimum bid: \$50.**

HANDMADE SPALTED MAPLE CHARCUTERIE BOARD

This beautiful, live edge charcuterie board is 1" thick x 14" wide x 20" long; made from spalted maple with marble handles at each end; finished with food-safe linseed oil. Crafted and donated by Jim Sundberg. **Minimum bid: \$80.**

HANDMADE BLACK WALNUT CHARCUTERIE BOARD

This beautiful, live edge charcuterie board is 1" thick x 13" wide x 18" long; made from black walnut with marble handles at each end; finished with food-safe linseed oil. Crafted and donated by Jim Sundberg. **Minimum bid: \$60.**

PICNIC BASKET WITH ACCESSORIES

Picnic with panache by winning this soft-sided picnic basket, which includes: picnic basket, tablecloth, 2 dinner plates, 2 salad plates, 2 bowls, 2 cups; silverware for two, 2 wine glasses; 2 individual-size Gallo Moscato, 1 bottle of French Fizz Le Rose, Yankee Candle jar (Mediterranean Breeze), water bottle, Frisbee, and sunscreen. Donated by Deirdre & Mark LeMire. Recommended minimum bid: \$50.

DUCKHORN WINES - 6 BOTTLES

This offering includes 3 bottles of 2020 Parduxx proprietary red blend and 3 bottles of 2021 Calera Chardonnay. Donated by Deirdre & Mark LeMire. Market value: \$252. **Minimum bid: \$175.**

For the oenophiles in the crowd:

Calera Chardonnay:

Wine Enthusiast 90; Wine Review Online 93

Production Notes: Varietal Composition: 100% Chardonnay

Winemaker Notes: Both lively and alluring, this impeccably balanced Chardonnay shows its cool-climate coastal roots with tantalizing aromas of zesty green apple, summer grass and mango. On the palate, energetic acidity adds poise and polish to the vibrant citrus flavors of orange and lemon that linger throughout a long, bright finish.

Production: The 2021 growing season began with below-average winter rainfall followed by moderate spring temperatures, with budbreak occurring at varied times throughout the Central Coast. The temperate weather continued into early summer, which ensured abundant hangtime and one of the latest Central Coast harvests on record. The resulting wines show pinpoint balance with lovely aromas, excellent energy and acidity, and pure sophisticated flavors.

Parduxx Red Blend:

Wine Enthusiast 94; Wine Review Online 92

Production Notes: Blend Composition: 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petite Sirah, 10% Zinfandel, 8% Petit Verdot, 8% Syrah, 2% Grenache, 2% Malbec

Winemaker Notes: This alluring Cabernet Sauvignon-driven blend draws you in with luxurious aromas of ripe red berries, cassis, violet, leather and cocoa powder. On the palate, the entry is silky and concentrated, with supple tannins framing the rich, red fruit flavors as they build to a long-lasting finish with hints of savory spice.

Production:

The 2020 growing season began with a relatively dry, mild winter followed by a dry, temperate spring, which resulted in an early April budbreak. The weather throughout spring and summer was even and warm, offering numerous clear, sun-filled days. In September, the weather turned hot, providing the grapes a final push towards optimal ripeness and flavor development. While the overall weather was exceptional for growing grapes, yielding wines with excellent structures and ripe, voluptuous flavors, the impact of the 2020 California wildfires required us to be exacting in our grape selection process, excluding any fruit that did not meet our standards. As a result, while our overall yields were down in 2020, we are extremely proud of the lush, opulent wines that we were able to craft from this vintage.

OBBLIGATO CLUB WINE

Editor's Note: Knowing that Brian Mason is a super, super fan of Barry Manilow, Deirdre & Mark LeMire could not resist dipping into their stash for two more bottles of wine. These are from Barry Manilow's wine brand, Obligato Napa Valley. Proceeds support the Manilow music project. Drink these bottles and you too will be able to write the songs that make the whole world sing! And, no doubt, Reverend Mason will sing along! **Minimum bid: \$65.**

More for the oenophiles:

CSWY - 2020 Pinot Noir – Santa Barbara County (Market Price: \$45.00)

Guaranteed to put a smile on your face. Featuring bright fruit flavors of strawberry, leading to a well-rounded mouthfeel on the mid-palate, and with soft, velvety tannins on a long, elegant finish. CSWY will have you singing along glass after glass. This Pinot Noir experiences a lengthy and cool growing season that is similar to the climate of the Burgundy region of east-central France. Unlike Burgundy, our Pinot Noir experiences dense fog that rolls in off the Pacific Ocean; this fog contributes to the ideal climate for Pinot Noir, offering just enough moisture to be beneficial without lingering too long. This Pinot Noir has aromas of cherries, raspberries, blackberries, and brown sugar with notes of baking spices. On the palate, the wine opens with bright, fruit flavors of strawberries, leading to a round mouthfeel on the mid-palate and soft, velvety tannins on a long, elegant finish.

Yellow Feather - 2018 Chardonnay - Russian River Valley (Market Price: \$45.00)

Yellow Feather Chardonnay! Like music and passion, this wine will never go out of fashion. Hailing from the cool and foggy climate for the Russian River Valley in Sonoma County, this beautiful medium-bodied wine was grown slowly to build intense flavors over time. This wine was aged in French oak and displays a beautiful balance of fruit, oak and liveliness on the palate and exhibits lush mango and toasted almond. Balanced fruit with tart acidity makes this wine a classic example of Premium Russian River Chardonnay.

GOODS - JEWELRY AND ART

TWO 14.5 X 14.5 INCH STAINED GLASS HANGING PANELS

Donated by Loretta Ulmschneider and Anita Stahl in honor of late long-time UU member Barb Seegert, who hung these panels in her Garfield Avenue home. One panel in red, blue, green, and yellow rectangles and squares, the other in varied colors of squares. **Minimum bid \$50 each.**

HAND-CRAFTED BEADED NECKLACE AND EARRINGS

Made with love by Evelyn Studer, the pendant and chain are made of turquoise, copper, and silver colored beads in a vase shape, surrounding a white moon-face shape. 2.5" x 1.5". The earrings are of the same beads and are diamond shaped. Offered by Loretta Ulmschneider. **Minimum Bid: \$40.**

NORWEGIAN FOLK ART CHALK DRAWING

Brought to the area by a Norwegian exchange teacher in the mid-eighties, this fun drawing is 16" x 14.5". It depicts with humorous caricature the timeless "woman wronged by her man" struggle. Offered by Sue Miller. **Minimum Bid: \$35.**

OIL ON BOARD SAILBOATS PAINTING

Painted by longtime Wausau resident Pat Bowers, who was also a summer member of the Door County artist colony, this 20" x 15" oil on board painting is framed in his iconic style. Offered by Sue Miller. **Minimum bid: \$50.**

4 SEASONS DOOR COUNTY PRINT BY RUTH WEDGWOOD PHILIPON

This 19" x 19" embossed, hand-tinted print is in a technique developed by the artist in Door County in the 1960s and 1970s. Offered by Sue Miller. **Minimum bid: \$60.**

44.5" X 26" NAUTICAL TAPESTRY

This lovely piece was purchased in an antique shop in Portland, Oregon in the mid-1980s. Offered by Sue Miller. **Minimum bid: \$70.**

CRASHING WAVES WATERCOLOR

Painted by Festival of the Arts artist Catherine Hintz, this 25.5" x 21.5' original watercolor is a vibrant depiction of crashing waves. Offered by Sue Miller. **Minimum bid: \$35.**

BIRTHPLACE OF THE JAZZ POSTER

25.25" x 19.25" framed Luttrell II poster from 1981. Offered by Sue Miller. **Minimum bid: \$50.**

CARNIVAL PEN AND INK DRAWING

14.5" x 12" framed signed and numbered pen and ink print depicting the carnivals of New Orleans. Artist is Rosalie Wippli ?. Offered by Sue Miller. **Minimum bid: \$35.**

NEW ORLEANS ROYAL STREET PRINT

This 21.5" x 17.5" vintage 1950s print from a pen and ink by well-known NOLA artist Malcolm Paul Newman is titled "Lacy Balconies" and depicts New Orleans' Royal Street. Offered by Sue Miller. **Minimum bid: \$40.**

TAUPE TONES PIERCED EARRINGS

Accent your taupe, brown, black, gray or white outfits with these beautiful earrings. Donated by Sally Schmidt. **Minimum bid: \$10.**

SHADES OF BLUE PIERCED EARRINGS

These lovely blue-toned oval pierced earrings will flatter your coordinating outfits and bring lots of oohs and aahs from your friends! Donated by Sally Schmidt. **Minimum bid: \$10.**

BLACK WITH WHITE PIERCED EARRINGS

You can never have too many earrings to wear with black! Donated by Sally Schmidt. **Minimum bid: \$10.**

BROWN SWIRL PIERCED EARRINGS

The unique swirl design makes these a special addition to your earring collection. Donated by Sally Schmidt. **Minimum bid: \$10.**

GOLD-TONE DANGLY PIERCED EARRINGS

These fun gold-tone dangly earrings will be a great addition to your jewelry box. Donated by Sally Schmidt. **Minimum bid: \$10.**

MULTI-COLORED BEADED NECKLACE AND BRACELET

This lovely multi-colored necklace and bracelet set will go with so many colors in your closet. Add it to your jewelry collection now! Donated by Sally Schmidt. **Minimum bid: \$10**

GRAY AND WHITE PEARL-TONE BRACELET AND EARRINGS

This gray and white pearl-tone, with bronze accents, earring and bracelet set would be a great gift or a nice addition to your own jewelry box. Donated by Sally Schmidt. **Minimum bid: \$10**

FRAMED MONET POSTER—SEASIDE VIEW

Enjoy this framed 33" x 36" poster of a print by Claude Monet of a beautiful seaside view. Donated by Marsha Fitzgerald. Approximate value: \$140.

FRAMED MONET POSTER—POPPIES FIELD

This is a beautiful framed poster print, 26" x 38", of one of Claude Monet's favorite subjects, poppies. Donated by Marsha Fitzgerald. Approximate value: \$100.

EGYPTIAN ARTWORK

Enjoy this framed, hand-painted, pair of Egyptian geese, on papyrus parchment. Donated by Dick and Barb Lepinski. It was gifted to them by a friend who traveled to Egypt. Recommended minimum bid: \$20.

UU JEWELRY - EARRINGS

One pair of hammered Sterling Silver Chalice UU earrings. They are hung on a pair of silver leverbacks. The design is the older UU style with the double halo of light encircling the chalice. These custom earrings are handmade by Mary Beth Moberg (former owner/proprietor of Northwoods Goldsmith). **Minimum bid: \$75.00.**

UU JEWELRY - BRACELET

This is Mary Beth Moberg's brand new design of her custom "UNITARIAN" bracelet. It is made from Sterling Silver and is on an adjustable sliding chain that fits all size wrists and is extremely flexible ... just like a UU! **Minimum bid: \$75.00.**

Well, folks... That's the cool stuff the auction has to offer this year.

Bring your wish list with you to the event
so you don't forget to bid on your favorite items!

We're so glad to be BACK TOGETHER AGAIN ... and able to offer a
great assortment of auction items & FUN of all sorts.

THANK YOU for generously supporting our church!

Proceeds from our 2024 auction
will help continue the church's dynamic expansion.