

Q. I want to host a dinner but I don't have space.

A. Folks who like to cook often team with one or two others and hold the dinner party in the home with the most space. Alternatively, you can reserve Fessenden Hall at the church. Contact the church office for details on reserving space (uukent@sbcglobal.net).

If you don't know who to team up with, talk to an auction committee member. We can help pair you with a cook (if you desire to host), or a host (if you only want to cook).

Q. I won an item! How do I get it?

A. Most items at the auction event you will take home with you on the night of the auction after paying your invoice.

Services offered on specific dates will be noted on your invoice. *Mark your calendar!* Some events are far in the future, and no one will want to miss out on the fun!

Purchase reports for services will also be sent to donor(s) and purchaser(s) shortly after the event, including contact information. It is the responsibility of the donors and purchasers to coordinate redemption after the auction for the events or services offered/purchased.

Q. Finances are tight. How can I contribute to the auction and stay on a budget?


A. There are lots of inexpensive ways you can help the church raise needed funds. Some ideas 4 low or no cost:

- ☆ Donate your time! Offer leaf raking, house cleaning, or babysitting. What do you do well that others would love 4 you to do 4 them?
- ☆ Host a poetry sharing
- ☆ Coordinate a trip to places with no admission fees, e.g., museums, greenhouses, hike in the park
- ☆ Co-host a dinner event with a friend (half the cost and half the work – twice the fun!)
- ☆ Donate a themed basket, e.g. “The Art of Glass” – several items of decorative glassware packaged together.
- ☆ Donate new quality items that you no longer need e.g., new quality silver jewelry, pretty decorative pottery, a chalice, a meditation stool, small framed pictures, handmade wooden bowl, etc. Declutter your house and recycle great stuff!

Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

ANNUAL THANKS 4 GIVING AUCTION FAQS

Kountry Kent
Saturday, November 8, 2014



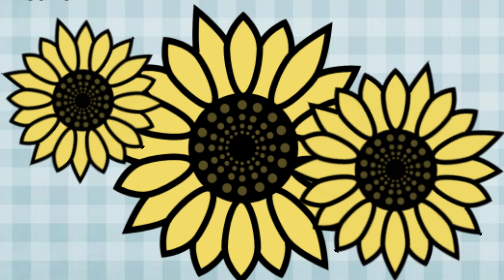
I think I'm going to donate an Acorn Dinner!

Q. What is the auction?

- A. Aside from our pledge drive, it's the biggest fundraiser 4 the running of our beloved church. It's also a really fun party and a chance to purchase neat stuff and social activities 4 the year ahead.

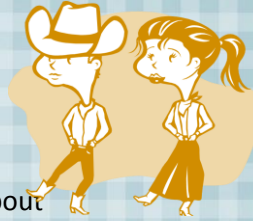
Q. What is a Silent and a Live Auction?

- A. The auction night consists of two parts. First, peruse tables of items in the silent auction. Items are bid on "silently" by writing your offer on a bid sheet. The end of bidding on each table is announced, and the highest bid wins! After the silent auction, a professional auctioneer leads the live auction for items listed in the program that doubles as your auction paddle that evening. Even 4 those not bidding on the items in the live auction, the auctioneer and emcee provide entertaining banter, and the bidding wars are great fun to watch and join. After the live auction, items you have purchased and bids you have won will be summarized on an invoice, payable that evening, with cash, check or credit card.



Q. What is new this year?

- A. We have many exciting updates to the auction planned this year. Our theme is Kountry Kent. Ask a committee member about the latest info on what's new!



Q. Sounds like fun! When and where is the auction this year?

- A. Our church doesn't have the space to contain all the wonderful items available, so the auction is held at the United Church of Christ located at 1400 East Main Street, in Kent. Mark your calendar, the auction this year is Saturday, November 8, 2014 6 p.m.

Q. I don't have much money to spend at an auction. What's in it 4 me?

- A. \$20 a person gets you great food, free child care, and a chance to meet and mingle with other members and friends of the congregation. There is a large variety of items to bid on at the auction 4 all budgets. Many people shop 4 gifts 4 family and friends.
- A. If you can't afford the cost of a ticket, consider volunteering to help out with setup, cleanup, serving, etc. We need lots of help to put on this great event. Contact Trish McLoughlin (trishmcloughlin@aol.com or 330.678.6470) 4 more details.

Q. I have an idea but I don't know how to describe it on the donation form.

- A. Don't let that stop you. We can help you with the details. Talk to Meg Milko the Auction committee chair msmeg1@gmail.com, or any of the auction committee members.

Q. How do I sign up 4 child care?

- A. When you purchase your tickets 4 the auction, there's a place on the ticket to let us know that you need child care. It's that simple. Did we mention it's free? Child care is provided on site for children through 5th grade. Added peace of mind for you and your little ones. Please bring your children's favorite activity as well as a snack for later in the evening. If you have any additional questions or concerns about child care, talk to Sandy Bowers (330.678.6673).

