

Frequently Asked Questions about CUUC's Annual Auction

Woodstock: 50!



If you are new to the congregation or have never attended an auction like ours, you may have a lot of questions. Some questions we have heard...

If I come to the auction, am I expected to spend a certain amount of money?

NO! Spend as little or as much as YOU want. You can come to the auction and just enjoy the delicious dinner, drinks and desserts, which are included in your ticket price. Or, if you want to participate on a small scale, you can spend as little as \$10-\$25 to participate in a game of chance or purchase Grab Bag tickets. Grab Bag tickets can be used to try to win all sorts of prizes - from new, custom-made jewelry to gift cards for your favorite local stores. So come and socialize with other CUUC members in a festive atmosphere, and spend as little - or as much- as you want.

I have never bid during a live auction. Do I have to do that?

NO! The live auction is just one small part of our evening. We also have a silent auction, a Bid and Bump Board for dinners, a Grab Bag table, as well as a new surprise event this year- something for everyone. BUT- if you want to give it a try, this is the place to do it- we'll help you figure it out.

Why do we hold this auction? I already made a pledge.

The annual auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year outside of the pledge drive. Pledges alone do not fully cover our budget. All the money earned from the auction is used to cover our operating expenses, including the ministers salary, the RE program, our music program, etc. Auction income funds a significant part of our operating budget.

I don't know many people at CUUC yet. Who will I sit with?

Our seating is open, in long continuous tables, with everyone mixing at each table. No one sits alone and everyone mingles and we are a really friendly group. This is a fun way to meet new people in our community!

I'm a vegetarian/vegan. Will there be something for me to eat?

We are aware of many food preferences and work diligently to accommodate vegetarians and vegans, so there will be something for everyone.

Just what is this "Bid and Bump Board" I have been hearing about?

The Bid and Bump Board is a creative and very entertaining event, which allows people to bid on dinners and other social events hosted throughout the year by our members. The events are often themed and include both casual and fancy options, with a wide range of prices. Some examples from past years include a wine tasting event, a poker night, a sunset dinner on the river, or an evening of high-cuisine from France or Italy. The best part of these dinners is that they provide more opportunities throughout the year to socialize with CUUC friends, old and new. Not sure how to bid? Look for a friendly face and we'll teach you the basics, so you can up the *bidding* price and *bump* someone off the board.

Is this event for adults only? Is childcare available?

The auction is an adults-only event. Experience has shown us that this event works best that way. However, there will be free childcare available right on-site. Advance registration is required for childcare. The auction ends around 9:30 and check out ends around 10 pm - so it's not a late night.

What can I do to help?

There are lots of ways to help!

- Make a donation – Anything big or small. Is there a service you can provide? Do you have tickets to a sporting event you can donate? A lovely piece of artwork that you'd like to pass on? Can you ask your favorite local shop for a donation? Tangible items should be valued at \$50 or higher. We love new and unique ideas, so be creative.
- Everyone can get involved. We need help with all aspects of the auction and we have all types of jobs, big and small. If you would like to get involved, even if it is just to help out with a small job the night of the auction, please let us know.

***Woodstock: 50! ~ Saturday, November 16th ~ Doors open at 5:30 ~
Tickets are \$45 if purchased by Sunday, November 10th, or \$50 at the door***

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