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Get Ready for the 2022 Live Service Auction

After a two-year COVID hiatus, Bill Harouff will once again be wielding the gavel at a live UUFW Service Auction. Older members know the fun of our live auction, and newer members may need more information about how it works.

On Sunday, November 13, we will stay after the service and a potluck lunch for the annual Service Auction, our most important fundraiser for the Fellowship. There will be an array of donated items available for purchase. Some of them are social events such as dinners, and themed parties. Others are services such as yard work and handyman help. Then there are the tangible items like baked goods, artworks, handicrafts and household items of some value.

Some of the donations will be auctioned off to the highest bidder(s). Others will be offered in a silent auction. Still others will be fixed-price activities that you can sign up for. Needless to say, the more items we can offer, the more dollars we can raise for the Fellowship.

Now is the time for all of us to be thinking about what we can donate this year. If you are new to the Service Auction, here are some tips:

- Think about the skills and abilities you have that might be of value to others.
- Consider going in with one or more partners to plan and host a social

activity. It is easier and more fun to share the work and expense.

- Think about things you can make, such as gift baskets or baked goods.
- Look around your house for quality items that you think someone would want to bid on.

Everyone will need to submit their offerings for the auction by the deadline of November 6. After that, you will be able to review the catalog of items online prior to the auction. At this point you should consider what you might want to purchase and how much you are willing to spend. Not only is the Service Auction a worthy cause, it is also a great way to enhance your social life year-round!



A Service Auction tradition is the tea offered by Sylvia Woodworth and Susan Clark. It is a feast of great goodies and warm fellowship.

A separate feature of the Service Auction is the Help Wanted list of tasks. If you have a task that you think maybe a UUFW member could lend a hand with in exchange for your payment to UUFW, send in a description of the task and the amount you will pay UUFW in exchange. Auction organizers will publicize these tasks and ask anyone willing to help with the work to contact you.

Our faithful auction organizers, Kay Yost and Nancy Lay, will be joined this year by Marilyn Nash and Nancy Trimble. What a team! Feel free to contact them with auction-related questions at auction@uufw.org. And look for updates about the Service Auction in the weekly email blasts.

New Member Spotlight



Margo and Jim Kephart retired to Staunton two and a half years ago after living their entire lives in Minnesota. They had been visiting our area for many years and decided to make the move here to escape the cold winters and be closer to their daughter, who lives in Ellicott City, MD.

The Kepharts, who have been married for 44 years, are both educators. Margo was an elementary school teacher and Jim taught industrial technology. In addition to their daughter, they have a son who lives in Omaha NE. Both children have busy careers with the Federal government.

When they moved here, the Kepharts were familiar with Unitarian Universalism but had not found a congregation in Minnesota that met their needs when the children were young. They arrived here at the same time as COVID and had not sought to engage with the community until it became safer. Margo is currently volunteering at the Courthouse in Staunton sorting and organizing historical records. Jim is looking for his next volunteer activity.

The Kepharts feel fortunate to have found UUFW and believe it will be a good fit for them. They are looking forward to getting involved in Fellowship activities.

Member News

Steve Lay had back surgery Wednesday at Augusta Health. According to Nancy, the surgery went well and did not require any hardware. He will be in the hospital probably until Saturday. Meanwhile, Nancy is scheduled for shoulder replacement surgery next week. The Lays' daughter Jennifer is here to provide support and care until Monday, and then their daughter Karen will be arriving to take over. Their son Dan is also in the area to help out. They will need our support as well in the coming weeks as they recuperate together.

