

North by Northwest Benefit & Auction



**Saturday, November 9, 2013
6:30 – 9:30 PM**

**Countryside Church
Unitarian Universalist**

North by Northwest is this year's theme for Countryside's traditional Time & Talent Auction. 100% of the proceeds from this event will go directly to four organizations nominated and selected by Countryside members to receive an outreach grant. These small organizations are helping people in transition and have been selected because our contributions can make an immediate and significant impact.

Auction proceeds will be donated to:

- [2 Li'l Fishes](#)
- [Journeys: The Road Home](#)
- [The Night Ministry](#)
- [Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants](#)

Evening Program

6:30 Doors Open

Check in and get your auction paddle

Meet our Outreach Partners

Join your Countryside friends for our North by Northwest Journey with Live Entertainment, Gourmet Hors d'Oeuvres and Drinks at the Bar Car (Cash donation requested for specialty drinks, wine and beer.)

Silent Auction Begins

- Sign up for fantastic parties and outings
- Bid on personal services, excursions and events, and unique items

Ticket sales for 50/50 Raffle – Split the Pot

7:45 pm Silent Auction Tables close

8:00 pm Live Auction – 19 Special Opportunities!
Bid with a Professional Auctioneer

8:45 pm Dessert and Coffee with Live Entertainment
50/50 Cash Raffle Drawing – Winner keeps half!

9:15 pm Guests pay bills and pick up silent auction items in the narthex

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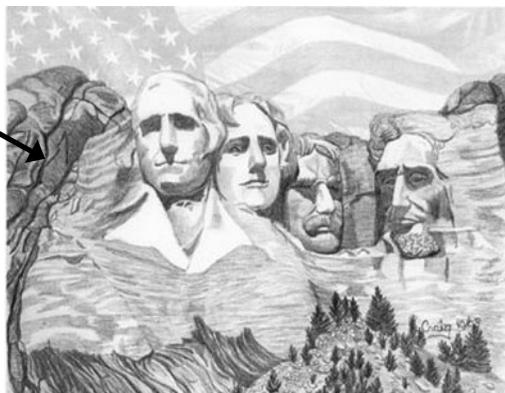
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Welcome!

From the Minister

This could
be you!



This year our desire to share our resources and serve the community will find great expression at our North by Northwest Auction. The theme chosen this year plays off our location in the Northwest suburbs and the classic movie by Alfred Hitchcock. But the scariest thing is the degree of need and suffering in the world around us. At the same time these days there are plenty of people who try to scare us with visions of cliffs and false notions of scarcity -- but we know that the best protection against rising and falling fortunes is the creation of a society of mutuality and generosity. We know that the gifts we give into the world are gifts we, ourselves, benefit from -- as our hearts open, our spirits rise. This event is an act of good faith, of service, and celebration of the ways that we can stand, speak, and share on the side of love.

North By Northwest gives all of us a chance to share at levels we can each afford in order to have a collective impact. From grand vacation spots, from dinner parties to picnic baskets, from artwork to crafts, from good books to tasty treats, there are things to fit almost every budget and even things to help you figure out your budget. You can shop for gifts or for that “procrastinated” home project.

Come and participate and I am sure that you'll find your fears shrinking as your generosity expands. By participating at a realistic level for yourself, you will have a chance to make difference in the world – and, though you probably won't get your face on Mt Rushmore – you'll enjoy a fun evening and show real leadership and faith in a new world.

Reverend Hilary Krivchenia

A special thanks

From the North by Northwest Benefit Committee

We want to extend a warm welcome to Countryside members and friends who are joining us at this year's North by Northwest Benefit and Auction.

This is the second year that all funds raised from the ever-popular Time & Talent Auction will directly support those in need in our local communities. Our outreach partners (Journeys, 2 Li'l Fishes, The Night Ministry and the Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants) were nominated and selected by Countryside members, and you will have an opportunity to say hello and learn more about their good works during the Silent Auction.

Very special thanks to:

- The dozens of Countryside members and friends who donated items and services to our auction.
- The many volunteers who have helped to make this event a success. We are especially grateful to Carol Bobbe, Tracy Boland, Lois Phillips, Bob Spielman, Lorraine LeBlond, Mark Stamm, Beth Ligouri, John Conneely, Karen Epps, Karen Greenland, Gary and Robin LaBedz, and Pat Palmer.
- Our team of pianists for providing lively entertainment during the event.
- The invaluable Laurie Lantz and Debbie Lee for their assistance along the way.

Finally, thank you to all of our Countryside members and friends for your generosity and participation.

Gratefully,

Laura Mandell and Peggy Simonsen

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Auction Rules and Instructions

Silent Auction

- Bidding will begin at 6:30 PM
- When bidding, please enter your name and bidder number on the bid sheet
- You must increase the prior bid. See auction sign-up sheets for incremental increases.
- An announcement will be made when the auction is closing
- Bid sheets will be tallied and winners circled
- Items not meeting minimum bid will be closed and used at another event
- You are encouraged to visit your desired auction items often to stay on top of the bidding process
- Please observe opening bids as noted on the bid sheets; no bid below the opening bid will be considered a legal bid

Sign Up Parties and Workshops

- Large events and parties, generally more than 10, as well as some events with six or more places have been placed on the Party Sign Up Table.
- Each party or workshop has a specified number of places/seats and donation amount with prices from \$10.
- Sign up will begin at 6:30 PM.
- Events will close at 7:45 PM or when the event/party is full, whichever is first

Live Auction

- You will receive an auction number when you check in at the beginning of the event
- Bidding will begin at approximately 8:00 PM
- The auctioneer or benefit representative has final authority over all bidding and closing
- The organizers and auctioneer reserve the right to set minimum bids on certain items and to withdraw those items if the minimums are not met

50/50 Split the Pot Raffle

- Raffle tickets will be on sale prior to the North by Northwest Benefit and Auction and on the night of the auction.
- Prices are \$5.00 per ticket or six (6) tickets for \$25.00.
- Tickets will be placed in the Raffle Box.
- Winning ticket will be drawn after the Live Auction during dessert and coffee.
- A check for 50% of the raffle sales will go home with the winner at the end of the evening.

Check Out Procedures

- Bring your paddle to the narthex and get your Statement of Account.
- Items or service certificate should be paid for and picked up the night of the Auction in the narthex.
- You may pay with cash, credit card or check payable to Countryside Church.

General

- Want to bid – but can't attend? Use a delegate bidder – find a friend to bid for you! Please ask them to obtain a separate auction number in your name.
- All items are "Sold" as is and all sales are final. No exchanges or refunds are permitted.
- Values set forth on auction items are usually less than estimated retail values.
- Winners should contact the donors to make all necessary arrangements.
- All items must be used by the date specified on the certificate and/or instructions by the donor.
- 100% of the net proceeds will be donated to the designated outreach organizations.

Live Auction Items

101 – ***Eat-It-Arian Burgundy Dinner*** - Sheryl and Venu will host a meal from resurrected memories of a female Grand Cru Vinter, a deeply troubled Michelin 3-star chef and an American stockbroker who decided on a whim to grow Bourgogne (Premier Cru). These memories will create a meal that is both French comfort (with wine 'bien sur') and worthy of conversation

Opening bid: \$50 Up to 10 guests
Date: Friday January 31, 2014
Donated by: Sheryl Skifstad and Venu Vasudevan

102 – ***Champagne Dinner with Entertainment*** - Come to enjoy a dinner with champagne, bruschetta, dinner and dessert and plan for a really fun evening with entertainment and maybe playing truth or consequences – it will be a surprise!

Opening bid: \$50 Maximum guests: 7
Date: Saturday, May 24, 2014.
Donated by: Joy Simon

103 – ***Hola! Bienvenida a Mexico!*** – Spend a day just as in an all-inclusive resort in the heart of Mexico with plenty of fun and sun. Water sports, lots of sun (we hope!) and unlimited food and drink. Starts at 1 pm and dinner is included. Bring your swimsuit and your appetite.

Opening Bid: \$50 Maximum Guests: 10 (minimum 6)
Date: Saturday, July 26, 2014 (rain date – Sunday, July 27, 2014)
Donated by: Carol and Ken Bobbe

104 – ***Fuego y Carne Dinner*** - This gastronomical event features bourbon and bacon flavors or perhaps, surprise flavors that promise to delight. Fuego y Carne will be delicious--from savory appetizer starters and aperitif to the main course and sides, and ultimately to the delectable desserts and cocktails served at this dinner event. While aspiring chef Mike Gilley will employ blow torches, fire, and smoke in the food preparation to live up to the 'Fuego' of Fuego y Carne, we may also derive 'fire' from the infamous ghost pepper, habanero, and other secret ingredients favored by Master Mixologist, Venu Vasudevan. Sous Chef and "adult supervision" will be provided by Lisa Bohne and Sheryl Skifstad to moderate Venu & Mike's firm belief in 'shoot, shoot, shoot, aim' strategies around culinary experimentation. The most interesting man in the world was quoted after winning at Le Mans: "I have not bid on a Time and Talent Auction dinner before. But when I do, I will prefer Fuego y Carne and you should too. Bid generously, my friends."

Opening bid: \$50 Maximum guests 8
Date: Saturday, June 7, 2014
Offered by: Mike Gilley and Venu Vasudevan

105 – ***Getaway to Spain*** – One week stay in a beautiful three-bedroom townhouse near the Mediterranean Sea in sunny Spain. The home is one hour south of Alicante International Airport. There is a mere five-minute drive to the beach and the home includes use of a large swimming pool. Sleeps 6.

Opening Bid: \$200

Date: Must be used between mid-December 2013 and May 31, 2014

Donated by: Nancy Klein

106 – ***Have It Your Way Catered Dinner for Six*** – Entertain and impress your friends with a fabulous catered dinner from chef Mary Janes. You choose the dinner menu, the location, the guests and the date (coordinated with Mary).

Opening bid: \$50 per guest (\$300 for 6 guests)

Date: Your choice!

Offered by: Mary Janes

107 – ***Parking Space(s)*** - Enjoy front row parking with your very own spot every Sunday morning! Reserve your space with coffee hour busier than ever! Two parking spaces are available – going to the two highest bidders.

Opening Bid: \$350

108 – ***Luxury Getaway at The Roost Bed and Breakfast*** - Located in a quiet residential neighborhood in Appleton, Wisconsin, The Roost features comfortable, contemporary suites equipped with gas fireplaces, air-jet whirlpool tubs, private baths, and other amenities. Enjoy a delicious home-cooked breakfast in the dining room. The Roost's central Wisconsin location offers quick access to a variety of attractions. The Roost is highly rated B& B on TripAdvisor! 1 night free and the 2nd night at half price (\$65 to \$105 + WI tax depending upon the room selected). Up to \$300 value.

Opening bid: \$125

Offered by: Dan and Angelina Huntsha

109 – ***Sustainability Field Trip to Golden Oaks Dairy*** – Want to know where your food comes from? This is a unique opportunity to learn about sustainable dairy farming practices up close. Hosts Tom Patterson and his wife will show how the farm converts the nutrients in food scraps, yard waste and manure into valuable compost Organimix. Laura and her colleague, former herd manager at Golden Oaks in Wauconda, will provide insight into how dairy farm practices that are good for the environment, good for their neighbors, and good for their business. This is not your typical farm tour and is an educational opportunity designed for adults. It's a wagon tour so there is limited walking. Join Laura and Ken after the tour at their home for appetizers and wine.

Opening Bid: \$50 Maximum Guests: 12 (Minimum 4)

Date: Sunday, June 1, 2014 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Donated by: Laura and Ken Mandell

110 – ***Cult de Sac Progressive Dinner*** – The households of Peggy Simonsen, Jeff and Lois Phillips and Alan and Karen Greenland invite you to experience our very own CCUU ***Cult*** de sac on West Center Road. Our progressive dinner will include appetizers and cocktails at one home, move on to another abode for the main course and culminate at the third home for dessert. Join us for a short stroll in the cult de sac woods from house to house while enjoying the best in ***progressive*** cuisine! You are progressive, aren't you?

Opening Bid: \$50

Maximum Guests: 6

Date: Saturday, May 31, 2014

Donated by: Karen and Alan Greenland, Jeff and Lois Phillips, Peggy Simonsen and Richard Hooven

111 – ***Behind the Scenes at BEZ*** – Enjoy a guided tour of the WBEZ Studio at Navy Pier, led by Countryside's own Jerome McDonnell, host of WBEZ's long-running global affairs program, *Worldview*. See the studios where it all happens and hear from Jerome about the behind-the-scenes activities at the station. Then enjoy wine and cheese on the terrace overlooking Lake Michigan. You may choose to cap off your Chicago evening with dinner (not included in the auction price) on your own or with the group in one of Navy Pier's restaurants.

Opening Bid: \$50

Maximum Guests: 8

Date: Friday, June 20, 2014

Donated by: Jerome McDonnell

112 – ***Sermon Topic*** - This is your chance to present Rev. Hilary with a sermon topic. She will build on your theme to create and preach a sermon on a designated pre-arranged date. This is your chance to have our minister explore a topic or idea that you are interested in or curious about.

Opening Bid: \$100

Donated by: Reverend Hilary Krivchenia

113 – ***Decorative Wall Painting*** - Does your home need a decorative finish or mural? Professional artist Rolf Mueller will "finish" the walls of a small room, perhaps a bathroom, powder room or foyer, or one wall of a larger room. Finishes might include: sponging, ragging, stippling, fresco, stencil, strie, stamping or trompe-l'œil. This package includes design consultation services with the artist, samples or drawings submitted for approval and complete decorative finish or mural.

Opening Bid: \$150

\$1,000 value

Donated by: Rolf Mueller

114 – ***White Nights, an Evening in St. Petersburg***- Cruise along the Neva River and visit the Hermitage to experience a taste of old Russia. Experience the professional grace of the Berrys and Gordons in the warmth of UU hospitality. From your first sip of vodka to your last crumb of Ptichie Moloko (Birds' Milk Cake), you'll be treated like a Czar - before the revolution! Feel the icy cold of Dr. Zhivago as you are transported to another place.

Opening Bid: \$50

Maximum Guests: 8

Date: Saturday, February 8, 2014

Donated by: Mike and Linda Berry & Wayne and Susan Gordon

207 – ***The Art of Zen Tangles - A Drawing Workshop*** – Zen Tangling is a popular form of drawing that's fun and relaxing. Janet will teach you how to draw several tangle patterns and encourage you to add your own creative twists as well. For ages 8 and up.

Donation: \$20

Maximum Guests: 10 (Minimum 4)

Date: Saturday, February 1, 2014

Donated by: Janet McDonnell

208 – ***Windows 7, Gmail and Chrome*** – Tips and tricks to understand the new connected world.

Ninety minute sessions in Atherton Hall – bring your laptop

Donation: \$15

Maximum Guests: 20 (Minimum 1)

Date: TBD (2 sessions)

Donated by: Ken Sepos

209 – ***Pottery Making Party*** – Enjoy a 2 hour wet clay hand-building party. The party includes instruction on a finished piece, glazing and kiln-firing. Learn to create your own chalice! Snacks provided. BYOB.

Donation: \$15

Maximum Guests: 8 (Minimum 6)

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2014

Donated by: Christa Cruz

210 – ***Learning Different Styles – What Every Parent Should Know*** – Experience your favored learning style and become more informed about the styles of your children. Discover how to better help and support them with their school projects and homework. Participants will hunch their own favored style, examine the research on student style preferences and discuss strategies for helping students become more complete learners.

Donation: \$15

Maximum Guests: none (Minimum 10)

Date: TBD

Donated by: Bernice McCarthy

211 – ***Bollywood Dance Class*** – Dance to the tune of *Jai Ho* from the Oscar-winning movie, *Slumdog Millionaire*. Beginner, intermediate and advanced all welcomed. Two hour class

Donation: \$15

Maximum Guests: 12 (Minimum 6)

Date: Sunday, January 19, 2014

Donated by: Pratik Mantora

313 – ***Lunch at the Garden with the Gates*** – Two guests may join Paul and Sue Gates for a springtime trip to the Chicago Botanic Garden to “tiptoe through the tulips” and enjoy lunch in the Café. Bring your camera! Date to be arranged in May or June, 2014.

Minimum Bid: \$15

Donated by: Paul and Sue Gates

314 – ***October Outing at the Arboretum*** – Two guests are invited to join Paul and Sue Gates for a colorful autumn outing to the Morton Arboretum. Stroll among the scarecrows and enjoy lunch in the Gingko Café. Cameras recommended! Date to be arranged in mid to late October, 2014.

Minimum Bid: \$15

Donated by: Paul and Sue Gates

315 – ***Yoga Classes*** – Gift certificate good for three classes at this downtown Arlington Heights ‘boutique’ yoga studio that focuses on the welfare of the student and the community. Offers more than 30 classes a week, yoga poses are taught with careful therapeutic alignment by experienced teachers. Philosophy focuses on holistic health, no judgment, no intimidation! \$45 value

Minimum Bid: \$15

Donated by: Pulsation Yoga Studio

315 – ***Excursion to DEVON AVENUE in Chicago*** – We will visit Sari Fabric stores, grocery store with exotic vegetables, stop for an Indian snack and generally explore what looks interesting. It is one of Chicago's most exciting streets and has been featured in Chicago Magazine. Carpooling from CCUU will be available. Any food purchased on the tour will be dutch treat.

Minimum Bid: \$15

Donated by: Judy Thornber

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Personal Services

401- 402 – ***Portrait Drawing*** – Graphite, black and white, 11x14, including frame! Christmas gift? Portrait of a child for her grandparents? Even your dog, if he will sit still! \$75 value
Minimum Bid: \$50
Donated by: Kat McDonald

403-404-405 – ***De-cluttering*** – Overwhelmed by STUFF? Let me work with you to sort through your clutter. I'll take away the donations and we'll share a libation to celebrate your newly cleared space! \$100 value
Minimum Bid: \$30
Donated by: Lois Phillips

406 - 407 – ***Pet Sitting*** – Up to one week (7 days) tender, loving care for cats. Depending on the situation, I may be willing to care for a pet in my home. \$105 value. Offered twice.
Minimum Bid: \$50
Donated by: Kathi Wise

408-409-410-411 – ***Horary Astrology Reading*** – Horary astrology is an ancient branch of astrology that is predictive in nature, used to answer important questions on jobs, relationships, choices, etc. Professionals peg the accuracy rate at about 85%. *Offered four times.*
Opening Bid: \$30
Donated by: Greg Blus

412 - 413 – ***Tax Return Preparation*** – Tired of doing your own taxes? The owner of B.T. Bryan Accounting offers her professional services to complete your personal 2013 tax return. Value: \$250
Offered twice.
Opening Bid: \$100
Donated by: Bridget Bryan Toth

414 – ***Compassionate Communication*** – Training or consultation for one person for 1 hour. Think of a situation where some coaching could improve your communication and improve the relationship.
Opening Bid: \$30
Donated by: Vid Axel

415 - 416 – ***Foot Reflexology*** – A 45 minute foot reflexology session. More than a simple foot massage, this treatment allows the body to adjust and rebalance itself during stressful periods. This technique improves circulation, eliminates headaches, promotes relaxation. \$65 value *Offered twice.*
Opening bid: \$35
Donated by: A Journey to Health/Denise Sepos, L.M.T.

417 – ***Countryside Limousine*** – Chauffeur Art will provide one round trip from your home to O'Hare or local trip. Two hour maximum travel. Capacity for up to 6 people and luggage. Value up to \$90
Opening Bid: \$40
Donated by: Art Paton

- 418 - 419 – **Electrical Installations** – 2 hours of electrical service in your home-fixtures, fans, repairs. Offered twice.
Opening Bid: \$50
Donated by: Art Paton
- 420 - 421 – **Model Train Repairs** – Get that old train running again-parts, service, cleaning. Two hours, offered two times.
Opening Bid: \$30
Donated by: Art Paton
- 422 – **Plumbing Fixture Installation** – Get Art to help you stop that leaky faucet or toilet (minor repairs) or install new fixtures. 2 hours.
Opening Bid: \$30
Offered by: Art Paton
- 423 – **Room Painting or Deck Staining** – You provide the painting supplies, we provide the labor, ladder and dropcloths. \$85-100 value.
Opening Bid: \$50
Donated by: Greg Sweigert and Son
- 424 – **Computer Tutoring** – Improve your skills on any software, Microsoft Office Suite, general computing, Windows, or the Internet. Two-hour session.
Opening Bid: \$30
Donated by: Dan Huntsha and the 20-30 Something Group
- 425-426-427-428 – **Airport Rides** – Friendly taxi service up to 30 miles. Offered four times.
Opening Bid: \$20
Donated by: Raymond Yee
- 429 – **Carpentry Services** – Benefit from four hours of the services of a licensed and insured carpenter. Replace a storm door, insulate your windows or complete an important household project!
Minimum Bid: \$80
Donated by: Steven Ratajczyk
- 430- 431 – **Relaxing Massage** – One hour massage at any Massage Envy facility. Your choice of type of massage. \$100 value *Offered twice*.
Opening Bid: \$40
Donated by: Judy Ball
- 432-433-434 – **Gong Meditation** – Relax in your own home or place of your choosing with your own private gong meditation. Elizabeth Vesto will bring her 32 inch symphonic gong to atune your energy as well as clear and relax your mind. Sounds move through our bodies and have a tremendous impact on our energy and our outlook. Invite your friends along or have a private gong bath for yourself. For one or more participants. *Offered three times*.
Opening Bid: \$30
Offered by: Elizabeth Vesto

435 – **Spring Yard Clean-up** – Get two hours help with your yard, or consider donating to an elderly neighbor. Great “Green” Christmas gift!

Opening Bid: \$40

Donated by Navigators USA, Chapter 30.

436-437-438-439-440 – **Psychological Evaluation** – An evaluation to determine the appropriateness of treatment with Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS), an FDA approved treatment for depression. Offered by a credentialed Doctor of Psychology. *Offered five times.*

Opening Bid: \$50

Offered by Brian Richardson, Psy D.

441 – **Seasonal Gift Wrapping** – Get your gifts all wrapped up in time for the holidays. Up to 3 hours of gift wrapping service. I’ll provide the wrapping paper. Redeem by December 15. *Offered twice.*

Opening Bid: \$20

Offered by: Marty Farrington

442 – **Recorded Voice Mail Message** – Have your outgoing voicemail message recorded by Vid Axel in his own mellow voice, or as a created character.

Opening Bid: \$15

443-444-445 – **Genealogy Research** – Focus of this research is your choice of tracing a single ancestor in depth, a whole generation of one family unit, or one familial line through the generations. Research must be on adults prior to 1940 in the US, Canada, the UK or Western Europe. You will receive a binder including the research and any documentation found (census records, vital records, photographs, headstone rubbings, etc.) and a family pedigree chart showing the lineage. \$150 value *Offered three times.*

Opening Bid: \$50

Donated by: Angelina Huntsha

446-447-448-449 – **Hogwarts House Banners**-Create the magic of Hogwarts in your home with your very own house banner! Whether they are a bold Gryffindor, a hard-working Hufflepuff, a learned Ravenclaw, or a cunning Slytherin, your kids will want a banner of their own. Hand-painted by CCUU resident artist Janet McDonnell, these works of art will bring a bit of Hogwarts to your Harry Potter fans!

Opening bid: \$30

Donated by: Janet McDonnell

Silent Auction
Hand crafted, Unique Items, and Food

501 - 502 – **Pebble Vases** – Beautiful high quality, handmade, natural stone pots made in Indonesia. Choice of different lovely shapes.

Opening bid: \$25

Donated by Joy Simon

503-504 – **Book of Humorous Quotes in Hand Calligraphy** – This beautiful custom-made book will be filled with humorous quotes.

Opening bid: \$20

Donated by: Sharon Wiseman

505-506 – **Cubs Vintage Baseball Card Poster and Baseball Cards** – Poster displaying 81 vintage baseball cards that were used on the season tickets for 2013. Limited edition for season ticket holders. Also a pack of 20 cards showing some of these players. Value: \$40, but not available elsewhere. *Offered twice.*

Minimum Bid: \$20

Donated by: Greg Blus

507-508-509 – **Necklace and Earrings** – Three necklaces with matching earrings. Handmade by the Senior Minister and perfect for special occasions or as gifts with some special bling. Value \$45 each.

Opening bid: \$20

Donated by: Hilary Krivchenia

510-511 – **Desk-top Calendar for 2014** Featuring UU quotes and photos taken around Countryside Church.

Opening bid: \$10

Donated by: Laurie Lantz

512 – **Hand-crafted Cutting Board** – Elaborate multi-wood design.

Opening bid: \$25

Donated by: Sheryl Skifstad

513-514-515-516 – **Jewelry and Mementos** – Treasures collected during a lifetime of world travel, ranging from places as remote as Easter Island, to as familiar as the Vatican, and from the Equator to the Polar Circle.

Opening bid: \$20-\$30

Donated by: Marty Atherton

517-518-519-520 – **Jewelry from Lee** – Own some lovely pieces Lee Stokes has donated for your enjoyment. Several items will appeal to men.

Opening bid: \$20-\$30

Donated by: Lee Stokes

521 – **UU Books** – Basket of five books from the Unitarian Universalist Bookstore. Variety of titles you will want to read, including: *A place at the table - a journey to rediscover the real Jesus* by William J Elliot, *Awakening the Should - a book of daily devotions* by John C. Morgan, *The Seasoned Soul - reflections on growing older* by Eliza Blanchard, *Life Craft - the art of meaning in the everyday* - by Forrest Church, *Inner work - using dreams & active imagination for personal growth* - by Robert A Johnson, plus a Gift certificate for \$30 and assorted tea bags for a cozy winter evening read. Retail value about \$100

Opening Bid: \$50

Donated by Study Ministry

522 – **Farmer’s Market Basket** – I’ll bring the bounty of my favorite farms to you! You’ll savor quality artisanal cheeses, a whole chicken ready to roast from Hasselman Family Farm, treats from River Valley Ranch and Kitchens, and your choice of super warm and comfy alpaca mittens or hiking socks. Value \$80

Opening bid: \$40

Donated by: Laura Mandell

523 – **Three Soup and Bread Meals** – Enjoy home-cooked meals three times over the cold winter months. Choose from a variety of soups, including vegetarian, to enjoy in the comfort of your own home.

Opening bid: \$35

Donated by: Donna Calwas

524 – **Homemade organic soup** – Enjoy three quarts of soup made from-scratch. Take delivery all at once or in three batches. Any dietary preferences will be honored.

Opening Bid: \$25

Donated by: Margaret Myren

525 – **Homemade Fudge** - Two pounds of yummy fudge.

Opening bid: \$25

Donated by: Debbie Lee

526 – **Homemade Cinnamon Friendship Bread**- Four loaves that you’ll love!

Opening bid: \$25

Donated by: Debbie Lee

527 – **Pottery Chalice**-Handmade chalice to continue the UU tradition in your home.

Opening bid: \$15

Donated by: Christa Cruz

528-529 – **Hand knit sweaters**- Lovely cable knit pullover sweaters, hand knit by an award-winning artist. One pink, one red. Adult medium size. Great gift idea! \$80 value

Opening bid: \$40

Donated by: Gloria Kinney

534 – **Acclaimed Wine Selection** – Four bottles of Beaulieu Wine from the Napa/Rutherford Region. Two are the highly acclaimed BV Tapestry-a Meritage wine, one bottle each from the 2008 and 2009 vintages. These each have a retail value of around \$60, and each scored a 91 from the Wine Spectator and Robert Parker. To round out the selection, there will be a bottle of 2009 BV Cab (\$25 value) and a 2009 BV Beaurouge (a new BV blend of 7 grapes, including some Zin for spice), value \$30. \$175 total value

Minimum bid: \$75

Offered by: Matt Myren

Key Dates

| <u>Item No.</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-----------------|--|---|
| | <u>JANUARY</u> | |
| 118 | A Night in Casablanca | Saturday, January 11, 2014 |
| 211 | Bollywood Dance Class | Sunday, January 19, 2014 |
| 101 | Eat-It-Arian Burgundy Dinner | Friday January 31, 2014 |
| | <u>FEBRUARY</u> | |
| 207 | The Art of Zen Tangles | Saturday, February 1, 2014 |
| 114 | Nights, an Evening in St. Petersburg | Saturday, February 8, 2014 |
| 209 | Pottery Making Party | Sunday, February 23, 2014 |
| | <u>MARCH</u> | |
| 116 | Cajun Dinner | Saturday, March 1, 2014 |
| 115 | North by Northwest Brewery Tour | Friday, March 28, 2014 |
| 119 | From the Shores of Eastern Canada | Saturday, March 29, 2014 |
| 201 | Annual Pajama Party | Saturday, March 29, 2014 |
| | <u>APRIL</u> | |
| 117 | Pairing Wine with Dinner | Saturday, April 26, 2014 |
| | <u>MAY</u> | |
| 205 | English Afternoon Tea | Sunday, May 4, 2014 |
| 204 | Woodland Wildflower Yard Walk and Luncheon | Saturday, May 17 |
| 102 | Champagne Dinner with Entertainment | Saturday, May 24, 2014 |
| 110 | Cult de Sac Progressive Dinner | Saturday, May 31, 2014 |
| | <u>JUNE</u> | |
| 109 | Sustainability Field Trip to Golden Oaks Dairy | Sunday June 1, 2014 |
| 104 | Fuego y Carne Dinner | Saturday, June 7, 2014 |
| 111 | Behind the Scenes at BEZ | Friday, June 20, 2014 |
| | <u>JULY</u> | |
| 203 | Lunch in Gloria's Glorious Gardens | Saturday, July 12, 2014 |
| 103 | Hola! Bienvenida a Mexico! | Saturday, July 26, 2014 (rain date – Sunday, July 27, 2014) |