



# 2026 UUCWC Online Auction

May 2 – May 9  
**OVERVIEW**

What's it all about? Maybe you're new to UUCWC or have not yet participated in our annual auction, the largest fundraiser of the church year. Church members make the auction a successful event with their generous contributions and energetic bidding!

**This primer will give you an overview of:**

- **Why we hold the auction**
- **When the auction occurs**
- **How you can participate.**

**The auction helps us make connections and builds community.**

Many auction items give members and friends a chance to share meals, participate in events, provide a skilled service to one another, and get to know each other better throughout the year. This is a great way to become more connected to our church community.

**The auction raises money.**

For many years, proceeds from the auction have provided about 10% of the annual operating budget of the church. Auction revenue is a vital part of the current budget 2025 – 2026, allowing UUCWC to continue to offer great programs and community outreach. 50% of auction surplus proceeds (over the budgeted amount) will go to social justice programs.

**When is the auction?**

Here are some important dates to put on your calendar:

**March 30: Contribution deadline.**

See contribution form on the church website, Giving Page, Auction section. The auction succeeds when everyone participates. So please consider donating a meal, event, service, or item, such as a gift card to one of your favorite local businesses. Talk to an auction team member for ideas or click on the form on the website Auction page.

**April 19: Auction book is distributed at church.**

It is also posted online on the website Auction page.

**May 1: Kick-off Party & Preview** Join us for food, beverages & entertainment with a chance to preview the physical items being offered for Fixed Price purchase or Competitive Bidding. Door Prize and Raffle baskets available, as well as our unique BoUUtique!

**May 2: Bidding and purchasing is open at 9:00 a.m.**

There will be fixed priced items for immediate purchase. Each fixed price item is a separate purchase and is paid for separately. *Note: this purchase procedure differs from online catalogue shopping where you can "fill a cart" with multiple items. Check your email for a confirmation/receipt of your purchase of a fixed priced item.* You may also start bidding on other items shown in the competitive bidding items with categories such as Items, Services, and Gift Cards.

**May 9: Final bidding opportunities!** Bidding closes at 9:00 p.m.

**Questions? Want to volunteer? Contact the Auction Team CoChairs: Barbara Drew, Lori O'Neil, Jayme Trott and Marcia Wittmann at [auction@uucwc.org](mailto:auction@uucwc.org)**