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SUNDAY SERVICES

October Monthly Theme: **Courage**

October 1: "Tzedakah" Working to fix the school-to-deportation pipeline through generosity and justice. (Tzedakah means "the practice of generosity and justice.") The speaker is Irma Solis, J.D., the chapter director for the New York Civil Liberties Union, Suffolk County chapter. Isabella on piano; Rev. Jude as liturgist



* Join Irma after the service for an update on local anti-immigrant realities and what you can do to help.

October 8: "A Softer Strength" Strength is more than mythical deeds; it's also the softer, challenging work of building relationships with authenticity. What does "ordinary courage" mean as a diverse people of faith? Greta Seidohl, student minister, preaching; choir singing

* *Second Sunday Potluck after the service*

October 15: "Being Small, in a Big World" Join us for this multigenerational family-friendly service that looks at how we can live into a world that seems so much larger than ourselves. Rev. Jude preaching; Isabella on piano

October 22: United Nations Sunday Each year, our Fellowship celebrates our widespread commitments to the work of peace and international affairs. Rev. Jude preaching; Isabella on piano

October 29: "Living past Fear" Courage sometimes is a wellspring we draw upon to live past the things we have no control over. Life calls us forward, for as long as we are given. Rev. Jude preaching; choir singing; All Souls observed

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***SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK**
October 8
AFTER THE SERVICE



"SPLIT THE PLATE" SEPTEMBER

"Every Child Is Our Child"
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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Happy October, Fellowship! This year we have the joy, and privilege, of being a teaching congregation. For the next two years, we'll be working with Greta Seidohl as our ministerial intern. In future Beacons, Greta and I will be taking turns writing the ministerial column. The words that follow below are from Greta. Welcome! ~ *Warmly, Rev. Jude*



MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTERIAL INTERN

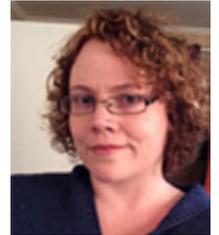
I am grateful to be serving and learning at UUFH as a ministerial intern and I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you a bit about myself. Born and raised in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan (da U.P.), I have also called Boulder CO, Brooklyn, NY, Alameda, CA, and Appleton, WI home. My free time is filled exploring with my dog or playing board games with friends. I am accompanied on this journey by my partner and husband, Ertz Seidohl, who works as a software engineer in Manhattan. Alongside my internship, I am in my second year of study towards my Masters of Divinity at Meadville Lombard Theological School, a UU identity school based in Chicago. If you'd

like to read more, visit <http://greta.seidohl.com> I am looking forward to the unfolding blessings of our time together and I appreciate your patience while I learn names. ~ *Warmly, Greta Seidohl*

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Living into Covenant – Some Thoughts on Courage

Ours is a covenantal faith. The promises we make one another about how we will be together in community is sacred. Our covenant between ourselves and other congregations in the Unitarian Universalist Association is a promise of connection and mutuality. Every year at this time religious education classes, committees and congregations in our denomination create or review their covenants. At our best, these help us live into the fullness of who we might be as UUs. In this fullness, we move as a community; creating a “we” culture together.



Covenant is messy stuff. Let's just get that right out front. It is not a state of being in which one can either be “in” or “out” of covenant. No, it's more than that. Covenant is something we live into. It requires us to center our relationships with one another as a primary importance. It means being vulnerable to one another. It means choosing the relationship and mutual interest and connection over being right. It means diving into hard conversations when it's much easier to just avoid one another. It requires courage.

We often say that a covenant is a living document to indicate that we can revisit promises made as a community and change them if need be. While this is true, I like to think of the covenant as alive in a different way. Covenant is the space where you and I meet in a whole-hearted engagement. It comes to life when we lean in, not away, toward one another. It breathes in the space where compromise and forgiveness reside— in the heart. ~ *In Faith, Starr Austin, Director of Lifespan Religious Education*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We're well into fall and a new Fellowship year as you read this, and so many exciting things are happening! We have a wonderful new intern (have you met Greta?), a new parking lot, new landscaping, new carpet in the main hall and new events and fundraisers being planned—see you at the LI Fall Festival, the Pumpkin Patch and the Halloween and Psychic Faire! The Social Justice Committee also has a series of events and volunteer opportunities coming up in October supporting immigrant advocacy. Committees are meeting and making plans.

Of course, we also face some challenges. Due to our budget constraints, our Communications Specialist, Bridgette Nicolini, will be responsible only for website updates and maintenance as of the end of October. All other Communications functions will be handled by volunteers. The Board of Trustees is very grateful to Bridgette for her tireless work, professionalism and enthusiasm over the past few years.

Please note, the Communications team is still currently in need of volunteers to handle some of the tasks that Bridgette has been doing. These include:

1. Drafting and sending out eblasts for Thoughts & Prayers, weather closings, annual congregational meetings and special events like the Auction
2. Coordinating and sending out the weekly Flash—this job can be rotated among several volunteers
3. Coordinating and sending out The Beacon—this job can also be rotated
4. Social media postings and monitoring UUFH’s Facebook and Twitter pages
5. Press releases/media postings
6. Graphic art support for flyers, posters, brochures and banners

Please contact Liza Burby (lizaburby@verizon.net), Communications chair, or Karen Mazzotta (karen.mazzotta@gmail.com), BOT liaison and vice-president, if you are interested in helping. Volunteers will be trained and it’s fun, meaningful work.

As the Communications team reorganizes:

- Committees should continue to post news items and events to the website.
- The Flash will move to a twice-monthly schedule and The Beacon will temporarily be on hiatus. In fact, this is the last Beacon until we get volunteers who can compile the monthly materials.
- Committee chairs, please be mindful that art materials such as flyers, posters and banners will need to be self-initiated; it is also possible that on occasion outside vendors will need to be used.
- **However, all UUFH materials created for public dissemination still must get final approval from the Communications team or Rev. Jude** to ensure completeness and avoid errors—and to continue the outreach standards the Communications Committee has developed over the past three years.
- Further, Facebook pages and Facebook events have to be created through the main UUFH Facebook page through an administrator on the Communications team.
- This reminds me; please remember to proofread all news submitted for publication to the website or the Flash. It’s best to ask someone else on your committee to proofread. (I think we all know that spellcheck cannot be trusted!)

Looking forward to fall and all our good work ahead. ~ *Elisa Fante*

CASTLE CARE UPDATE

Have you ever thought about who is maintaining the physical structure of our spiritual home? It is a small, but dedicated group of volunteers, some with great skills and some with just great hearts. We replace light bulbs, fix locks, paint where needed, clean the kitchen and tidy up the pantry and coat closet, just to mention a few ongoing chores. We invite anyone to elp; just a couple of hours of your time each month. Numerous tasks can be done on your own time, if Saturday mornings doesn’t work.

Our October Castle Care 2nd Saturday Shared Maintenance is being moved to the third Saturday due to the Halloween and Psychic Fair fundraiser being held October 14. So please plan to give a few hours Saturday, October 21 to help winterize our building. It is a major job to remove and store the dozen AC units we use in various offices and classrooms. We also need to turn off the outside faucets and put away hoses. And of course there are our usual maintenance jobs as well. Please plan to help October 21. We need as many hands as we can get for a few hours that morning. Contact me at 631-425-4667 so we will know we can count on you. Thanks. ~ *Susan Peters*

LEGACY FOR THE FUTURE



On Sunday, Sept. 10, the new Parking Lot was dedicated. Shown in this photo is Liza Burby, parking lot chair, receiving a certificate of appreciation for her tireless work on the four-year parking lot project. She was presented with an “honorary master’s degree in urban planning.” (L to R: Contractor Jeff Lindley, Starr Austin, DRE, Liza, Bill Hecker, Rev. Jude Geiger, and Ministerial Intern, Greta Seidohl)

That day, Legacy Committee members Bill Houck, Ann Scolnick, Marc Leopold and Bill Hecker inserted a list of names in the order of service. This list consists of all the members and friends who either gave directly to a Capital Project Fund or gave to the Endowment Fund in the past.

Since gifts from both past and present contributors made the new parking lot possible, we now recognize, honor and sincerely thank them all.

Ammerman, Jim
Apfel, Mimi

Boxwill, Helen
Brenner, Jan

Burby, Liza
Burby, Steve

Bader, Bob	Buley-Neumar, Ken	Burns, Dorothy
Baty, Madeleine	Buley-Neumar, Rich	Byrnes, Susie
Baty, Wilt	Buntschuh, Chuck	Caly, Joan
Caner, Annabel	Granelli, Peter	Lipnick, Marty
Clarke, Donald	Greene, Judy	Lipnick, Sylvia
Cohen, Brian	Hawkins, Bill	Lipsky, Fred
Cohen, Deb	Hecker, Bill	Lipsky, Shel
Corvini, Margaret	Hirst, Eric	Lyon, Ruth
Coryell, Bea	Holmes, Carol	Macfarlane, Elizabeth
DeMasi, Jack	Houck, Bill	Marra, Jean
DeMasi, Sue	Jamer, Jimmie	Martin, Dave
Dohan, Blanche	Karp, David	Martin, Florence
Donaldson, Terry	Karp, Theresa	Masur, Milt
Eckstein, Meg	Keely, Pat	Mazzotta, Karen
Emery, Prue	Keely, Van	Mazzotta, Thomas
Fante, Elisa	Klein, Dot	McGovern, Sue
Feigin, Andy	Klein, Marc	McGullum, Peter
Fresenius, Philip	Knight, Don	McWade, Frank
Frevert, Natalie	Koehn, Liz	McWade, Joan
Garfinkel, Sharon	Kopp-Hecker, Marilyn	Monnier, Anne
Geiger, Ann Marie	Koulias, Peggy	Monnier, Jim
Geiger, Dick	Krell, Evelyn	Muller, Dot
Geiger, Jude	Kushnick, Ginny	Musso, Bernie
Gerde, Eric	Kushnick, Marty	Nielsen, Jon
Gerde, Laura	Lauer-Bader, Michele	Nielsen, Maria
Graham, Beth	Leopold, Johanna	Norton, Bird
Graham, Joan	Leopold, Marc	Norton, Carol Ann
Granelli, Carol	Link, Alice	Nygren, Anita
Olander, Amy	Sepez, Peter	Van Roy, Johanna
Olander, Lars	Siniscalchi, Pat	Vigneau, Ed
Peters, Susan	Siniscalchi, Reba	Weaving, Diana
Pisani, Christine	Slawson, Bob	Wettengel, Melissa
Polichetti, Joanne	Slawson, Patty	Willard, Bruce
Reinauer, Don	Steere, Howard	Willard, Nikki
Ross, Spencer	Steere, Shirley	Wochinger, Bob
Sappell, Jen	Sussman, Dave	Wochinger, Mary Jane
Schmitz, Jean Marie	Sussman, Mary	Wolff, Alex
Schmitz, Tim	Swenson, Christina	Wolff, Alley
Schultze, Kim	Tebordo, Ernie	Yanuck, Barbara
Schulz, Bill	Testa, Ben	Yanuck, Scott
Scolnick, Ann	Testa, Pat	Zillmann, Cathi
Sepez, Lois	Thompson, Marcia	

If we overlooked anyone, we apologize and ask that you let one of us know. ~ *In Fellowship, Bill Hecker, for the Legacy Committee*

POSTPONEMENT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY CONVERSATION CAFÉ ON 10/27 AND 10/29

Due to the fact there are so many activities happening at the UUFH this fall (which is a very good thing!!) the Committee on Ministry has decided to postpone the Conversation Café, scheduled for Friday, Oct. 27 and Sunday, Oct. 29 until sometime early in 2018. We want these fun meetings to get adequate attention and participation and we also want all the fundraisers and workshops to get adequate attention and participation.

So please look for more information on new dates in an upcoming Beacon or Flash. In the meantime, the CoM would like to bring attention to the UUFH Congregational Covenant, as we don't feel enough congregants are aware of it. We plan on changing that fact.

Our Fellowship thrives in an atmosphere of trust, respect and cooperation.

As members and friends of this congregation, we covenant to:

- Accept responsibility for our individual acts.
- Communicate with kindness, support and sensitivity.
- Allow for vibrant discussion in which we actively listen and clarify what we hear.
- Cultivate a respect for different perspectives and opinions.
- Acknowledge human fallibility.
- Act in good faith and assume good intentions.
- Show respect, gratitude and appreciation.
- Respect confidentiality in our interactions with other congregants and as appropriate in participation in Fellowship committees and activities.
- Participate and serve with compassion and commitment.

Any questions or comments? Please speak with one of us. ~ **The Committee on Ministry is: Bob Bader, Liza Burby, Beth Feldman, Ann Scolnick, David Sussman and Nikki Willard**



FELLOWSHIP ART GALLERY – OCTOBER EXHIBIT - OCT. 1 – OCT. 30 ALL-DAY

Vince Joseph is heading our fall line-up at the Fellowship gallery with his acrylic paintings from Sept. 6-October 30 His exhibit is titled *Seeing and Imagination, Paintings in the Symbolist Tradition*. Some of you have asked about purchasing prints of his paintings. You can contact me and tell me the picture and size you were thinking of, and I'll tell you the cost before ordering for you (conwain@verizon.net). A percentage of the monies from all paintings and prints goes to the Fellowship. ~ **Connie Schwartz**

GET TO KNOW LAST LICKS CAFÉ: A LONG-STANDING MUSICAL FUNDRAISER FOR UUFH

Thirteen or years ago, a handful of Fellowshipers had an idea. The long-running Renaissance Faire, the Fellowship's biggest yearly source of income, had come to an agreed-upon end. We thought that perhaps we could start a monthly entertainment series to bring in some much-needed funds and of course, entertain ourselves. Unlike similar ventures in our area, we decided we wouldn't restrict ourselves to presenting only folk music. We decided to take baby steps and our first few offerings were filled with members from the congregation telling a story, a joke, and of course, singing and playing a tune.



In a short time, we began to offer monthly events for a nominal fee. Over the years we have featured comedy, poetry and music, rock, folk, jazz, blues, classical, world and more. We've featured nationally known artists including Cheryl Wheeler, Christine Lavin, Freedy Johnston, The Wiyos, Kim & Reggie Harris and many more, along with scores of local performers, including the beloved Queazles.

We have another great season on tap and hope you will join us. Our shows run on the fourth Saturday during the Fellowship year. Featured performers are preceded by an "open mic" at which anyone who wants can perform before an audience. We also have yummy desserts and soft drinks are available for purchase, and you can bring an adult beverage.

Our next show featuring The Michael Amendola Quartet will take place on Saturday, Oct. 28 in the main hall of the Fellowship. Michael plays jazz saxophone and has had decades of professional experience in and around New York City as a performer, composer, and arranger. The "Fourtet" plays Michael's originals as well as arrangements of classic jazz material. Joining Michael will be some of the area's finest musicians, including Tom Guarna on Guitar and Scott Neumann on drums.

Like our Facebook page, and watch The Beacon and Flash in regards to our other upcoming shows. You can also check here for the 2017-'18 schedule: <http://www.uufh.org/socialize/last-licks-cafe/>

Come support the Fellowship and enjoy a great night of live entertainment for the cost of going to the movies. ~ **Gerald Moss**

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE FOR OCTOBER ~ PROP UP THE COURAGE OF OTHERS

We all have people in our lives who inspire us with their courage. But have we ever told them? We know how important it is to have our courage noticed, so let's be sure to offer that gift to others this month. Write a letter, give a symbolic gift or treat them to lunch or coffee--whatever it is, find a way to tell someone that their bravery is seen and matters. It's said that courage is contagious. But how would one ever know that their bravery has inspired many, unless we tell them so?

LIVING OUR VALUES

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

**Bending the arc towards justice this fall.
SUPPORT IMMIGRANT RIGHTS AT OUR "SOMOS
UNIDOS" (We are united)EVENTS**

STANDING UP AGAINST HATE TRAINING, OCTOBER 1, NOON TO 2 PM

When confronted by biased remarks, how do you respond? How would you respond if you

witnessed hate-based harassment? In these times of rising hate and attacks on Black, Latino, Muslim and LGBTQ people, we cannot stand on the sidelines. During this 2-hour training presented by Irma Solis of the NYCLU Suffolk chapter and Danielle Asher of Family Leadership Network at Choice for All, you will learn how to move from being a bystander to becoming an upstander. For more information and to register to attend contact, socialjustice@uufh.org.



FRIDAY NIGHT FILM, OCTOBER 6 FROM 7-9:30 PM

Join us to view four short documentaries about issues surrounding undocumented immigrants locally and across the nation, and a conversation about DACA and detention centers for immigrants. Panelists include young DREAMers with the Long Island Immigrant Student Alliance and Michelle Caldera-Kopf from Long Island Regional Immigrant Assistance Center. Check out this link for steps we can take in the new sanctuary movement www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYrq-718ZyU. Suggested donation \$7.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, IMMIGRANT SUPPORT TRAINING 9:30AM TO 2:30 PM

From Long Island Jobs with Justice (LIJWJ): Rapid Response Network, witness accompaniment to local courts, ICE hotline, offering short-term sanctuary. \$10 donations gratefully accepted. A delicious Mexican Lunch is graciously donated by Oaxaca restaurateur Alex Gonzalez. Please register by Oct. 18 at <http://bit.ly/2wiNTUr> ~ *Diana Weaving*



DO YOU HAVE A YOUNG ADULT LIVING AWAY FROM HOME?

Every year we send care packages to our young adults who have moved away. Whether your young adult is off in the world for college, military or work – we want to remain connected! Please send their name and mailing address to Starr by Oct. 22 at dre@uufh.org. Our boxes include gifts from children and youth in RE, some materials from our adult RE programs, and notes signed by the congregation. Look for notes to sign in the social hall on Oct. 29.

THE US CONSTITUTION – A CHALLENGE FOR REVIEW

UUFH *Not Necessarily Seniors* group engaged in a timely venture with two questions regarding the U.S. Constitution during their Sept. 20 meeting. This document was created 230 years ago and continues to be studied and questioned even to this day. A helpful "Hip Hop" guide book for constitution review called *What It Says, What It Means* was used. The guide book is provided by Oxford Press with an introduction by Carolyn Kennedy.

Topics in focus and open for discussion included the Constitution beginnings in 1781, exploration of defects going back to 1786, and the challenges of dealing with concepts of "limited government" as followed by Thomas Jefferson, and the "broad-based government" as proposed by George Washington. These concepts in government are of interest even today and were sources of discussion. Also of interest was the role of government in the writing of laws, the interpretation of laws and the legal processes at the state and federal court levels.

This topic was one which could be further discussed at another NNS meeting to explore its interesting and challenging issues.
~ *Bill Hecker - NNS Coordinator*

UUFH AND THE HUNTINGTON FALL FESTIVAL

UUFH is going to have a very visible presence at the Huntington Fall Festival at Heckscher Park on Saturday, Oct. 7 and Sunday Oct. 8 from 11 am to 6 pm. If anyone was planning to visit the Festival, all of the volunteers would love to see the friendly faces of their fellow congregants. If you weren't planning on going to the Festival, well, now you have a reason to reconsider. If you want more information or can sign up to help, please email me at ralphbway@yahoo.com ~ **Ralph Taliercio**

COUNTDOWN TO THE HALLOWEEN AND PSYCHIC FAIRE OCTOBER 14 AND PUMPKIN PATCH OCTOBER 8 - 31!

As hopefully everyone knows now the Faire is only two weeks away! Make sure you have Oct. 14 on your calendar! The pumpkins will be delivered on Oct. 7. The most important things that Fellowship members can do to help are get the word out and VOLUNTEER!

First, let's tell everyone! We have lovely flyers; please take some home with you after the service. When you get your drycleaning or a quart of milk, please, bring some tape and thumbtacks and ask if you can put the flyer up in the window of the store or put it on the bulletin board. Most grocery stores have one. You can also put one in your car. Please, SHARE Facebook posts and events with your friends! Same for tweets!

Second, we need VOLUNTEERS for both the Faire and the PUMPKIN PATCH.

For the Faire on Oct. 14 we need actors for the Haunted House. Please, email gbruno@hchs.edu if you can volunteer. It will be the most fun you ever had! You must be 13 years old or older. We will be having a rehearsal on Friday the 13th! There will be two shifts on Saturday, Oct. 14, so you only need to be present for half a day. We will be having a fabulous cast party.

We also need folks on Friday, Oct. 13 to help set up and to decorate. We also need some decorations and other materials. And we need folks on Oct. 14 after the Faire to help tear down and ready the building for Sunday. During the Faire we need folks for many sit down jobs, such as taking tickets, selling chances and such. We also need folks to help keep things going, such as parking and making sure folks know where to find things.

We also need lots of people nearly every day to help sell pumpkins at the Patch! Lots of jobs for Fellowship members of all ages!

Please, drop by the Faire table after the Sunday Service to sign up and find out what's new. If you have any questions, please, call me at 631-425-0291. Thank you! ~ **Chris MacDonald**

UUFH FUNDRAISERS



PUMPKIN PATCH IS MORE THAN PUMPKINS!

Our Pumpkin Patch fundraiser begins on Oct. 7 with unloading and then it's sell, sell, sell until Halloween.

Did you know?

- * Setting up and selling a pumpkins is a great event for all ages.
- * We will be selling some beautiful gourds, mini pumpkins and mums as well.
- * You can help by sharing the flyer with friends/neighbors and bring friends down to the patch:

<http://www.uufh.org/pdfs/pumpkin-patch-flyer-8-25-17.pdf>

We still need....wagons and wheelbarrows, pop-up awnings, and YOU to help us sell. Contact me or sign up at the volunteer table after service. ~ **Amy Olander**

NEW LINE-UP OF SPOOKY AND FUN EVENTS AT THE HALLOWEEN & PSYCHIC FAIRE

Help us spread the word about our Halloween & Psychic Faire taking place Saturday, Oct. 14, from 11 am – 6 pm. Here's the great line-up of activities:

- 12pm: Creatures of the Night Animal Show
- 1pm: Special Effects Makeup Artist Demo
- 2pm: Giggles & Shivers by Storyteller Heather Forest
- 3pm: Kerriann Flanagan Brodsky, author of Ghosts of LI series
- 4pm: LI Paranormal Investigators (Ghost Hunters)
- Psychics, entertainment, food and fun for the whole family

If you are in one of the closed local community parent/mom groups around Huntington, please post the flyers for the Faire <http://uufh.org/pdfs/halloween-faire-flyer-8-25-17.pdf> and the Pumpkin Patch <http://www.uufh.org/pdfs/pumpkin-patch-flyer-8-25-17.pdf> as soon as possible. Call Sue McGovern (631-239-5638) for more information. Also, visit this page for updates: <http://www.uufh.org/fall-events>

Thank you for helping make this fundraiser a big success! ~ **Sue McGovern**



NEW FUNDRAISER: FUN AND GOOD FOOD - OCTOBER 16

Panera Bread is hosting a Fundraising event for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Huntington at 345 Main Street, Huntington, NY 11743 location on Monday, Oct. 16 between 4 pm and 8 pm. Twenty percent of sales will be donated back to UUFH. A printed flyer or an electronic version of the flyer on a mobile phone or tablet must be presented when ordering. Pick up a flier at the fellowship, contact me to have one sent to you electronically or [click here to download](#). Invite your friends by passing a flier on to them and explain how they can help support the fellowship. Panera does the work; we reap the benefit. ~ **Susan Peters**



LAST LICKS CAFÉ - OCTOBER 28, THE MICHAEL AMENDOLA FOURSJET

All shows start with open mic at 7:30 pm, followed promptly by the featured performers. Jazz music at its finest, direct from NYC, with composer-arranger Michael Amendola on sax, Carlo DeRosa on bass, Tom Guarna on guitar and Scott Neumann on drums. The Foursjet plays originals as well as arrangements of classic jazz material. **Admission for all performances are \$15/\$13 seniors-students.**



2017 SERVICES AUCTION EVENT - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6-10 PM - Dinner 6 to 7:30 - Auction 7:30 to 10

The Services Auction—which takes place **Saturday, Nov. 18 at 7:30**—has been a fall UUFH tradition since 1978. It's our social event of the year, featuring dinner, entertainment, raffles and the auction itself. Throughout the evening you can bid on parties, excursions, services, food and even your own parking space or sermon topic. You can enjoy a delicious dinner at 6 pm and fabulous desserts throughout the evening. Enter to win baskets jam-packed with gift certificates and more that each committee puts together to raffle off. And hear the talented auctioneer Jim Monnier get you to lighten your wallets.

While the Auction is always an opportunity to share a fun evening of conversation and excitement as we try to outbid each other on everything from parties to vacation homes, there is another reason for this annual event. Other than pledges, it is our single most important fundraiser. Our annual budget is counting on the Nov. 18 event to raise \$25,000. But we can't do it without you.

For this year's event on Saturday, Nov. 18, expect to have a fun time with plenty of surprises. The evening starts with dinner at 6 to 7:30. The menu contains vegetarian, gluten-free, dairy-free and low-fat/high-fat dinner selections. We cannot accommodate any walk-ins for dinner the night of the event, so be sure not to miss the chance to prepay your reservation starting Oct. 16. Adults are \$30 each; children \$10 and families \$60 maximum. There will be free beverages that night, as well as a divine dessert table and beer and wine choices for nominal fees.

But first, in order to have our usual array of exciting offerings to bid on, we need your promissory notes—what you're offering for the Auction. It can be a party, food, excursion, item, service or instruction. You can pick up a form on Sundays in the Social Hall or enter your items here: <http://www.togetherauction.com/uufh>. The deadline is Oct. 29—no exceptions. Thank you very much! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 631-549-4483, lizaburby@verizon.net or Ralph ralphbway@yahoo.com, 631-499-6686.

Committee chairs, please be sure to start arranging for your committee's basket donation to the popular raffle table. We'll need everything by Nov. 1. And if you like to bake, drop off your confections for sale at the dessert table the day of the Auction.

Meanwhile, please also send us photos of your 2016-'17 events. Email images to lizaburby@verizon.net. Want to know more about any of this information? Please give me a call. ~ **Liza Burby, Auction chair**

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