

Race to Summer

Birmingham Unitarian Church • Annual Talent & Service Fundraiser



Auction Instructions

Online Only

- Items are bid on online only.
- Bidding closes before the event — submit your maximum bid before closing time.
- These items are available for online bidding only. Bidding for these items will close at 9:00 p.m. on Friday, June 5 and will not continue during the event, so you do not need to attend in person to participate or win.

Online + Event

- Items are available online and at the event.
- Silent auction bidding continues during the event until the announced close.
- These items begin with online bidding and continue during the event through paper bidding. Online bidding will pause at 9:00 p.m. on Friday, June 5, and bidding will resume at the event using paper bid sheets. Paper bidding will close at 1 p.m. on the 6th.

Live Auction

- Items are bid during the live auction portion of the event.
- Listen for the auctioneer's instructions and bid in real time.
- These items will be auctioned live during the event. Bidding takes place in person during the live auction portion of the afternoon.

Bidding Rules & Logistics

- All bids are binding commitments to purchase.
- Winning bidders will be contacted for payment and fulfillment details.
- Please honor any date/location requirements noted in item descriptions.
- Unless otherwise specified, items are to be coordinated directly with the donor.

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ONLINE ONLY ITEMS

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Waterfall Garden Party



A Day on The Lake Saint Clair



Malaysian Dinner



Gardening



Drama Legends of Detroit



Sweet and Spicy Pecans



6 Dozen Christmas Cookies



Gingerbread House Party

2001 — Waterfall Garden Party

Dinner in a Peaceful Japanese Garden. Enjoy a relaxed Sunday dinner in Harper West’s Japanese-style garden, complete with a pond, double waterfall, and a variety of perennials and unique conifers. You can stroll the garden, socialize, or find a quiet spot on a boulder to unwind. The gathering is Sunday, June 28 at 4:00 pm, with a rain date of Sunday, July 12 at the same time. Bid to enjoy a calm summer evening while supporting a great cause.

Donor: Harper West

Value: \$25 | **Starting Bid:** \$25

Qty: 12



2002 — A Day on The Lake Saint Clair

A Day on the Water with the Hancock Family. Spend the day with the Hancock Family enjoying Windmill Pointe Park, Lake St. Clair, and the Detroit River aboard their boat "Askr." This small-group outing accommodates up to four people and can be tailored to your interests. It can be family-friendly or adult-focused, and works well for a family of four, two couples, or a group of friends. Food will match the theme you help create, and the date will be chosen together. Bid for a personalized summer outing while helping a great cause.

Donor: Gary and Marissa Hancock
Value: \$100 | **Starting Bid:** \$100
Qty: 4



2003 — Malaysian Dinner

Authentic Malaysian Dinner at Home. Shiehern and Tony welcome you for a Malaysian dinner featuring a variety of authentic dishes, with meat, fish, and vegetarian options. Tony will serve while Shiehern cooks, and beverages—both alcoholic and non-alcoholic—will be provided. Depending on the weather, dinner may be indoors or outdoors. Bid to enjoy a warm evening of good food and conversation while supporting a great cause.
Date: Saturday, July 18th

Donor: Tony and Shiehern Kubien
Value: \$50 | **Starting Bid:** \$25
Qty: 10



2004 — Gardening

Five Hours of Expert Gardening Help. A master gardener will visit your home to plan the work and then return for five hours of hands-on gardening, including weeding, planting, transplanting, and trimming bushes when appropriate. Available July through September. If more time is needed, you can discuss additional hours, with extra payments going to BUC. The property owner should be present. Bid to give your garden a boost while helping the community.

Donor: Paula Olson
Value: \$100 | **Starting Bid:** \$75
Qty: 1



2005 — Drama Legends of Detroit

Drama Legends of Detroit. Top 4 bidders will gather in an artistic setting and enjoy a behind-the-scenes glimpse of professional theater in the heart of the D including: champagne splits in the candle-lit art gallery, intimate backstage tour, and a talk on the Legends of Detroit Rep, followed by a professional stage production of the World Premiere of SPIT IN YOUR FACE.

As you can guess by its title, SPIT IN YOUR FACE is a satirical comedy-drama by Paul Heller & Alberto Lomnitz. When an idealistic American producer hires Liliana—a young Mexican American woman of indigenous descent -- to assist a fiery, radical Mexican director, he thinks he's building cultural bridges. Instead, he sets the stage for a theatrical battleground of egos and righteousness between the "anti-capitalist" producer and the "anti-colonialist" director. With Liliana caught in their crossfire, she must reclaim the narrative from the men who claim to speak for her. "We didn't have these kinds of fights in my high school theater club."

Date: Sat. evening June 27, 2026 or **Alternate date can be discussed. Most any Friday or Sat evening in November 2026 for a professional drama on the Fall DRT season.

You should arrive at 7pm for champagne & talk. Curtain time is 8:00pm. Detroit Repertory Theatre, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, MI 48238. Adjacent lighted, enclosed parking with attendant. The theatre houses a small-menu cafe & full cocktail bar with art gallery and comfortable lobby-lounge. www.detroitreptheatre.com. 313-868-1347.

Detroit Repertory Theatre began in 1957 as a children's theater touring the public schools with interracial casting in musical plays for children. Surviving the controversy and the Detroit civil unrest of the 1960's, this professional company has grown to be the leading union, indigenous arts organization in Michigan, promoting diversity, community, and democracy in the arts.

Donor: Maryl Kacir Huntington

Value: \$40 | **Starting Bid:** \$25

Qty: 4



2006 — Sweet and Spicy Pecans

One Pound of Sweet & Spicy Candied Pecans. Enjoy a pound of organic sweet and spicy candied pecans, made by Amy Smalley and delivered to BUC on Sunday, November 22—the Sunday before Thanksgiving. These pecans are great for holiday gatherings, salads, sundaes, or snacking. Bid for a tasty holiday treat while supporting the auction.

Donor: Amy Smalley

Value: \$10 | **Starting Bid:** \$10

Qty: 2



2007 — 6 dozen Christmas cookies

Six Dozen Homemade Cookies. Enjoy six dozen homemade cookies—three varieties, two dozen each—delivered on a mutually agreed date between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Cookie types will be chosen with the winning bidder. Enjoy delicious holiday treats and support BUC at the same time.

Donor: Kathy DuHame
Value: \$60 | **Starting Bid:** \$30
Qty: 1



2008 — Gingerbread House Party

Build-Your-Own Gingerbread House. Back by popular demand, this event invites adults and children to build their own gingerbread house to take home. All materials are provided, making it a fun and easy holiday activity. Bid to join a festive tradition while supporting a great cause. Date: December 12 at 10 am at BUC.

Donor: Merry Hoffmeyer
Value: Priceless | **Starting Bid:** \$25
Qty: 20



2009 — Half-Day Biking or Hiking Adventure

Enjoy a half-day biking or hiking adventure with Craig Stroup, an experienced rider and hiker. Includes pickup of one or two people (and bicycles if applicable) at the same location, transportation to and from one of the many fine biking or hiking trails in the Metro Detroit area, food and beverages for a snack, guidance along the route and (if desired) tips on single track trail riding techniques. Craig will also be prepared for any mid-ride repairs or adjustments that are required in the event of mechanical difficulties. Novice to expert welcome. If off-road is not desired, a ride on one of the paved Metropark or other trails in the area can be selected. Set a date and time to hit the trail! Date and time to be mutually arranged.

Donor: Craig Stroup
Value: Priceless | **Starting Bid:** \$40
Qty: 2



2010 — Springerle Cookie Baking Lesson

Get a head start on your Christmas cookies by learning how to form and bake springerle, traditional South German embossed cookies, featuring intricate designs pressed into dough that dries for 12–24 hours before baking to create a crisp, white, anise-flavored treat. You will see how the dough is made, then shape your own cookies to take home for baking the next day. Date to be agreed to in the months of November or December.

Donor: Drieka DeGraff
Value: \$50 | **Starting Bid:** \$20
Qty: 3



2011 — Rummikub and Pizza Party

A fun night of pizza and salad at our home in Troy, near Adams and South Boulevard, then a few rounds of Max's favorite game, Rummikub - a tile-based strategy game.

Donor: Max and Lisa Kort

Value: Priceless | **Starting Bid:** \$20

Qty: 10



2012 — Kids' Summer Send Off Mini Camp

Drop your little ones off for a fun-filled four-hour mini camp for children ages 9 and under! Saturday, August 29th from 1pm-5pm. Your child will enjoy supervised outdoor play, crafts, creative activities, and plenty of healthy snacks in a caring, nurturing environment. Pack-and-plays available for little ones who need a rest. Your hosts will be two supervising adults plus a team of certified junior babysitters — so you can enjoy a few hours of well-deserved free time knowing your child is in great hands and having a blast.

Donor: Kasey Alderete

Value: \$50 | **Starting Bid:** \$25

Qty: 10



2013 — Sizzle and Sing - Backyard cookout with karaoke and group sing-along

Skip the restaurant and head to a fun summer backyard cookout at our Dearborn Michigan home! Enjoy a freshly grilled menu featuring classic beef burgers, juicy hot dogs, and savory Impossible burgers with all the fixings. Pair your main dish with homemade potato salad, slow-baked beans, and a crisp, refreshing Middle Eastern Fattoush salad. Beverages include water, soft drinks and beer. Save room for nostalgic ice cream treats for dessert! Once the sun goes down, grab the microphone for outdoor karaoke and group sing-along amid the garden lights. Whether you want to sing a solo or sing and cheer from a lawn chair, this is the perfect night of food, music, and fellowship. Date: July 18th (rain date July 25th) Time 6:00-10:00 pm.

Donor: Shawn Rooney and Claudia Kocher

Value: \$50 | **Starting Bid:** \$30

Qty: 14



2014 — 3 Individualized Yoga Sessions

Three Individualized yoga sessions. Befriend your nervous system through working with meditation, breath, movement, and fluctuations of the mind, prompting greater self awareness and agency. We will start with a phone conversation to align our practice with your specific needs and goals. Sessions will take place at BUC or in your home at a mutually agreed upon date and time.

Donor: Susan Costakes

Value: \$450 | **Starting Bid:** \$100

Qty: 1



2015 — 6 Individualized Yoga Sessions

Six Individualized yoga sessions. Befriend your nervous system through working with meditation, breath, movement, and fluctuations of the mind, prompting greater self awareness and agency. We will start with a phone conversation to align our practice with your specific needs and goals. Sessions will take place at BUC or in your home at a mutually agreed upon date and time.

Donor: Susan Costakes

Value: \$900 | **Starting Bid:** \$250

Qty: 1



2016 — Bavarian Pretzel Making

Come to my kitchen and learn to make Bavarian Pretzels! We'll use our German family recipe, provide supplies and space, dips, and expertise. BYO favorite German beer if you'd like! Note: Dog-friendly house, but we'll put the dogs away.

Donor: Jenn Karteczka

Value: \$40 | **Starting Bid:** \$25

Qty: 10



2017 — Earth-Friendly Compost in Three Pails with Hand Trowel

Lillian will deliver three 5-gallon buckets with lids filled with "ready-to-use" Earth-friendly compost, together with a hand trowel, instructions for using compost in the home landscape, and an on-site demonstration. Home location must be within 10 miles of BUC.

Donor: Lillian Dean

Value: \$50 | **Starting Bid:** \$20

Qty: 1



2018 — Dream Up Your Own Ice Cream Flavor

Tanya loves coming up with unique ice cream flavors with fun add-ins. It's your turn to dream up your own ice cream flavor. What flavor would be your base - chocolate, vanilla, triple spice (Tanya's specialty), strawberry...? What add-ins would you want? Dream big! Get a quart of your dreamed-up dairy ice cream delivered to church or your home if within 10 miles of Farmington Hills.

Donor: Tanya Nordhaus

Value: \$20 | **Starting Bid:** \$10

Qty: 3



2019 — Spartans vs Wolverines Tailgating Party

Who doesn't love a little friendly rivalry? A friendly rivalry with yummy tailgating food, beer, sodas, grilled meats (weather permitting), games, and more...even better! We are a house divided, so this rivalry is our everyday. Come join the fun. Time will be 2 hours before kick-off at the Nordhaus house in Farmington Hills. Date: November 7, 2026.

Donor: Tanya Nordhaus

Value: \$40 | Starting Bid: \$20

Qty: 16



ONLINE + EVENT ITEMS

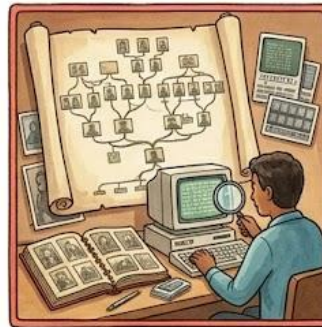
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Barbecue!!



10-Class Pass for Chair Yoga at BUC



Genealogy Research



Garden Harvest Dinner



Home Baked Organic Sourdough Bread



Afternoon Boat Cruise on Lake Orion



Retirement Counseling



Harvest Moon Celebration at Stone Crop Cottage

3001 — Barbecue!!

Backyard Barbecue Dinner. Enjoy a delicious backyard barbecue featuring grilled favorites, salads, sides, wine, beer, and desserts. A simple, relaxed gathering with good food and good company. Bid to enjoy a great meal while supporting the auction's mission. Dates: Evening of July 18th; Rain date: July 25th.

Donor: Eric & Annette Sargent
Value: \$50 | **Starting Bid:** \$35
Qty: 10



3002 — 10-Class Pass for Chair Yoga at BUC

Feeling stressed-out these days? (Rhetorical question.) BUC's newest renter, certified yoga instructor Cathy Moras, can help change your mood if you are free from 9-10 am on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays. Speaking of free, two highest bidders will win 10 free classes with Cathy! Start when convenient; there's no expiration date on these 10-class passes (\$85 value).

Chair Yoga | All levels | 60 min | Tues & Thurs, Hodas Hall | 9 – 10:00 am

Find balance, strength, and ease in this gentle class that uses a chair for both seated practice and standing support. Move through modified yoga postures designed to improve flexibility, build core strength, and calm the mind. Seated core exercises help strengthen your center while optional standing balance postures offer a challenge for those ready to explore stability and confidence on their feet. Suitable for all fitness levels, including those managing mobility limitations, chronic pain, or simply looking for a mindful reset. No prior yoga experience necessary — just show up and breathe.

A certified yoga teacher and strength trainer, Cathy Moras specializes in gentle, rehab-focused movement. With over ten years of teaching experience, she holds a 500-hour Registered Yoga Teacher certification (RYT-500) and is a NASM Certified Personal Trainer. Her work bridges mindful yoga with evidence-based strength training to support safety and long-term mobility. www.fitnesswithcat.com

Donor: Barb Eschner
Value: \$80 | **Starting Bid:** \$15
Qty: 2



3003 — Genealogy Research

Genealogy Research Session. Learn more about your family history with help from an experienced genealogical researcher. Discover stories, connections, and details about your ancestors. Bid to explore your roots while supporting the auction.

Donor: Yvonne Verschuere
Value: Priceless | **Starting Bid:** \$75
Qty: 3



3004 — Garden Harvest Dinner

Garden Harvest Dinner in Royal Oak. Join your hosts at 802 Fernwood Rd. in Royal Oak for a garden tour and dinner on Saturday, September 12, 2026, from 6–9 pm. Their large vegetable garden peaks in mid-September, making it a perfect time to enjoy the space and share a meal together. Bid for a warm evening in the garden while supporting the community.

Donor: Brian and Barbara Schandavel
Value: \$30 | **Starting Bid:** \$10
Qty: 6



3005 — Home Baked Organic Sourdough Bread

Monthly Sourdough Bread Delivery. Two loaves of home-baked sourdough bread will be delivered to the church for pick-up on the first Sunday of each month, for 4 months (Oct. - Jan.). Made from fresh ground organic flour. There will be 2 loaves of different variety offered each month. This bread stores very well when bagged in plastic and placed in a freezer. Bid to enjoy fresh bread all winter while supporting a great cause.

Donor: Barb Schandavel
Value: \$60 | **Starting Bid:** \$10
Qty: 2



3006 — Afternoon Boat Cruise on Lake Orion

Pontoon Cruise on Lake Orion. Join Captain Scott Farrar and First Mate Kym Worth for a pontoon boat cruise at their home on Lake Orion. The outing includes beverages and hearty boat snacks. The cruise for up to eight adults takes place on Sunday, June 14 at 1:00 pm (rain date is Sunday, June 28.) Attendees should be able to get on and off the boat with relative ease. Bid for a fun afternoon on the lake while supporting a great cause.

Donor: Kym Worth & Scott Farrar
Value: \$25 | **Starting Bid:** \$25
Qty: 8



3007 — Retirement Counseling

Two-Session Retirement Planning Series. This offering includes two separate two-hour sessions held one month apart. The first focuses on planning for retirement, and the second on thriving in retirement. Both sessions are non-financial and center on life planning and personal well-being. Bid to invest in your future while supporting a great cause.

Donor: Dick Rappleye
Value: Priceless | **Starting Bid:** \$15
Qty: 3



3008 — Harvest Moon Celebration at Stone Crop Cottage

Please join us at our home, Stone Crop Cottage, for a multi-course dinner featuring Local, Organic and Home-Grown ingredients, prepared by our "culinary staff" and served al fresco, overlooking our kitchen garden (weather permitting). Expect to spend approximately 4-5 hours starting with appetizers around 5:00. We should be done eating by 8:30; but we expect to continue chatting by the light of the Harvest Moon. Stone Crop Cottage is located in Metamora, about 45 minutes north of BUC in Lapeer County. Date: September 26, 2026, rain date TBD.

Donor: Dan Kosuth & Colleen Cavanagh
Value: \$80 | **Starting Bid:** \$30
Qty: 10



3009 — Gardening consultation and/or hands on garden work

I am a master gardener offering 4 hours of garden help. I miss having my own garden since I now live in a condo. My expertise is perennial plants, kitchen gardens, shrubs, grasses and trees. Four hours of help won't bring back a neglected garden but can help get you on your way! Let's get together and play in your garden.

Donor: Sarah Redmond
Value: \$50 | **Starting Bid:** \$30
Qty: 4



3010 — Reiki - Full home energy cleanse and protection

Reiki home cleansing uses universal life force energy to remove stagnant or negative energy, creating a peaceful, high-vibration living space. The Full Home Cleanse includes: 1) Smudging (alternatives available for those with allergies or sensitivities to smoke); 2) Full energy cleanse; 3) Protective energy shield; 4) Free prosperity sachel. Date: Available Sat-Mon anytime. Must redeem prior to August 1st, 2026.

Donor: Karma Kleeners
Value: \$65 | **Starting Bid:** \$20
Qty: 12



3011 — Using your creative skills to make a basket

Karen will lead you in making an 8" round, flat reed basket inserting colors & different sized reed as your creative whims dictate. This class is designed for beginners and is perfect as a parent/ child outing with 12 & older children. The class will be held at Karen's lakeside house in White Lake & will take about 6 hours, including breakfast treats & a vegetarian soup for lunch. Date: Saturday, July 18th

Donor: Karen Stankye
Value: \$45 | **Starting Bid:** \$20
Qty: 5



3012 — Authentic Czech Fest Featuring Roasted Duck

Join us at Mary Samal's home in Troy for a festive meal your Czech grandmother would have cooked for you. The menu is beef soup with optional liver dumplings, roasted duck, sauerkraut, stewed red cabbage, dumplings with gravy, and koláčky (pastries) for dessert. The beverages include original Pilsner beer, soft drinks, tea, and coffee. Date: October 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Donor: Mary Samal, Mary Jo Ebert, Merry Hoffmeyer
Value: \$50 | **Starting Bid:** \$25
Qty: 9



3013 — Native Plant Seed Starting

Let Kimery help you grow native plants from seed! She'll meet with you in summer or early fall to discuss your garden setting and plant interests. You will prepare the site. She'll help you plant in your garden in the late summer or fall or in a minimum of 10 milk-jug mini greenhouses in the winter.

Donor: Kimery Campbell
Value: Priceless | **Starting Bid:** \$30
Qty: 1



3014 — Miles and Meals - A Storytelling Breakfast

Join Claudia Kocher and Shawn Rooney for a fun and enriching Saturday morning breakfast in the Purple Door Room at BUC. Enjoy a delicious meal while sharing several photos and stories from your favorite journey, vacation/staycation or memorable travel experience. Breakfast casseroles (with meat and vegetarian), fresh fruit, assorted mini pastries, coffee, tea and water will be served. Date: October 24th 9-11:30 am

Donor: Claudia Kocher and Shawn Rooney
Value: \$40 | **Starting Bid:** \$20
Qty: 8



3015 — 12 Individualized Yoga Sessions

Twelve Individualized yoga sessions. Befriend your nervous system through working with meditation, breath, movement, and fluctuations of the mind, prompting greater self awareness and agency. We will start with a phone conversation to align our practice with your specific needs and goals. Sessions will take place at BUC or in your home at a mutually agreed upon date and time.

Donor: Susan Costakes
Value: \$1800 | **Starting Bid:** \$350
Qty: 1



3016 — Cornish Pasty-Making Class

Let's explore the history and culture surrounding Cornish pasties, including their evolution as an Upper Peninsula staple, while we prepare 12- 16 mouth-watering pasties in the BUC kitchen! Pasty options include: classic beef, ham and cheese, mushroom and cheese.

We can enjoy our pasties together at the end of the class OR package the pasties up to take home and enjoy, whichever you prefer. The ingredients, base recipe, and variations on the recipe will be provided. Date: Flexible and based on availability of BUC kitchen.

Donor: Cranston-Haines Household
Value: \$175 | **Starting Bid:** \$20
Qty: 6



3017 — Architectural Walking Tour of Downtown Detroit

I am offering a walk featuring downtown Detroit's historic architectural legacy. We'll explore the work of many renowned architects, including Albert Kahn, Minoru Yamasaki, Daniel Burnham, Wirt Rowland, and others. We'll discuss design features and other history for each site. The tour will be 2-2.5 hours long. The tour will take place on Saturday morning, August 22, with the following Saturday, August 29, as a rain date.

Donor: Paul Vachon
Value: \$50 | **Starting Bid:** \$25
Qty: 20



3018 — Euchre Tournament

We're in Michigan, so why not do what Michiganders do...play Euchre! We will be hosting a Euchre tournament in Hodas Hall after coffee hour on September 27th. Complete with topping your own pizza, snacks, and drinks (adult and n/a).

Donor: Kathy DuHame & Mike Kendra
Value: Priceless | **Starting Bid:** \$25
Qty: 32c



3019 — An Evening of Divine Delights with Rev. Alex: Mystic Poetry, Dulcimer, a Desserts

We have a new minister coming August 1st! Yes, Rev. Alex is coming, and you know you want to get to know him as soon as you can. He is offering a night of desserts (made by BUC's Celebrity Bakers), followed by dulcimer music (performed by Rev. Alex himself), poetry, and ending with a Q&A session. Get to know Rev. Alex and help raise money for our beloved BUC. Date: August 7, 2026.

Donor: Rev. Dr. Alex Riegel
Value: Priceless | **Starting Bid:** \$25
Qty: 60



3020 — Voice Lessons

Have you ever wondered why your voice gets tired or your throat gets sore after singing or giving a speech? Let Kaye Rittinger, a voice teacher and certified voice technician, help you learn to use your voice the best way. Kaye trained at Oakland University and McCloskey Institute in Boston, and has soloed with many area orchestras. Four 45-minute sessions.

Donor: Kaye Rittinger
Value: \$240 | **Starting Bid:** \$100
Qty: 1



3021 — Unique DIA Tour

Join Latika Mangrulkar, an immigrant from India, on a unique tour of the world-renowned Detroit Institute of Arts. As you explore the museum, Latika will discuss the DIA's growing collection of art and artifacts from cultures and artists all over the world that are breaking its mold as a euro-centric institution.

Donor: Latika Mangrulkar
Value: Priceless | **Starting Bid:** \$30
Qty: 10



3022 — Ladies' Literary Lunch

Join 4 kindred souls at the home of Sharon Niedermaier in Birmingham to enjoy lunch, a book swap, book talk and surprises! Date: September 12 at noon.

Donor: Sharon Niedermaier
Value: \$40 | **Starting Bid:** \$25
Qty: 4



3023 — Detroit Historical Museum with Lunch at Babo

Join Janet Brown for a visit to the Detroit Historical Museum and brunch/lunch at Babo, a gourmet diner in the Park Shelton building. Janet taught at Wayne State for 40 years and is very familiar with the museum. She looks forward to sharing it with you and getting to know you better!

Donor: Janet Brown
Value: Priceless | **Starting Bid:** \$30
Qty: 2



3024 — Create a natural stone and sterling silver necklace with Rev. Connie

Choose your beads from an array of natural semi-precious stones from my collection, in almost any color you can imagine. Choose a pattern and a length from 18" to 36". Your necklace will be completed with sterling silver findings. Date: June 14 at BUC.

Donor: Rev. Connie Grant
Value: \$40+ | **Starting Bid:** \$15
Qty: 4



3025 — Tour of Folk Art

Join Kay White for a tour of the folk art collection of long-time BUC member George Meyer. The collection includes weathervanes, whirlygigs, and paintings, and will be followed by a wine and cheese social time. Date: On a Sunday afternoon in July 2026.

Donor: Kay White
Value: \$30 | **Starting Bid:** \$15
Qty: 12



3026 — The Eight Brocade Qigong

Meet with Ginger, an avid practitioner of yoga and Tai Chi, at BUC to practice gentle moving, stretching exercises that focus on the breath. An excellent traditional Qigong practice for building, cultivating, and balancing energy. The 60-75-minute session will be held on Saturday, June 27, at Birmingham Unitarian Church. The session will occur between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; the exact time is to be determined.

Donor: Ginger Luckins
Value: \$25 | **Starting Bid:** \$15
Qty: 15



3027 — 2-4 Hours of Home Technology Consultation

Have Michael, a professional technology assistant, come into your home to review your technology needs and wants, and then create an action plan to solve problems and become the best tech user you want to be.

Donor: Michael Kosuth - Paint Creek Tech Training
Value: \$150 | **Starting Bid:** \$25
Qty: 2



LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

These items will be auctioned live during the event. Bidding takes place in person during the live auction portion of the afternoon.



Sailboat ride on Lake St Clair



Orlando or Vegas? Choose Your Getaway!



1 week in Petoskey 2-bedroom condo



Custom Necklace Making



Treat-of-the-Month Club



A Night With and Under the Stars!



A Group Yoga Session for Your Favorite People



A Jazz Piano Performance for Your Next Party

4001 — Sailboat ride on Lake St Clair with a Former Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice

Three-Hour Summer Sailing Trip. Enjoy three peaceful hours of sailing aboard a 31' sloop departing from Jefferson Beach Marina in St. Clair Shores. A simple, relaxing way to spend a summer day on the water. Bid for a refreshing sailing experience while supporting a great cause.

Donor: Marilyn Kelly

Value: Priceless | **Starting Bid:** \$60

Qty: 1



4002 — Orlando or Vegas? Choose Your Getaway!

Here's your chance to win a one-week stay for up to 4 people at a Hilton Grand Vacation Club in either Orlando or Las Vegas!

Orlando of course means Walt Disney World, Universal, and several other popular theme parks, all within 2-4 miles of your choice of resorts: Las Palmeras, Park Soleil, and Tuscany Village. All are rated 4 or 4.5/5 on Trip Advisor and feature a range of family-friendly amenities. Resort is based on availability for your chosen week.

Vegas can be your home base from which to explore Valley of Fire State Park (2000-year-old petroglyphs!), Red Rock Canyon (hiking, wild burros, and brilliantly colored rock formations), and Death Valley National Park (one of our most unusual national parks). That's in addition to all the restaurants, shows, and nightlife the city of Las Vegas has to offer. Properties: Elara, Flamingo, Paradise, and The Boulevard--again based on availability. All are rated 4-4.5/5 on Trip Advisor.

These one bed/one bath suites offer a full kitchen, outdoor pool, and other amenities based on location. Sleeps up to 4 with queen sleeper in living room. Vacations must be taken by 12/31/26. Dick & Barb have stayed at Hiltons in both locations (as have earlier BUC winners) and can provide more details. Dick will help you make your resort choice and reservation. Best of luck to all bidders!

Donor: Barb Eschner & Dick Cantley
Value: \$1500 | **Starting Bid:** \$375
Qty: 1



4003 — 1 week in Petoskey 2-bedroom condo

One-Week Petoskey Condo Stay. Enjoy a week in a two-bedroom, two-bath condominium in Petoskey, with dates to be arranged. Not suitable for people with cat allergies. This item is available only to bidders listed in the BUC directory as of May 1, 2026. Bid for a relaxing northern Michigan getaway while supporting a great cause. Dates to be negotiated, October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2027

Donor: Soren & Walli Andersen
Value: \$1400 | **Starting Bid:** \$900
Qty: 1



4004 — Custom Necklace Making

Custom-Designed Necklace. The artist will create a necklace based on your preferences—whether to match an outfit or reflect a particular style. A simple, personalized piece made just for you. Bid for a unique accessory while supporting the auction.

Donor: Mary Samal
Value: \$100 | **Starting Bid:** \$15
Qty: 1



4005 — Treat-of-the-Month Club

Here's your chance for a delicious and sometime nutritious treat every month for 5 months, July through November. One winner. BUC's Strategic Planning Team will "strategize" with you to determine the treat that will delight you or your family most in a given month. Could be Ray's ice cream for July, back-to-school protein bars for September, a Thanksgiving pie... you get the idea. A team member will check in with you the month in advance to chat about ideas and arrange delivery. Your strategizers: Kasey Alderete, Drieka DeGraff, Barb Eschner, Kevin Kozlowski, Chris Slon

Donor: BUC Strategic Planning Team
Value: Priceless | **Starting Bid:** \$25
Qty: 1



4006 — A Night With and Under the Stars!

Enjoy four tickets to "Head Over Heels" performed at Cranbrook's Outdoor Greek Theatre by St Dunstan's Theatre Guild and starring one of BUC's own. We will throw in a picnic basket filled with goodies, including some libations! It's a high-energy Broadway musical comedy featuring the songs of The Go-Go's, blending Elizabethan-style romance with 1980s pop-rock. Based on Sir Philip Sidney's Arcadia, the story follows a royal family trying to save their kingdom while navigating themes of self-discovery, queer identity, and love. Date: June 12 or 13, 2026.

Donor: The VanKempen Family
Value: \$100 | **Starting Bid:** \$65
Qty: 1



4007 — A Group Yoga Session for Your Favorite People

One yoga session tailored for your group or team. Befriend your nervous system through working with meditation, breath, movement, and fluctuations of the mind, prompting greater self awareness and agency. We will start with a phone conversation to align our practice with your specific needs and goals. Sessions will take place at BUC or in your home at a mutually agreed upon date and time.

Donor: Susan Costakes
Value: \$900 | **Starting Bid:** \$250
Qty: 1



4008 — A Jazz Piano Performance for Your Next Party

John will provide 2 hrs. of solo jazz piano to entertain someone's party or other affair on a mutually agreed date. I'll provide my own elec. keyboard and amplifier; I only need a nearby electric outlet.

Donor: John Hammer
Value: \$200 | **Starting Bid:** \$100
Qty: 1



4009 — A Splurge Date Night

Think "Pretty Woman." Tanya Nordhaus is offering 5 hours of her babysitting services in your home, while you both sip wine (provided) out of fine crystal glasses (provided) before heading to dinner (with \$250 provided by Donna Cunningham) and a movie (gift certificate provided).

Donor: Donna Cunningham & Tanya Nordhaus
Value: \$435 | **Starting Bid:** \$150
Qty: 1

**4010 — Prized Parking Spot for 2027**

The Reserved Parking sign was recently overheard saying, "Many of you don't pay any attention to me, but notice what a short walk it is from here to the church! It's just a few steps to the entrance--get in quickly if the weather is bad, or make it easier for yourself if you're frequently carrying lots of things with you." One one-year winner; starts 1/1/27--just in time for the next Michigan winter!

Donor: BUC
Value: Priceless | **Starting Bid:** \$100
Qty: 1

