First Parish

Community Auction

Special thanks to everyone who donated to make the auction a success!

The Auction took place November 12 and November 19th and we raised over $18,500. There are some services and spots at events still available. Email Auction@FirstParishCambridge.org to reserve an item. First come, first serve! We hope to reach $20,000. 25% of proceeds supports Tuesday Meals and the rest of the funds support our church budget.

Pizza and Board Games. Hosted by DRE Mandy Neff, Aho Family, Ed Koenig and Eileen Sullivan.

Join friends at First Parish for a dinner of pizza and salad followed by small groups playing a variety of board games. Family friendly event! Vegetarian options. Cost: $15 for adults; $5 for children # of winners: 40 guests. Date and Time: Saturday, March 17th at 6:00pm. Location: First Parish, Accessible.

Italian Baked Pasta Dinner. Hosted by: Carol Lewis (FP Director of Administration), Robin Brown, Valerie Fullum, Maria Altamore, Ken Mattsson, Eileen Sullivan, Ed Koenig, Jimmy Siraj, Gordie Calkins and Jim Kociuba. Join friends at First Parish for a home-made Italian buffet including appetizers, salad, baked pasta (meat and vegetarian) and dessert. Great food and good conversation! Options will include a gluten-free (quinoa) pasta and vegetarian pasta. All options include dairy. Cost: $15 for adults; $5 for children. # of winners: 40 guests. Date and time: Saturday, April 14th at 6:00pm. Location: First Parish parlor. Accessible.

Saturday Brunch Hosted by: Linda Clark, Sylvia Wheeler, and Robin Brown. Welcome spring with a tasty Saturday morning brunch at First Parish! This traditional brunch buffet will feature egg dishes like frittata and quiches, breakfast breads/muffins, fruit, juices, coffee & tea. Families and newcomers are welcome. Cost: $15 for adults/$5 children. # of winners: 25. Date and time: Saturday April 21st at 11:00am-1pm. Location: First Parish parlor. Accessible.

Tarot Card Evening. Hosted by: Women's Sacred Circle. An evening of tarot card readings in the First Parish barn room. The tarot has been used for centuries to reveal hidden truths and provide insight. Each participant will have the chance to experience several readings with different types of cards. Dessert will be served. All genders welcome. Minimum bid: $30. # of winners: 10 guests. Location: First Parish. Accessible. Date and time: Saturday, March 10th at 7:30pm. ***2 spots available***

A Workshop on Aging Gracefully. Hosted by Marcia Yousik and Chris McElroy. Participants will learn skills necessary to thrive, not just survive, the aging process. We will discuss the development of resilience, importance of social support and the challenge of finding meaning as we age. There will be time for participants to share their own experiences. Be prepared to laugh, to learn and to be challenged. Leaders are Marcia Yousik and Chris McElroy who are both psychotherapists in Cambridge**.** Date: April 4, Wednesday evening, 6:30-8:30 pm**.** Location – near Davis Square. Public transportation via redline to Davis Square, bus to Davis or down Mass Ave. No pets, requires climbing 4 outdoor steps. Minimum bid: $25. # of winners: 8 guests. ***1 spot available.***

An Afternoon at the Opera (A Flat-Rate Event). Hosted by: Renee Saindon, John Bitsas, Matt Corcoran and Brianna Meese Join our talented First Parish choir section leaders for a 1.5 hour concert (with intermission) of operatic arias and scenes from a variety of well known operatic composers such as Mozart, Puccini and Verdi. Dessert will be provided during intermission. Flat Rate cost: $30**.** Date and time: Sunday April 22nd at 2pm**.** Location: First Parish Meeting House. Accessible.

SERVICES

Thank you to these First Parish members for donating their talents. If you win an item, you will schedule a mutually agreeable time with the donor. Please see descriptions for any restrictions on scheduling.

Please note only 1 spot is available for each of these items – email Auction@firstparishcambridge.org

60-Minute Energy Session. Donated by: Dorothea Juno-Johnston**.** Rev. Dorothea Juno-Johnston has developed a practice of energy work in which her hands are directly on the client to help each individual access their innermost personal guidance. She is guided by spiritual, intuitive listening. Music is often part of the session. Dorothea is an ordained minister of the Church of the Sacred Earth. She is a credentialed practitioner/ teacher of Therapeutic Touch and also a Reiki Master. She offers 60-minute sessions. Minimum bid: $60. Location: Somerville. Not accessible. Date and time: Mutually convenient time March to July 2018.

Academic Writing Skills Tutoring. Donated by: Laura Heath-Stout. Boston University Writing Instructor Laura Heath-Stout will meet with you for three one-hour sessions to help you with academic writing skills. Bring a draft of your school paper; research paper; college admissions essay; thesis; dissertation chapter; or scholarly article. Laura will work with you to make your argument stronger and your writing clearer! She's happy to work with middle-schoolers, high schoolers, college students, and adult academics – it's the perfect gift for a student in your life. Tutoring will be scheduled by mutual arrangement and can be by Skype or in person. Minimum bid: $150**.** Date: Tutoring will be scheduled by mutual arrangement and can be by Skype or in person.

QuickBooks Training. Donated by: Sulo Musyaju. QuickBooks one-on-one coaching for 2 hours. Fair Market value $180.00. Winners may choose basic level or advanced training to use QuickBooks. Minimum bid: $50. # of winners: 1. Date: Mutually convenient time between Jan and March 31, 2018.

Pet Sitting. Donated by: Grace Hall**.** Grace offers to come to your home, at a location accessible to T, to care for your dog or cat while you are away for a weekend. Grace would consider staying in your home if this would help your pet. Minimum bid: $100**.** # of winners: 1. Date: This service would need to take place at a mutually agreeable date between February-October 2018.