

Overview of Unity Temple's 2019 Member Auction

'Have a bunch of fun, raise a bunch of money & make a bunch of new friends'



It's about building relationships

Our annual member auction is designed not only to raise money for the wonderful ministries of Unity Temple, but also to help build relationships among our members. We welcome members to get involved by donating and/or purchasing events, meals, etc., that provide opportunities to get to know each other.

On-line auction

The auction process takes place online at www.togetherauction.com/unitytemple. Auction team members are also available during coffee hour during January and February to help members who are not comfortable using the 'together auction' website and to share information, ideas and suggestions about the process.

Auction process

1. Collection of donations *(through January 31)*

- Members donate a range of items for other members to purchase - everything from dinners, brunches and lunches to professional softball games, concerts, members' services & handmade items, and getaways in members' vacation homes.
- The auction team also solicits gift certificates from businesses in our local area and some from the wider Chicago area.

2. Catalog

- The on-line auction catalog is updated continuously as donations are received and is finalized after the deadline for donations. Members are encouraged to review the catalog so they can be familiar with things they might want before the bidding time begins.

3. On-line bidding *(February 10 – 20)*

- The bidding process is similar to a silent auction in that bids are recorded as they are made and the bidding ends at a specified time. Bidders can track their bids and place higher bids if they see they've been outbid.

4. Win-It-Now (WIN) online option *(February 10 – 13)*

- In addition to bidding, there's the option - for just a few days - to choose the higher 'win-it-now' price and make sure you don't miss it.
- FYI: Some items sell out through the WIN option within a few hours, so if there's anything you want to be sure you get, be ready when the WIN option begins. **(7am on February 10)**

5. Close-Out sale

- Sometimes we have great things that aren't sold during the bidding process. These things will be available for two days during our on-line close-out sale *(February 22 & 23)* and then again during our final coffee hour close-out sale. *(February 24)*

After the auction

- After the final bids and close-out sale information is updated *(March 1)*, members will be able to see what they've won & view their statements on the 'together auction' website.
- Members pay for their purchases by using the payment information on file through the office, by making credit card payments through *Realm*, or by writing a check.
- Winning bidders will be contacted by the members who donated the items to confirm the details of the events, meals, etc. they purchased. **And then the fun really begins!**