

Get Ready! *Swing Into A(UU)ction* is coming in May!

After a long year apart, missing one another, and missing some of our favorite events at The Unitarian Church in Westport (TUCW), it's time to reconnect and replenish! We couldn't hold our best-loved fundraisers, like the Tag Sale (\$10,000) and Jewelry Boutique (\$5,000+), so we're venturing into the world of on-line auctions!

This is a fun way to learn more about the faces we meet in Zoom coffee hour, and to raise much needed funds. You can participate by **donating** and by **bidding**!

This is a **Goods and Services** auction, featuring offerings from our members and friends such as lessons, artwork, professional services, low-risk gatherings, plus donations and gift cards from local merchants.



There is still time to make an offer! **Deadline for submissions is May 2.** Contact auction@uuwestport.org and click [HERE](#) for ideas of what to give.

Here's what you need to know for now (check back for updates):

1. The on-line (silent) auction opens on **Saturday, May 22 at noon.** Instructions for registering and how to bid will be published the week before May 22. The auction will be open for 3 weeks, giving you plenty of time to track your bids and secure that precious item (think e-bay buying.) It includes a **Raffle!** and **Giving Tree!**
2. Our **Closing Ceremony** will be a livestreamed event on **Saturday, June 12 at 8:00 p.m.** Bidding will stay open until the end of this event. There will be no 'live' bidding, as we will not be gathering in person. **Zoom** only.* Our Hosts for the night, in addition to entertaining us in style, will be generating those last-minute bids which you'll place from your computer or phone at home. There will be **Guest Appearances!** **Raffle prizes** awarded!



* WE encourage responsible social gatherings that evening, if conditions allow, to toast our success and watch the ceremony together!

We're looking forward to everyone's participation! Thank you to our donors and volunteers and staff for making this first foray into on-line fundraising possible!

Core Committee: Mary-Jane Cross, Jamie Forbes, Luisa Francoeur, Jon Gage, Linda Hudson, Jenny Klein, Anita Pfluger, Cindy Potter, Dorothy Rich, Patti Woods.