



Service Auction 2025 - FAQ's

What exactly is a Service Auction? It is a fun and entertaining evening when Mill Creek members and friends gather for a delicious meal and bid on donated items and services in live and silent auctions. The event serves as Mill Creek's largest fundraiser.

How does it work? Anyone can make a donation for the Auction, such as a ***service*** (think music or cooking lessons, tutoring, lawn care, personal IT consultation, transportation, pet or house sitting, etc.), an ***experience*** (such as themed or group dinners, picnics & BBQ's, garden tours, guided hikes, musical performances, beach weekends, vacation packages, etc.), or an ***item*** (like retail gift cards, food-of-the-month offerings, gift baskets, hand crafted items, etc.). The winning bidder receives the service, experience, or item, and the church keeps the proceeds.

A further word about donations: *donations are not strictly classified under these categories. We break them down here to familiarize everyone with the large variety and types of donations we have received in the past, and to help you to determine what you might donate. If you have an idea for a donation that doesn't fit these categories, let us know! Donate as many items, services and/or experiences as you'd like! The Auction Team will determine if your donation is best suited for the live or silent auction.*

How do I make arrangements for a donation? Contact David Bonner (david@DLSK.net) with the information and details about your donation(s). He will determine if your donation is best suited for the live or silent auction, set a fair market price, and include your offering(s) in the catalog which will be available for preview a few days prior to the Auction.

What is the cost to attend? Tickets are \$15 each this year with a donation of an appetizer, vegetarian dish, dessert or adult beverage. Or \$20 full price. We provide the main entree (with dietary options available) and soft drinks. Tickets are typically available for purchase about a month before the Auction.

How do I pay for something at the Auction? We can accept checks or cash only. Remember to bring your checkbook with you to the Auction!

What if I'm unable to attend the Auction ... can I still donate something?

Absolutely! The Auction won't be successful without fun, interesting, and creative items and services to bid on. Use your imagination!

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Certainly! Come and join us for a fun evening and see what it's all about.

What if I can't attend the Auction, or donate an item or service ... can I make a financial contribution instead? Of course! Contributions are

always gratefully accepted. Contact the church office to make arrangements or if you have questions (administrator@uusmc.org).

Must I be a member of the Mill Creek congregation to participate?

Absolutely not! As long as we have your contact information, you are welcome to donate items or services for bidding, attend and enjoy the Auction, and purchase items on Auction night!

Do I have to wear a costume? Each year we select a fun theme for the Auction and encourage guests to dress up if they choose to. Some do and some don't – it's not a requirement to attend.

Is there some other way I might be able to help? Yes! Helping hands are always appreciated, especially at the end of the evening for clean-up. It is very helpful to have coordination with set-up and clean-up, so please reach out to Diane Hofer (dianehofer3@hotmail.com) with your offer of help.

If you have any further questions, contact our event organizer, Janice Buckwalter (jcab621@gmail.com).