

Service Auction at Mill Creek - FAQ's

What exactly is a Service Auction?

It is a fun and entertaining evening when Mill Creek members and friends gather together 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 that 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), an **experience** (such as themed dinners, picnics & BBQ's, garden tours, guided hikes, musical performances, beach weekends and vacation packages), or an **item** (like retail gift cards, food-of-the-month offerings, gift baskets, hand crafted items). The winning bidder receives the item, experience or service, and the church keeps the proceeds.

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!

How do I make arrangements for a donation?

Contact David Bonner, david@DLSK.net, with the information and details about your donation. He will assist you with determining a fair market price and add it to the catalog of offerings which will be available for preview a few days prior to 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 donate something ... can I still attend the Auction?

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

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.

Does it cost anything to attend?

Tickets - a bargain at **\$15 each - are available for purchase about a month before the Auction.** Tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the Auction for \$20 each. Ticket price includes a delicious full-course meal.

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 with questions or to make arrangements, administrator@uusmc.org

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. We also need a variety of desserts and goodies – consider bringing something with you, homemade or store-bought, to the Auction. It is very helpful to have coordination with set-up, clean-up and the dessert menu, so please reach out to Diane Hofer with your offer of help, dianehofer3@hotmail.com

Must I be a member of the Mill Creek congregation to do any of these things?

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!

For further questions or information, contact our event organizer, Helen Springer, at helen_springer@msn.com