

DINING FOR DOLLARS EVENTS 2024

Bidding closes at 10:30 am on Sunday, March 24

All bids are final. Payment for winning bids is due at the close of the auction.

Soup-er Game Night, hosted by Vicky Gordon, Jan Fiore, Karen Manzer and Moe Manzer . Saturday, **April 13** 5:00pm at Jan and Vicky's Binghamton home. Maximum 10 guests, minimum bid \$15. Join us for a wonderful dinner of several delectable soups, salad, bread and Jan's famous pies. This will be followed by some fun, no pressure group games led by Karen Manzer.

Coffee, cannabis and conversation (#1) at Linda Malone and Jim Dwyer's. **April 26**, 6:30-8:30, maximum 4 guests, minimum bid \$25. We will have coffee, 2 kinds of cannabis, along with cheesecake, cannoli, cheese and crackers and great conversation! This event is offered to adults 21 and older.

Coffee, cannabis and conversation (#2) at Linda Malone and Jim Dwyer's. **May 10**, 6:30-8:30, maximum 4 guests, minimum bid \$25. We will have coffee, 2 kinds of cannabis, along with cheesecake, cannoli, cheese and crackers and great conversation! This event is offered to adults 21 and older.

Star Wars Lunch, hosted by Gay Canough, Saturday, **May the 4th** at 12:30 pm, at UUCB. Maximum 10 guests, minimum bid \$25. Take a break from planet Earth to dine with the rebels and celebrate the Force. I'll serve up some fun Star-Wars-themed-food and we can watch some favorite Star Wars movie clips. And of course a little philosophical discussion is in order because despite being set in a "galaxy far, far away", Star Wars has story elements about the human condition going way, way back. Feel free to wear your Star Wars outfits if you have 'em! We are doing lunch, because you may want to attend the "Other Worlds: Superheros, Fantasy, & Sci-Fi" program at the Forum with the Binghamton Philharmonic in the evening.

Splendid Spring Salads and Special Dessert hosted by Heather Kirkland and Don Beaudoin at their home in Owego. Saturday, **May 25**, 4pm Maximum 8 guests, minimum bid \$25 (\$5 returned to vegetarians). The irises and tulips will greet you as well as the cats and dogs. Featuring Back Achers Farm organic steak or Heather's heirloom beans for your salad and Owego Baking By Numbers sourdough bread.

Christmas in July/Muppet Christmas Carol Sing-along hosted by Carrie and Becky Greenstrom at UUCB. Saturday, **July 13** from 2:00-5:00 pm. Maximum 40 guests, \$10 minimum bid. Come celebrate Christmas in July with an audience participation encouraged sing-a-long to our all-time favorite holiday movie, The Muppet Christmas Carol. We will play the movie on the big screen and provide printed lyrics. We'll also have Christmas in July décor, themed refreshments (maybe some cheeses for the meeces?) and some fun activities!

Summertime Cookout on the "Farm", hosted by Moe and Karen Manzer at their home in Vestal. Saturday, **August 10th** at 6 pm. Maximum 10 guests, minimum bid \$20. Join us for a good old-fashioned Summer cookout complete with burgers, hot dogs, salads, and strawberry shortcake for dessert. Play cornhole, hillbilly horseshoes, and spend time with our two friendly dogs, our pet pig June, and our chickens and rabbits.

“Chopped - UUCB Edition” hosted by Jeff Deacon at UUCB, Saturday, **September 7** at 5 pm. Maximum 30 guests, minimum bid of \$30. Based on the Food Network’s popular reality-based cooking TV game show series “Chopped”, 3-6 “Chef” teams will compete to create the best course (Appetizer, Entree, and Dessert) while attempting to incorporate an unusual combination of three mystery ingredients into their dishes that are later evaluated by a panel of 3 guest judges. Show off your culinary skill on a Chef team, serve as guest judge or be in the audience to enjoy the live action and the food! Along with tastes of the Chef creations, this event includes a light dinner with wine, beer and soft drinks. **NOTE: Guests are asked to bring a \$10 donation, separate from the bid paid to the church, to help stock the Chopped Pantry.**

Wine, Cheese and Chalices -a Paint and Sip Party! Hosted by Karen Manzer in the UUCB Social Hall. Saturday, **September 28** at 6 pm. Maximum 10 guests, minimum bid \$20. Come to UUCB and paint your very own chalice to use at home. There will also be wine, non-alcoholic beverages, a variety of cheeses, crackers and other light refreshments. **NOTE: Guests are asked to bring a \$5 donation, separate from the bid paid to the church, to partially reimburse the host for the cost of art supplies.**

Cider Making Festival hosted by the Plowe family in Choconut, PA. **October 5, Rain Date October 6**, 2:00-5:00 pm. Maximum 20 guests, minimum bid \$10. Join us for a family-friendly, cider-making extravaganza! Pick, wash, crush, and press apples using a hand-crank cider press. Enjoy the fresh cider with vegetarian and meat chili, macaroni and cheese, and assorted veggies. Tree scrambling and mud stomping may take place depending on weather, environmental conditions, and the quality of the apple crop. Attendees will be encouraged to bring their own jugs and any apples they happen to have access to (a tree in their backyard, a neighbor's, one at the park, etc.) as the best cider comes from a variety of apples mixed together. Come marvel at the changing leaves and enjoy the best that fall has to offer!

3-hour cruise on Seneca Lake with Tim Wolcott, **date TBD in consultation with the winning bidders.** Maximum 2 guests, minimum bid \$30. Join my wife and me on a 20-foot runabout that can comfortably accommodate the four of us. We will meet at the Glen Harbor Marina parking lot at 11:30 am. Participants should bring their lunch to be eaten onboard. A towel and sunscreen are also recommended. Swimming and/or water skiing will be available if desired.

Dinner and Concert, hosted by Nancy Knipscher and Lisa Sienkiewicz at UUCB. **Saturday, Dec 14** at 6 pm. Maximum 40 guests, minimum bid \$25. Enjoy a three-course dinner and Christmas concert by the Aimee Backus Flute Studio, which will serenade us during the dessert course.

Cocktails and Hors D'oeuvres with Andrea Palmeri and Romney White. Maximum 8 guests, minimum bid \$40. **Date TBD**, will be decided once attendees are identified in order to choose a mutually convenient time. Come enjoy good wine, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres with Andrea and Romney at their home in Endwell.

Dinner and a Show with Douglas Taylor and Amoreena Wade. Maximum 30 guests, minimum bid \$30. Join us for an evening of entertainment and good food, hosted at UUCB in the **late summer or early fall (TBD)**. We will prepare a tasty meal which will be followed by a Readers Theater performance by Douglas and Amoreena.

Ice Cream Social hosted by The Buddha Bunny Bunch at UUCB. **Sometime this summer, date TBD.** Flat fee, payable at the event: \$5 per person (\$3 for children age 5 and under). Bids are not required, but please sign up to indicate interest.