

## **2016 HOLIDAY ART FAIR AND BAZAAR**

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### **Bazaar Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **What is the bazaar?**

A major church fundraiser. A lively community social event. A great chance to get more involved in the church and meet people. A tradition begun in 1959 when the women of the church needed funds to send the Rev. Paul Killinger to a conference, so, yes, this year is our 58<sup>th</sup> consecutive bazaar!

#### **Why is it called an Arts Fair?**

Because it includes a juried show featuring about 30 of Bloomington's leading artists in pottery, glass, fiber arts, photos, dried floral arrangements. Artists compete to get in and must pay for booth space.

#### **But isn't all that art super expensive?**

No. Although many items are costly, one-of-a-kind treasures, almost all of the artisans offer gorgeous items for less than \$20.

#### **How big is the bazaar?**

The bazaar covers the first floor of the church. Artisans fill the Meeting Room and Commons. Fellowship Hall holds congregation-sponsored booths and café. RE rooms overflow with books and the unexpected treasures of the White Elephant's Trunk. Our well-known bazaar attracts visitors from throughout the Bloomington community and beyond.

#### **What will I find at the bazaar besides quality art?**

Gently used treasures in the White Elephant's trunk, homemade baked goods, cookies, used books, hand-knits, affordable gifts, yummy lunch and supper, and more

#### **What is the Gourmet Galaxy?**

A booth in Fellowship Hall selling wonderful home-made breads, pies, pickles, candies, jam contributed by the congregation, this year with an international theme. Donate your own signature specialties, then purchase treats made by friends.

#### **How does the Cookie Walk work?**

Imagine 28 linear feet of freshly baked cookies of every variety, yours to select and purchase by the pound. The only tough thing is deciding.

#### **Can I eat at the bazaar?**

Lunch and supper are served at the congregation-staffed café in Fellowship Hall. Lunch features sandwiches, superb soup, masterful chili, and homemade pies. On Friday night bring the whole family to enjoy a delicious and nutritious lasagna supper with UU friends.

#### **How can I help?**

Contribute baked goods, books, and White Elephants, and volunteer your time before, during, and right after the Bazaar. There will be sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall every Sunday from now on. Most volunteer shifts last two hours. There are all kinds of jobs, but we especially need folks to help in the café (take and fill orders, peel potatoes, scrub pots, make change) and to help with set-up and teardown. Watch for information about each activity in the Prologue. No job, no contribution is too small. The Bazaar cannot happen without your help! More than 100 volunteers make things hum!

#### **May I work more than one shift?**

Absolutely!

#### **Is there child care for bazaar volunteers?**

Unfortunately, no, but responsible children may work with their parents on a volunteer shift.

**When is the bazaar open?**

Friday, December 2nd, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 3rd, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**What if I am not a member?**

Friends and newcomers are especially welcome to participate in all aspects of the bazaar: bake cookies, bring in your best bread, move chairs, assemble sandwiches, wash dishes. Working at the bazaar is a good way to meet people, help the church, and see what we're all about.

**What does the church do with the money?**

Our current operating budget depends on receiving \$10,000 from the Bazaar. In these tough times, church fundraisers are more important than ever. The Bazaar is a fine example of how lots of people working together, each doing his or her small but pleasurable part, combine do something great. Please join us!