

# FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, & FUNDS

## First Unitarian's FFF24 IN 2024

### "THE LIST" of OFFERINGS

SALE & Potluck Dinner, Saturday, APRIL 27, 5:00-7:00PM &  
 Sunday, APRIL 28, 10:45AM-12:00 in GRIFFIN HALL



### Events #E1 – E24

<b>E1</b> <b>SAT</b> <b>6/1/24</b>	<b>Pancakes in the Woods</b> Come rain or come shine for a morning walk in the woods and all you can eat (before 10:30!) pancakes, bacon and eggs over the fire and etc. out in Mary's woods at Merry Hollow north of Adel. Adventurous drive entering the property, walking on uneven ground. <b>Location:</b> Adel <b>Host:</b> Mary Hays and crew. <b>SAT, 6/1/24 @ 9:00 am, Guest Max:</b> none, <b>Age Range:</b> All, <b>Price:</b> 13+ \$20, <13 free
<b>E2</b> <b>SAT</b> <b>6/15/24</b>	<b>Banh Mi in the Garden</b> Two garden tours and Banh Mi (Vietnamese sandwich) and Boba tea (cold drink with tapioca pearls)! Come to Sue Huber's backyard for appetizers, then move to Sachiko Murphy's backyard for Banh Mi. Enjoy the evening of viewing flowers and vegetable gardens, and experience a refreshing Vietnamese sandwich! We will eat inside if it rains. A few steps to go up to the patio. <b>Location:</b> DM-NW <b>Hosts:</b> Sachiko Murphy, Sue Huber <b>SAT, 6/15/24 @ 5:00 pm, Guest Max:</b> 15, <b>Age Range:</b> All Ages, <b>Price:</b> Adult \$30, 13-17 \$15
<b>E3</b> <b>SAT</b> <b>6/22/24</b>	<b>"Progressive" Dinner</b> Join us for a progressive dinner, all in one location! Menu will be adapted from recipes submitted by Progressive allies to a retro community cookbook. We'll be sure to keep it progressive with vegan and gluten-free offerings. The only thing missing will be the smoke-filled backroom. ADA accessible. <b>Location:</b> DM-Central <b>Hosts:</b> Denise Rathman, Sally Boeckholt, Ann Rezarch, Eileen Jackson <b>SAT, 6/22/24 @ 6:00 pm, Guest Max:</b> 10, <b>Age Range:</b> 18+, <b>Price:</b> \$30
<b>E4</b> <b>SAT</b> <b>6/29/24</b>	<b>Brunch + Art</b> Come feed your creative soul with scrumptious food and fun, simple art activities. 2 steps into house. <b>Location:</b> DM-NW <b>Hosts:</b> Sue Huber, Kay Hertz <b>SAT, 6/29/24 @ 10:00 am, Guest Max:</b> 8, <b>Age Range:</b> 12+, <b>Price:</b> \$25
<b>E5</b> <b>SAT</b> <b>7/20/24</b>	<b>Party in the Park!</b> Join us for a fun afternoon at Ashby Park in Des Moines! We'll have a treats buffet including decorate-your-own cupcakes or cookie station, plus other delicious snacks for your enjoyment. The splash pad should be open so bring your suit and there are also 2 fun playgrounds on site. It's a good place for little and big kids! In the shelter in case of rain for a board game party! Uphill from parking, paved to shelter. <b>Location:</b> DM-NW <b>Host:</b> Nina Richtman <b>SAT, 7/20/24 @ 3:30 pm, Guest Max:</b> 20, <b>Age Range:</b> All Ages, <b>Price:</b> \$15 for 13+
<b>E6</b> <b>SAT</b> <b>7/27/24</b>	<b>UU Karaoke</b> Join us for dive bar snacks and rousing renditions of your favorite karaoke songs, participation encouraged, spectators allowed. Some beverages provided but bring your favorite liquid courage! Vegetarian/vegan options available <b>Location:</b> Church <b>Hosts:</b> Natalie Mason, Sarah Guenther, Sarah Letourneau, Jeremy Guenther <b>SAT, 7/27/24 @ 7:00 pm, Guest Max:</b> 30, <b>Age Range:</b> 21+, <b>Price:</b> \$15
<b>E7</b> <b>SAT</b> <b>8/3/24</b>	<b>Hawaiian Luau</b> Rain or shine, get ready to hula in your Hawaiian prints and enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of Hawaiian culture. Entertainment and dancing provided by the group Aloha Wind. Additional \$10 cash requested to help cover dancers. Stairs, uneven ground. <b>Location:</b> DM-West <b>Hosts:</b> Kevin Boeckholt, Elaine Imlau, Taylor Nelson, Megan Klee, Allan Kniep <b>SAT, 8/3/24 @ 6:00 pm, Guest Max:</b> 24, <b>Age Range:</b> 21+, <b>Price:</b> \$40
<b>E8</b> <b>SAT</b> <b>8/10/24</b>	<b>Fabulous '50s (&amp; '60s) Evening.</b> An evening of casseroles, jello salad, poodle skirts, dungarees, games and camaraderie. Come in period '50s dress (or '60s if you are too young to remember). <b>Location:</b> DM-West <b>Hosts:</b> Martha Stephenson, Steve Stephenson, Allan Kniep, Megan Klee <b>SAT, 8/10/24 @ 5:00 pm, Guest Max:</b> 8, <b>Age Range:</b> Adult, <b>Price:</b> \$35

<b>E9</b> <b>SAT</b> <b>8/24/24</b>	<b>Paddleboard, Pasta &amp; Ping-Pong</b> Join us for an active and fun evening. We'll provide opportunities for outdoor and indoor play...paddleboard on Lake Colechester, enjoy a casual meal on our deck and wrap up the evening with a rousing game of ping-pong or foosball! We'll serve a couple types of pasta salads and a delectable dessert most likely involving dark chocolate and berries, plus provide beverages including wine, beer, and sparkling water. Two steps into the house allows on-the-level access to the deck for guests who simply want to eat and chat. <b>Location:</b> Norwalk <b>Hosts:</b> Heidi & Todd Lackmann <b>SAT, 8/24/24 @ 5:30 PM, Guest Max:</b> 10, <b>Age Range:</b> 10+, <b>Price:</b> Adults \$35, age 10-17 \$15
<b>E10</b> <b>SAT</b> <b>9/7/24</b>	<b>Tearoom Luncheon, reminiscent of Younkers' Tearoom</b> Step back in time! Enjoy Younkers classics: sticky rolls, chicken salad, rarebit burgers, berry spinach salad & lime tartlets, along with an updated version of their seasonal style shows. Weather permitting, we will eat outside. Three steps to enter home. <b>Location:</b> Urbandale <b>Hosts:</b> Jo Fitz, Susan Seitz <b>SAT, 9/7/24 Rain date 9/8/24 @ 11:30 am, Guest Max:</b> 10, <b>Age Range:</b> 21+, <b>Price:</b> \$35
<b>E11</b> <b>SAT</b> <b>9/14/24</b>	<b>Danish Delights</b> Danish Lunch, Program and Activities - The Vance family recently spent 6 months in Denmark. Join us for a welcome back family oriented event. A Danish themed lunch (including Danish desserts). Program and Activities for children. <b>Location:</b> Church <b>Hosts:</b> Gene McCracken, Robert, Eric and Peter Vance, Judy Davis, Katherine Vance <b>SAT, 9/14/24 @ 12pm, Guest Max:</b> 16 adults, 16 kids, <b>Age Range:</b> All, <b>Price:</b> 13+ \$30, <13 free
<b>E12</b> <b>SAT</b> <b>9/14/24</b>	<b>Delicious Dinner and Double Deck Hearts!</b> Enjoy a meal by the Georges at the home of Ellen & Harvey followed by a fun evening of double deck elimination hearts or other fun card games! <b>Location:</b> DM West <b>Hosts:</b> Ellen Taylor and Harvey Harrison, Lynne and Kerry George <b>SAT, 9/14/24 @ 5:30 pm, Guest Max:</b> 6 <b>Age Range:</b> Adults <b>Price:</b> \$40
<b>E13</b> <b>SUN</b> <b>9/15/24</b>	<b>Banzofest!</b> A celebration of the humble chickpea. Go beyond hummus as we explore a wide variety of delicious recipes sure to make this your new favorite legume! Vegetarian/vegan options will be available. <b>Location:</b> Church <b>Hosts:</b> Natalie Mason, Bill Paxon <b>SUN, 9/15/24 @ 5:30 pm, Guest Max:</b> 16, <b>Age Range:</b> All, <b>Price:</b> Adult \$20, <18 \$10
<b>E14</b> <b>SAT</b> <b>9/21/24</b>	<b>Brunch on the Balcony</b> Enjoy beautiful ash trees shading my third floor balcony and dine on a sumptuous brunch of my award-winning sunshine rolls; also mimosas, bacon and eggs and fruit. Elevator in center of building. <b>Location:</b> DM-West <b>Hosts:</b> Kay Hertz <b>SAT, 9/21/24 Rain date 9/28/24 @ 10:00 am, Guest Max:</b> 6, <b>Age Range:</b> Adults and teens, <b>Price:</b> \$25
<b>E15</b> <b>SAT</b> <b>10/05/24</b>	<b>Oktoberfest</b> Join us for an Oktoberfest inspired evening of brats, pretzels, beer, and a mustard tasting. <b>Location:</b> Church <b>Hosts:</b> Sarah Guenther, Natalie Mason, Jeremy Guenther, Sarah Letourneau <b>SAT, 10/05/24 @ 5:00 pm, Guest Max:</b> 24, <b>Age Range:</b> All ages welcome (beer tasting for 21+ only), <b>Adult Price:</b> \$20, <18 \$10
<b>E16</b> <b>SUN</b> <b>10/20/24</b>	<b>Coloring Club 2024</b> Need a quiet break? I do! Come sit for an afternoon of adult coloring, comfort food snacks and conversation. Coloring pages of all kinds (some with swear words!) will be provided, along with some markers, gel pens and colored pencils. If you have a preferred set of coloring tools or sheets, please bring them. The point is to be easy, creative and stress-free. If it's cool enough, there will be a roaring fire in the fireplace. Lots of steps, most with railing. 2 cats. <b>Location:</b> DM West <b>Host:</b> Louise Alcorn. Tentative Date: <b>SUN, 10/20/2024 @ 2:00 PM, Guest Max:</b> 6 Adults. <b>Price:</b> \$25
<b>E17</b> <b>SAT</b> <b>10/26/24</b>	<b>Nightmare Before Christmas</b> "Twas a long time ago, longer now than it seems, in a place that perhaps you've seen in your dreams...."Night Before Christmas" Is your favorite holiday Halloween or Christmas? We have you covered! Join us for a Nightmare Before Christmas celebration, complete with food, drink and activities! 3 steps into house. One story home. No pets. <b>Location:</b> Indianola <b>Hosts:</b> LeeAnn Back, Sherwin Back <b>SAT, 10/26/24 @ 5:30 pm, Guest Max:</b> 8, <b>Age Range:</b> 21+, <b>Price:</b> \$30

<b>E18</b> <b>SAT</b> <b>11/2/24</b>	<b>Election Year Board Game Relief Night</b> Need a break from US politics for an evening? Join us for this very UU game night, in which we will have only cooperative games. Instead of competing we work together to achieve a goal like surviving a plane crash until rescued or protecting a castle from monster attacks. Dinner and drinks in vegetarian- friendly house. We have a horseshoe driveway and a few steps up to the door. <b>Location:</b> DM-South <b>Hosts:</b> Gianfranco Berardi, Laura Berardi <b>SAT, 11/2/24 @ 5:00 pm, Guest Max: 10, Age Range: 18+, Price: \$30</b>
<b>E19</b> <b>SAT</b> <b>11/9/24</b>	<b>Afghan Dinner</b> Enjoy the delicious culinary skills of Bibi, mother of the Afghan family we sponsor. <b>Location:</b> Church <b>Hosts:</b> Elaine Imlau, Susan Bridgford <b>SAT, 11/9/24 @ 6:00 pm, Guest Max: 20 (no limit for children&lt;13), Age Range: All ages, Adult Price: \$30, 13+ \$20, Families \$100 cap</b>
<b>E20</b> <b>SAT</b> <b>11/16/24</b>	<b>This Is What It Sounds Like</b> Enjoy heavy appetizers and beverages and learn about the seven dimensions of musical listening and what the music you love says about you. We'll enjoy a record pull (when a group of friends play music for one another) so guests will share a favorite song and why. Don't worry, no personal performances required. We'll hear new music and learn about each other and ourselves. Extra credit if you read the book that inspired the gathering: This Is What It Sounds Like by Susan Rogers. 3 steps <b>Location:</b> DM-South <b>Hosts:</b> Megan Klee, Allan Kniep, Becky Evans, Steve Evans <b>SAT, 11/16/24 @ 7:00 pm, Guest Max: 10, Age Range: 15+ Price: \$25</b>
<b>E21</b> <b>SAT</b> <b>1/21/25</b>	<b>What Is Poetry?</b> An experimental class, exploring a puzzling question: What is a poem? We'll work together to find what common thread turns a piece of writing into poetry. The class is not a poetry-writing event, though our discussion may trigger some writing. There will be homework. Food is not involved in the sessions, but a special final session will be a dinner described in the next offering listed separately below. Cost for the class is \$25, with the dinner included. Host guarantees full refund to any who find this class useless. Scholarships are available by applying to the host. Schedule: Four sessions: Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Jan' 21, Jan. 28, Feb. 4, Feb. 11. Plus: Free dinner Feb. 15. 3 steps to door <b>Location:</b> DM-NW <b>Host:</b> Dave Witke <b>SAT, 1/21/25 @ 7:00 pm, Guest Max: 6, Age Range: 14+, Price: \$25</b>
<b>E22</b> <b>SAT</b> <b>2/15/25</b>	<b>Poetry Dinner</b> A crew of top-flight cooks will serve a celebratory pasta dinner to mark the end of the "What Is Poetry" class listed separately above. Attendance is not limited to class members. Twelve non-members may join the dinner to hear class members report on what they have learned and perhaps read some of their own poetry or favorite poems. Guests may want to be prepared to share a favorite poem of their own, but this is not required. Cost \$30 (free for class members). <b>Location:</b> Church <b>Hosts:</b> David Witke, Main course - Kay Hertz, Polly Antonelli, Elaine Imlau; Desserts - Lynne and Kerry George <b>SAT, 2/15/25 @ 6:00 pm, Guest Max: 12, Age Range: 14+, Adult Price: \$30</b>
<b>E23</b> <b>SAT</b> <b>2/22/25</b>	<b>Murder Mystery Dinner</b> Join us for an evening of murder and mayhem as we uncover the clues and try to capture the culprit before they escape! Examine the scene of the crime, investigate the other characters, unravel the motives and movements of everyone present and figure out the who, the why, and the how over dinner, drinks, and dessert. <b>Location:</b> Church <b>Hosts:</b> Andrew Curl, Monica Curl, Louise Alcorn <b>SAT, 2/22/2025 @ 6:00 pm, Guest Max: 10, Age Range: 18+, Price: \$60</b>
<b>E24</b> <b>SAT</b> <b>3/15/25</b>	<b>Irish Meal, Music, and Merriment</b> Join us for an early St. Patrick's Day feast of Irish stew, corned beef and cabbage, and Irish soda bread. Then relax with a Guinness (or Irish Breakfast tea) to share and hear some Ireland travelogues and sing along with John on some rollicking Irish tunes! Three steps to front door. <b>Location:</b> Beaverdale <b>Hosts:</b> John Morrow, Anne Rozeboom <b>SAT, 3/15/25 @ 6:00 pm, Guest Max: 6, Age Range: Adults, Price: \$35</b>

## SILENT AUCTION ITEMS (#A1 – A27)

A1	<p><b>Ethnic Cookbook Bundle.</b> <i>provided by Dave Witke</i>, Ethnic cookbook bundle. Five pristine books with unusual recipes from around the world: 1. Chinese/Hunan; 2. Italian (Tuscan, Sicilian, and Venetian regions); 3. Mexican (true Mexican, not Tex-Mex or Mexican-American); 4. European regions (Portugal, Ireland, Scotland, England, Greece.) 5. American barbecue (various regions). Plus some good reading about food history, etc. All have some fancy recipes, but mostly it's down-home family food of the kind Dave Witke would wolf down at a church potluck, Available: Immediately  <b>Minimum Bid: \$10</b></p>
A2	<p><b>Carmen's Homemade Banana Bars with real cream cheese frosting</b> <i>provided by Amy Hutter</i>, Moist homemade banana bars topped with real cream cheese frosting. Quality ingredients like organic bananas and Mexican vanilla. Includes eggs, dairy, gluten. No nuts., 1 - 9x13 jelly roll pan (about 24 bars) Available: any time with 72 hours notice <b>Minimum Bid: \$20</b></p>
A3	<p><b>Weezy's Wonderful Chocolate Chip Cookies</b> <i>provided by Louise Alcorn</i>, Not too hard, not too soft, made with real butter and lots of love. Just good, tasty, comfort-food Toll House-style chocolate chip cookies. My friends request them by name! Freeze well. 2 dozen. Available: October '24- April '25, with 2 weeks' notice. <b>Minimum Bid: \$20</b></p>
A4	<p><b>Ooey Goey Carmelita Bars</b> <i>provided by Amy Hutter</i>, Oats, butter, heavy cream, chocolate and caramel all combine to make a rich delicious bar that everyone will love! Contains dairy and gluten. No nuts., 2 Dozen Bars Available: any time with 72 hours notice <b>Minimum Bid: \$20</b></p>
A5	<p><b>Nina's Famous Vegan Carrot Cake</b> <i>provided by Nina Richtman</i>, I've converted this family favorite carrot cake recipe into a vegan version, a crowd favorite of both vegans and non-vegans! 1 large cake or 18 cupcakes Available: Anytime <b>Minimum Bid: \$25</b></p>
A6	<p><b>Strawberry Romanoff Whipped Pie</b> <i>provided by Carmen Dow</i>, This is a delicious Cool Whip pie., 1 pie Available: Anytime <b>Minimum Bid: \$20</b></p>
A7	<p><b>Triple Chocolate Heart Shaped Bundt Cake</b> <i>provided by Lynne George</i>, Delivered with fresh whipped cream &amp; raspberries. ❤️, One cake Available: February or anytime <b>Minimum Bid: \$25</b></p>
A8	<p><b>Holiday Cookie plate</b> <i>provided by Lynne George</i>, Delicious &amp; pretty holiday cookie plate, 2 dozen homemade Christmas goodies Available: December <b>Minimum Bid: \$25</b></p>
A9	<p><b>Toffee for the Holidays</b> <i>provided by Lynne George</i>, Buttery homemade toffee frosted with chocolate &amp; sprinkled with toasted walnuts., 1 lb Available: December <b>Minimum Bid: \$25</b></p>
A10	<p><b>Bourbon Bread Pudding</b> <i>provided by Lynne George</i>, Buttery bread &amp; bourbon - what a pairing!! Discovered &amp; tried this recipe for our southern themed FFF event. Everyone loved it!, 9 x 13 pan, serves 12 Available: anytime. Marci Gras party? <b>Minimum Bid: \$25</b></p>
A11	<p><b>Chocolate Guinness Cake</b> <i>provided by Lynne George</i>, Wow!! Discovered this delicious recipe for our St Paddy's Day FFF event. Bottom layer is chocolate cake, middle is a creamy chocolate frosting, topped with whipped cream &amp; dusted with cocoa powder. Beautiful!, One 8 inch 3 layer cake Available: anytime, but great for St Patrick's Day <b>Minimum Bid: \$30</b></p>
A12	<p><b>Door County Cherry Pie</b> <i>provided by Lynne George</i>, It doesn't get any more cherry flavorful than Door County cherries! We make an annual pilgrimage to Door County in cherry season to bring back cherries for our freezer., One pie Available: anytime <b>Minimum Bid: \$30</b></p>
A13	<p><b>Apple Crumb (streusel) Pie</b> <i>provided by Lynne George</i>, A great fall treat when the trees in the local apple orchards are laden with fruit., One pie Available: fall or anytime <b>Minimum Bid: \$25</b></p>
A14	<p><b>Lemon Meringue Pie</b> <i>provided by Lynne George</i>, Lemony. A favorite of pie aficionados, One pie Available: anytime <b>Minimum Bid: \$25</b></p>
A15	<p><b>Kerry's Caramel Rolls</b> <i>provided by Lynne George</i>, Delicious fresh or warmed up. Freeze well., 1/2 dozen Available: anytime <b>Minimum Bid: \$25</b></p>

A16	<b>Classic frosted Cinnamon Rolls</b> <i>provided by Lynne George</i> , Delicious! Great for yourself or your next brunch. Freeze well., 1/2 dozen Available: anytime <b>Minimum Bid: \$25</b>
A17	<b>Strawberry Pecan Scones</b> <i>provided by Lynne George</i> , Flavorful strawberry pecan scones with vanilla glaze. Fresh picked strawberries from The Berry Patch in Nevada in season, 8 - 12 scones Available: anytime, but June strawberry season best. <b>Minimum Bid: \$25</b>
A18	<b>Blueberry Muffin Loaf</b> <i>provided by Lynne George</i> , Summer blueberry season is the best time! We'll be picking fresh blueberries at The Berry Patch in Nevada., 10" circular Bundt pan Available: anytime, but summer is best. <b>Minimum Bid: \$25</b>
A19	<b>Cinnamon Babka Swirl bread</b> <i>provided by Lynne George</i> , Delicious & beautiful!, 1 4 x 8 loaf Available: anytime <b>Minimum Bid: \$25</b>
A20	<b>Honey Oatmeal bread</b> <i>provided by Lynne George</i> , Yummy! Great for toasting. Freezes well, 1 4 x 8 loaf Available: anytime <b>Minimum Bid: \$20</b>
A21	<b>Cherry (or cranberry) Walnut Bread</b> <i>provided by Lynne George</i> , Delicious! Freezes well., One round loaf Available: anytime <b>Minimum Bid: \$25</b>
A22	<b>New York Style Cheesecake &amp; Topping of your choice</b> <i>provided by Sarah Guenther</i> , A New York style cheesecake is the stuff of dreams. It's creamy, not too sweet, with a hint of lemon on a delicious buttery graham cracker crust. Choose a sauce to include. Favorites are chocolate, or strawberry rhubarb sauce (the tart goes nicely with the creaminess), any fruit can make a sauce! Contains dairy, eggs, and gluten., Serves 8-12 Available: 2 weeks notice <b>Minimum Bid: \$25</b>
A23	<b>Sourdough Sandwich Bread</b> <i>provided by Sarah Guenther</i> , Sourdough Sandwich bread is lighter and fluffier than your standard sourdough loaf. It has a slightly thicker crust than a standard loaf of sandwich bread, but slices the same and has that classic sourdough flavor. Bread contains sourdough starter, flour, water, olive oil, salt, and honey (can substitute local maple syrup to make it vegan if requested), 1 loaf Available: Need at least 2 weeks notice <b>Minimum Bid: \$15</b>
A24	<b>Sourdough Starter</b> <i>provided by Sarah Guenther</i> , Have you ever wanted to make sourdough bread but are unsure about making your own starter? This item will come with 200 grams of sourdough starter (plenty to get you off to the races) that has been fermenting and producing delicious bread for 12+ years. Along with the jar of starter will be instructions on how to feed and store the starter, a recipe for a traditional crusty sourdough loaf and a recipe for sourdough sandwich bread., 1 jar Available: Will coordinate <b>Minimum Bid: \$10</b>
A25	<b>Bodacious Baklava</b> <i>provided by Kay Hertz</i> , Honey, walnuts and butter baked into flaky layers of filo dough. a spectacular treat that also can be frozen., 1 large pan that feeds 20+ Available: anytime <b>Minimum Bid: \$25</b>
A26	<b>A fun charcuterie board plus wine!</b> <i>provided by Nancy Harris</i> , Have you ever had a charcuterie board? Now is the time! You will get a board with a variety meat, veggies, fruit, nuts, crackers and more. (Items may vary depending on availability.) Also provided is a bottle of wine. Bidder gets to keep the board. Serves 6 as an appetizer, 3-4 as a meal., 6 as appetizer/3-4 as a meal Available: Available June 1-August 29 <b>Minimum Bid: \$40</b>
A27	<b>Todd's Walnut Pumpkin Bread</b> <i>provided by Heidi &amp; Todd Lackmann</i> , Todd's perfected his pumpkin bread recipe - you be the judge! Contains walnuts unless you coordinate in advance., One loaf Available: October 2024 <b>Minimum Bid: \$15</b>
A28	<b>Lori's Famous M&amp;M Chocolate Chip Cookies</b> Real buttery. 2-1/2 dozen, Available anytime <b>Minimum Bid: \$15</b>