

# TALES AND TUNES

## WITH APPRECIATION

No special event can be successful without a dedicated and talented group of individuals behind it and Tales and Tunes is no exception.

The event planning team has been talking, emailing, and creatively thinking for close to a year and the results are evident.

It is with much appreciation and kudos that we thank the following team of creative folks.

**Storyteller coaches** – Chris Monk and Ray Rust

**Music coordinator** – Julie Adams

**Silent Auction coordinators** – Deb Gustafson, Cathy Frazee and Sandra Murphy

**Tech crew** – Thorpe Saxon, Ray Rust, Larry Pobocik, and Rev. Jerry Kerr

**Refreshment coordination** – Rayna Bick, John Helsom, Rev. Lynn Kerr, Shawna Bell and Judy Tipton

**Financial team** – Ruth Straw, Bonnie Pobocik, and Sue Owen Kinsey

Much thanks to those who donated items and services, to the storytellers and to the musicians and vocalists. We have a generous and talented community!

# **TALES AND TUNES MUSIC AND STORYTELLING LINE UP TO DATE**

Storytelling and music will alternate throughout the evening. Here are the individuals, as of early in April, who will share their talents with us.

## **Storytellers**

- Jennifer Howard
- Rev. Jerry Kerr
- Gloria Buck-Eby
- Terri Cross
- Sue Owen Kinsey
- Harold Ford
- Rev. Lynn Kerr
- Sheila Smith
- John Straw
- Tom Herman
- Andy Watchorn
- Joan Smalley

## **Music**

- Michael Rawley, Bonnie Pobocik, June Urdy - flutes
- Jim Newtown - hammered dulcimer with Jim McTiernan, guitar
- Edith Robbins - vocals with Quincy Dobbs, piano, and Stephen Prevett, banjo/guitar
- Jeremy Westover - vocals & guitar
- Babek Elahi - vocals & guitar

# **THANKS TO EVERYONE!!!**

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## WHAT TO EXPECT

Tales and Tunes is a friend and fund-raising event to support UUCF.

We hope to provide a night of fun, laughter, and an opportunity to reconnect with friends and acquaintances.

Here is what you can expect:

6:30 to 9:00 pm

- Begin with setting up your lawn chair in Nelson Hall, getting a bid number and auction booklet, purchasing tickets for refreshments, and enjoying the music on the stage.
- Storytelling and musical performances will alternate throughout the evening.
- Silent auction items will be displayed on tables, and you are encouraged to place your bids throughout the evening.
- Enjoy beverages, beer, wine, soda, and water. Munch on snacks.
- Have fun!!!!

9:00 pm – All Silent Auction tables will all be closed. Please note – tables will be closed in intervals starting at 8:15 pm.

Our financial team will be working on tabulating bid sheets starting at 8:15 pm so everyone can leave with items and having paid. Cash and checks are preferred but we are working on a device to use credit cards.

Please note:

- There is no admission ticket necessary to attend.
- There will be door prizes throughout the evening. Winners' names will be pulled from a jar.
- Tickets will need to be purchased for refreshments.
- We are asking you to bring a lawn chair if you have one – or two. The lawn chairs will be set up in the middle of Nelson Hall to provide a festival type of experience. And to get us ready for our summer get togethers on the UUCF grounds. Other seating will be available for those who do not want to sit in a lawn chair – no worries!

## **TALES AND TUNES SILENT AUCTION BID ITEMS**

The following items will be available for the silent auction at Tales and Tunes. Please review and come prepared to bid on items that interest you. Consider treating a friend or family member with one of these items. Remember this is a fundraiser for the UUCF general fund.

Payment is expected the night of the event by either cash, credit card or check.

We are grateful to the generosity of the friends and members of UUCF.

**1. Work Scoot** - this 4-wheel garden work scoot is used but looks like new. It comes with a tool bag, swivel adjustable seat, steering handle and a bucket holder on the rear.

Estimated value - \$75

Starting bid - \$15

Offered by Jennifer Howard

**2. Picture frames** – two beautiful, frosted floral, oval crystal picture frames, 5x7 size.

Estimated value - \$45

Starting bid - \$10

Offered by Judy Tipton

**3. Chair Gym** - the Chair Gym is ideal for beginner, intermediate and advanced level exercise. It has 3 different levels of resistance using different strength of bands.

A workout manual includes instruction for 50+ exercises for an all-around program.

The system includes a chair, padded backrest, twister seat, a two-pulley system, two handles, two ankle straps and two resistance bands.

Estimated value - \$90

Starting bid - \$25

Offered by Jennifer Howard

**4. Customized Note Cards** - a package of 25 note cards made with your choices from Joan Smalley's photographs of Ireland, Michigan winter scenes, blossoms, water, or penguins. Cards can be all the same photo or any combination.

Estimated value - \$50

Starting bid - \$10

Offered by Joan Smalley

**5. Unique Sunday Sermon** - do you have a sermon topic that you want to challenge Jerry or Lynn to address? Or perhaps you just want to drive them crazy by picking something like: "The Relationship Between Early Unitarian Ideals and the Theology of West African Pygmies" or maybe something about turkey farms? Addressing the relationship issues between couples who also work together is off limits! LOL!

Estimated value - \$100 per minister

Starting bid - \$25

Offered by Rev. Lynn and Jerry Kerr

**6. Greeting Cards** – a set of 8 cards/2 of each photo with original photographs by Re. Lynn Kerr. These are beautiful nature photographs of Michigan carefully manipulated into watercolor prints.

Estimated value - \$28

Starting Bid - \$10

Offered by Rev. Lynn Kerr

**7. All-Natural Winter Wonderland Home Décor** - made from ALL MICHIGAN natural items, driftwood, sea glass, stones, pinecones, branches, fungi, moss, and birchbark, this scene will be custom made. You may choose the number of snow-people, number of cabins, and how large of a base (approx. 6" - 18") you'd like and the predominant color (light or dark).

Estimated value - \$20-\$40 depending on the size.

Starting Bid - \$10.

Offered by Rev. Lynn Kerr

**8. Hydroshot by WORKX** - this power cleaner (20V Max Lithium Portable Power Cleaner) has 5x more pressure than traditional garden hoses. It can draw from any freshwater source: bucket, lake, faucet, bottle. It can be used on outdoor furniture, window screens, camping gear, cars/boats, sidewalks, garage floors and much more. It is lightweight and includes the battery, charger, 20' of draw hose, a quick connect adapter and bottle connector.

Estimated value - \$145

Starting bid - \$30

Offered by Jennifer Howard

**9. Smooth Tones Voicemail** – have a wonderful, smooth and calming radio voice for your voicemail message. Details for the recording will be worked out.

Estimated bid - \$35

Starting bid - \$10

Offered by Bob Olson

**10. Lunch or dinner at Pesto's** - a \$100 gift card for fantastic food and amazing desserts from this tiny restaurant that is a UU favorite. Treat your family and friends. This can be used for takeout.

Estimated value - \$100

Starting bid - \$30

Offered by Dave and Laurie Hurt

**11. Scenic Photo for your home or office** - your choice of a photo of Ireland, Michigan winter scenes, blossoms, water, or penguins will be enlarged and framed. Joan will do up to three of these so consider perhaps a grouping of lovely photos for your home or office.

Estimated value - \$40 per photo with frame

Starting bid - \$10

Offered by Joan Smalley

**12. His AND Hers Bath time luxury**- a collection of luxury bath products; **one for a man and one for a woman**, that are guaranteed to bring a soothing calmness to the bathing experience.

Estimated value - \$100 each

Starting bid - \$25 each

Offered by - Judy Tipton

**13. Recycled Earrings** – these lightweight earrings are handmade made from plastic take out containers. Choose the two colors you'd like. Sterling silver wires.

Estimated value - \$20

Starting bid - \$10

Offered by Rev. Lynn Kerr

**14. A clump of Lungwort** - Lungwort (*Pulmonaria* spp.) gets its name from the fact that herbalists from long ago thought the leaves of the plant looked like a lung and therefore would treat lung disorders.

Lungwort plants are most often grown for their interesting leaves, which are green with random white spots, looking as though someone liberally splashed bleach on them. The leaves also have a rough, hairy fuzz covering them. The lungwort flower appears in early spring and can be blue, pink, or white, and is frequently two or more colors on a single plant. Often the flowers on a lungwort will start out one color before eventually fading into another color as the flower ages. Grows best in a semi shade location.

Estimated value - \$25

Starting bid - \$10

Offered by Sandra Murphy

**15. Flaming Chalice Planter Pots** – these plastic pots, sizes 4”, 5”, and 6” come with fitting saucers and drainage nets. But best of all, each has a hand painted flaming chalice.

Estimated value – 4” \$10, 5” \$15 and 6” \$20

Starting bid - \$5 for 4” and 5”, \$7 for 6” **There are two of each size.**

Offered by – painting by Nicole Chittick, pots by Sandra Murphy

**16. Custom portrait** - have an 8x10 custom portrait done from a photograph of yourself, a friend, family member or family pet.

Estimated value - \$35

Starting bi - \$10

Offered by Nicole Chittick

**17. Spaghetti dinner** – all the ingredients needed for a quick and delicious spaghetti dinner. Suitable for vegetarians.

Estimated value - \$30

Starting bid - \$10

Offered by Eleanor McTiernan

**18. Oliver T's Market** – an amazing selection of wines, beer, food, and specialty items await you at this wonderful store located in Grand Blanc. Take this \$50 gift card and indulge yourself!

Estimated value - \$50

Starting bid - \$15

Offered by Edie Robbins

**19. Custom woodworking** – here is the chance to get that unique piece of furniture you've dreamed about. David will do custom woodworking to create a live edge end table, shelf, planter box, or plaque. Large projects like shelf or end table require 4 hours.

Estimated value - \$400 (\$50 an hour x 6 hours plus \$100 materials)

Split the hours for 2 buyers

Minimum bid - \$75

Offered by David Clement

**20. Large pottery bowl** – hand crafted, this bowl is beautiful! It measures 11.5” by 4” and holds 12 cups. It can be used safely in the microwave and dishwasher. May be used in conventional oven if the oven is not pre heated.

Estimated value - \$80

Minimum bid - \$25

Offered by Cheryl Jordan

**21. Color print** – an 18” x 24” color print of Pia Broden Williams, former UUCF music director.

Estimated value - \$100

Starting bid – \$25

Offered by Michael Rawley

**22. Artisan bread – two gift cards** for delicious loaves of hand-crafted artisan bread baked from the Helsom oven! John needs a week notice to get the loaf to you.

Estimated value - \$15 per loaf

Minimum bid - \$5 per loaf

Offered by John Helsom

**23. Petoskey stone pendant necklace** – a beautiful, polished Petoskey stone pendant on a brown cord with an antique brass bail and shiny brass cord end. The Petoskey stone was hand selected from a Lake Michigan beach. **There will be two of these available.** Think about a gift for a family member, or friend or for someone who was a Michigan resident but now lives elsewhere.

Estimated value - \$50 for each

Minimum bid - \$15 for each

Offered by David Handwerker

**24. Hand knitted square dish cloths** – something better than you will find in Bed Bath and Beyond!

Six hand knitted, square dish cloths, each measuring 10”.

Estimated value - \$36

Minimum bid - \$10

Offered by Wyn Handwerker

**25. Fustini’s Olive Oil - two bottles**, 6.76 oz each of select olive oil.

*Ayvalik from Turkey.* A delicate oil with great depth of flavor. Anise-like herbal aroma along with grass, green banana, mint, cinnamon, and black pepper flavors. Complements fish, mild salad, mild cheese, eggs, yogurt, and ice cream.

*Frantoio from Spain.* A fantastic aromas of fresh cut grass, green banana, fresh herbs and fruit characteristics. Complements beef, lamb, marinades, stew, pasta sauce, and bold cheeses.

Estimated value - \$50 for two

Starting bid - \$15

Offered by Sandra Murphy

**26. Sweet tooth Celebration** – sweet treats with a little something for everyone young and old!

Emphasis on chocolate!

Estimated value - \$30

Starting bid - \$10

Offered by Eleanor McTierman

**27. Hand knitted round dish cloths** – these round dish cloths measure 7” in diameter. There are 6 in this bundle.

Estimated value - \$20

Minimum bid - \$5

Offered by Wyn Handwerker

**28. Make composting easy** – a stainless steel compost kitchen canister with charcoal lid, approximately 12” h x 8”w

Estimated value- \$30

Minimum bid - \$10 Offered by Candace Blair

**29. Good things from Trader Joe's** – a food basket!

Estimated value - \$60

Minimum bid - \$20

Offered by Mary Rose Karl

**30. Are you ready for a picnic?** – hand crafted picnic basket with all the necessities for an outdoor feast. You add the food, people, and ants!!!

Estimated value - \$50

Minimum bid - \$10

Offered by Deb Gustafson and Sue Weston

**31. UU Fleece blanket** – an extra-large fleece blanket, guitar print on one side and a beautiful, marbled gray on the other side. Best of all – machine embroidered on this cozy blanket the following phrase – “Unitarian Universalist Congregation Est. 1930

Make Religion Make Sense.”

How UU is that?

Estimated value - \$60

Minimum bid - \$15

Offered by Pam Folts

**32. Holiday display** – this five-piece holiday display is comprised of two large votive candle holders, a candelabra, and two pieces that have votive candle holders in a semi-circle. Each piece is decorated with metal holly leaves and red berries. You must see this to believe how special it is.

Estimated value - \$35

Minimum bid - \$10

Offered by Nicole Chittick

**33. Listen to the Music** – an assortment of CDs and special pieces make these an interesting and special item to add to a collection.

These 6 CDs are grouped:

- No Tenors Allowed: Famous Italian duets for Dabitone and Bass, Thomas Hampson, baritone and Samuel Ramey, bass. One CD Visse, Pascal Bertin.
- Les 3 contre-tenors, The Three Countertenors, Andreas Scholl, Dominique Visse, Pascal Bertin
- Deutsche Barocklieder, Chansons baroques allemandes. Andreas Scholl.
- Dominique Visse. Songs for seven centuries.
- Jacqueline Du Pre. Dvorak Cello Concerto; Haydn Concerto in C.
- Wicked, Broadway original cast album.

Estimated value - \$30

Minimum bid - \$5

Offered by Dorothy Davis

**34. Listen to the Music II** – these **three boxed sets and accompanying books** are a special addition to anyone's collection.

- Jimmy Buffett. Boats, Beaches, Bars, & Ballads. Boxed set of 4 CDs plus booklet: The Parrot Head Handbook.
- Garth Brooks: The Limited Edition. 6 CDs and booklet.
- ABBA: Thank you for the Music, boxed set of 4 CDs and booklet.

Estimated value - \$20 for each box set

Minimum bid - \$7 for each box set

Offered by Dorothy Davis

**35. Take in a film with these theatre passes** – four passes for Flint Theater films at the Flint Institute of Arts. Showtimes are Fri & Sat 7:30 pm or Sun @ 2:00pm. These passes are good thru May and then again in the Fall of 2022.

Estimated value - \$6 each/\$24 for four

Minimum bid - \$10 for four

Offered by Rayna Bick and John Helsom

**36. Entertainment for an Evening at Home** – select from Gershwin, Andrea Bocelli or one other CD, grab a book by Ta-Nehisi Coates, Nichola Kristof, or Julie Andrews, enjoy some peanuts and a glass of a sparkling beverage. Everything you need for a relaxing evening.

Estimated value - \$80

Minimum bid - \$15

Offered by Diane Burleson

**37. Maiden with Fancy Shawl** – a beautiful pen and ink work of art, limited edition, signed and numbered. This piece measures 16x20“.

Estimated value - \$50

Minimum bid - \$15

Offered by Michael Rawley

**38. Breakfast delivered** – coffee, assorted teas and juices, delicious pastries, and quiche of your choosing. All this will come to you with dishes so all you must do is enjoy!

Sue Owen Kinsey needs two days' notice to pull this together.

Estimated value - \$75

Minimum bid - \$20

Offered by Sue Owen Kinsey

**39. Ruth's cinnamon rolls** – there will be **two pans** of these delectable cinnamon rolls offered: one with nuts and the other nut free.

Estimated value - \$20 per pan

Minimum bid - \$10 per pan

Offered by Ruth Straw

**40. Needlepoint bunnies** – a beautiful, wood framed needlepoint of springtime bunnies. With wood frame

size is 43”x 44”.

Estimated value \$35

Minimum bid - \$15

Offered by Jennifer Howard

**41. Zoom Yoga Classes with Sue Kirby** - Take five Zoom Yoga classes over a two-month period. Sue will teach these classes on Tuesdays and most Saturdays, 9:30 – 10:30 am. All level of experience is welcomed. Sue says you just need to be able to get on the floor and then get back up.

**This is for only two people.**

Estimated value - \$25

Minimum bid - \$10

Offered by Sue Kirby

**42. Unique book** – signed by the local author, Chevy in the Hole, A Novel by Kelsey Ronan

Estimated value - \$27.00

Minimum bid - \$10

Offered by Terri Cross

**43. Scented candles** – two special Flintstone Christmas Day scented candles.

Estimated value - \$24.00 for the pair

Minimum bid - \$10

Offered by Terri Cross

**44. Private Zoom Yoga Classes with Sue Kirby** – Treat yourself to five classes geared specifically for you. The five classes would be scheduled over a two-month period and are suitable for all levels. Sue will also do chair yoga if that is what works for you. The winning bidder has the option of adding a second person of their choosing to the class for the additional cost of 50% of the winning bid.

The following days are available for you to schedule your class:

Daytime: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Evening: Thursday, Friday

Estimated value - \$225 for five classes for one person

Minimum bid - \$100

Offered by Sue Kirby

**45. Tea time** – enjoy your tea in a lovely Tea Forte Kati Cup decorated with Cherry Blossoms. This cup includes a Ceramic Tea Infuser Cup with Infuser Basket.

Estimated value - \$17

Minimum bid - \$8

Offered by Terri Cross

*Special acknowledgement to Tea Bee LLC, located at 11356 Seward St., Suite 2, Grand Blanc for the special discount given for this auction item.*

**46. Extraordinary teas!** – a collection of three distinct teas for that special afternoon tea time; 3oz of each; Chocolate Mint, Blueberry Green, Cream Earl Grey.

Estimated value - \$40

Minimum bid - \$10

Offered by Terri Cross

**47. Walking stick** – use this portable exercise machine everyday for a mile walk and you are sure to lose weight OR use this to discourage an unfriendly dog that might want to walk with you. This hand crafted, maple walking stick is 4 feet long.

Estimated value - \$50

Minimum bid - \$15

Offered by John Helsom

## UU ADVENTURE OPPORTUNITIES

**Enjoy a dinner or an outdoor adventure with your fellow UUCF friends.**

**PLEASE NOTE - These adventures have set bids and numbers of participants.**

**48. A Summer Lunch at Signatures** – two lucky people will join Sandra Murphy on July 7 at noon for an enjoyable lunch and conversation at this delightful Flushing restaurant.

\$30 per person

Offered by Sandra Murphy

**49. Dog Day Afternoon** - Does your dog need to party? Furry friends and their owners are invited to the Kerr's Lakeside Cottage on August 20, from Noon – 4pm for summer fun. Dog lovers without dogs are welcome too! Hot Dog Cookout (Vegetarian available) and sides, doggy treats, doggy toys, water bowls, iced tea – all provided. Bring your own beverages if you prefer something else. Two kayaks, canoe, paddleboat available or bring your own kayaks. **Please bring your own life-vests if you have them.** Fish off the dock with your own fishing supplies. Plenty of room to retreat from the heat inside in the AC with your dog! Children welcome. Please note: We do not have a fenced yard, so your dog needs to be on a leash or in good control, so it does not stray into neighbor's yards. Dogs can swim in lake. Bring towels! 20 people maximum. 10 dogs maximum.

\$20 per person. Dogs FREE!

Offered by Revs Lynn and Jerry Kerr and Poodle

**50. Fun in the sun at Skinner Lake!** – enjoy an afternoon of lake fun at the Frazees. You can swim, kayak, paddleboard, tour the lake in a ponton boat or just enjoy relaxing by the lake. The Frazees will serve lunch or dinner – you can decide.

**This is offered for your special group of five lucky people.**

\$150 for five people

Date to be determined.

Offered by Dave and Cathy Frazee

**51. A Ron Krueger tribute – an evening that includes beer, a tour of a hops farm, cheese tasting and dinner!** – join the Anways on their patio for this special evening. Limited to 16 people. Date to be determined.

\$50 per person

Offered by the Anways

**52. Dinner on the Deck at the Bick & Helsom Grand Blanc home** – on the menu will be chilled shrimp appetizer, grilled chicken with a vegetarian option, fresh green salad, potato salad, quinoa black bean salad, homemade bread with pesto. Dessert will include assorted sweets, fruit, and ice cream. Adult beverages, iced tea and water too!

June 25 is the date @ 5:00pm Limited to six people.

\$50 per person

Offered by Rayna Bick and John Helsom

**53. Airport Chauffeur Service** – You will be picked up at your home and delivered to either Bishop or Detroit Metro airports AND picked up on the return trip and dropped off at your front door. Jennifer Howard is the chauffeur and has a stylish 2020 Honda Fit in a brilliant Aegean Blue color. Plenty of sterling conversation is promised during the drive.

\$50 for round trip

Offered by Jennifer Howard

**54. Cops & Robbers Great Escape – Mini Golf & Ice Cream**

4 people (adults or kids) will join Sandra Murphy on August 6 at 1:30 pm (rain date August 13 at 1:30 pm) for fun and adventure on an amazing 18-hole mini golf course followed by ice cream. Course located in the King Par Plaza, 5154 Flushing Rd., Flushing.

\$12 per person

Offered by Sandra Murphy

**55. DATE NIGHT FOR PARENTS** - an overnight adventure for up to four children (ages 3-12) Can be the same family or a combination of families or perhaps grandparents purchase to treat their adult children. We will start at Huckleberry Junction for pizza and games. (Tokens to be provided). Then back to Deb's place for movies, board games, etc. and popcorn. Pillows and blankets for camping on in the living room floor. Breakfast the next morning and pick up at 10am.

\$20 per child

Offered by Deb Simmons

**56. Crocheting Lessons** - Four crochet lesson sessions offered for beginners to intermediates. The lessons will be held at UUCF and last 45 to 60 minutes. The class dates and times will be mutually determined. Total number in class: 4

\$20 per person

Offered by Jamie Radaker

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## **BID BUDDY DESCRIPTION**

The Tales and Tunes event is a combination of stories, music, and a silent auction. For those who are not able to attend but want to bid on silent auction items a BID BUDDY can be provided.

### **HOW WILL THIS WORK?**

The silent auction booklet listing items available for bid will be available two weeks before the event. Those wanting to bid but not able to attend will review the booklet, identify items they are interested in, contact their BID BUDDY, and share the bid amount for those items.

The BID BUDDY will, on the night of the event, obtain a bid number for that person and use it for making a bid and then keep an eye on the bidding throughout the evening.

During the event, the BID BUDDY will be in touch with their person to keep them posted on the bids and place a new bid if that is the direction given.

At the end of the evening, the cashiers will note those items obtained by bidders using a BID BUDDY and contact them about payment and pick up of items.

You can find your own BID BUDDY or contact Sandra Murphy at 810-487-1254 if you need us to find one for you.