**First Parish in Cambridge Community Auction** 

**Gift Basket Guidelines**

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Gift baskets make colorful, intriguing and fun additions to our Community Auction offerings. The Auction Team encourages individuals or groups to put on their thinking caps, roll up their sleeves, and create a themed basket. Be creative, but please be sure that all items in your basket are new, clean, and not perishable. Do to storage challenges, please do NOT include food items (other than tea, coffee or liquids such as wine, olive oil, vinegar etc).

As a general rule baskets minimum price is $15-$50. Keep this in mind as you select items for your basket. When we offered more expensive baskets, we haven’t received bids.

To spark ideas, here are basket themes from past years:

* Wine Lovers Basket
* Tea Sampler Basket
* Coffee Lovers Basket
* Spa Basket
* Kid’s Basket (young child, older child, child basket with theme)
* Reader’s Basket
* Kitchen Basket
* Art and Crafts Basket
* Family Games Basket

Sometimes the Auction Team has access to an appropriately themed gift certificate to add to a basket. Alternatively, if your funds allow, consider adding a $10-$25 gift certificate to your basket.

If you cannot donate an entire basket, consider donating arts supplies for kids or adults, creative items for kids, or bottles of wine to go into baskets.

The Auction Team will collect basket offerings during social hour on October 22nd and October 28th . You may assemble your basket yourself, or you may rely on the Auction Team to provide a basket for your goods and assemble them. You may provide a list of the contents for publicity purposes, or the Auction Team will do so. The Auction team will take care of wrapping the basket, bows etc.

Please use the donation form available in the parlor and on the website to indicate your plans or email to auction@firstparishcambridge.org. Basket items need to be delivered to First Parish by  **October 28th .**