

What Is a Penny Social?

The Middlefield Congregational Church will hold a Penny Social beginning at 6 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 19. If you have never been to a New England Penny Social, this is a chance for you to see why they are so enduring in the Hilltowns and everywhere else. A Penny Social is a benefit auction with a raffle twist. You buy 2-part tickets at the door and use them to bid on items that you like. That's the auction. Your tickets and everyone else's are put in a basket and the winning ticket is pulled out at random. That's the raffle part of a Penny Social and a big part of the fun and entertainment.

Auction selections for this event include toys, games, jewelry, DVDs, CDs, glassware, gift baskets, and all sorts of home and yard items. There will also be special door prizes: gift certificates from restaurants and other local businesses, bicycle, pick-your-own Christmas tree, maple syrup, Cross Country Skiing day pass, Lottery Ticket trees, 50 gallons of heating oil , and many others. Food and beverages are available for purchase throughout the evening. Penny Socials are popular, well attended, and fun for all ages. Doors open at 6 p.m. to look over items. The auction begins promptly at 7 p.m. For more information or to make donations of new or "gently used" items please call Mark Doane at 623-5467.