


The Unitarian Church of Harrisburg presents:



2011 Auction Fundraiser:

OccUUpy Wall Street!

Let's Move the UCH from the Red to the Black 

5 pm Saturday, Nov, 5, 2011

2011 Committee:

Bart Carpenter, Frances Myers, Ann Stillwater, Nathalie Hoke, Tom Conner, Tom Winner, Diane Dusman, and YOU, our donors and bidders! We are also most grateful to members and friends assisting with setup, cleanup, food preparation, and word-of-mouth advertising.

Schedule of events, Nov. 5, 2012

OccUUpy Wall Street ~ and Clover Lane, too!

Time	Event	Location
4:45	Childcare available	Nursery
	"Cash and Carry" auction opens	Downstairs
5:00	Potluck dinner	Downstairs
5:30	Services Auction opens (competitive bidding, silent auction)	Fuller Chapel
5:50	Hospitality Auction opens (Dinners, Talent, etc). This is a silent auction with fixed number of seats per event	Sanctuary
6:10	Live Auction ~ 10 Items	Sanctuary
6:30	(end of live auction)	Sanctuary
	"Cash and Carry" – deep discounts	Downstairs
6:40	Services Auction and Hospitality Auction close	Fuller Chapel
6:50	"Cash and Carry" closes	Downstairs
7:00	Nursery closes	Nursery

Welcome

Dear member/friend of UCH,

Welcome to the 2011 Auction Fundraiser, with the theme *OccUpy Wall Street!* This is our major fund-raising event for the year, and the money we earn will help us all “Move the UCH from the Red to the Black.”

OVERVIEW OF AUCTION ITEMS

Cash & Carry: For those attending the auction, please plan to bring a food item (contact Ann Stillwater to coordinate menu), a white elephant – or both! The “Cash & Carry” tables are for gently used, re-giftable items valued up to \$25. Tables will be marked \$5, \$10, \$15, etc. – everything on the table sells at the specified price.

Please self-select the appropriate table for your item, and the Auction Committee will monitor its progress during the evening. This includes gently, lovingly and firmly moving it to another table if needed to <ahem> expedite the sale. Diane Dusman is overseeing Cash & Carry items.

Buyers can take anything they like, and render payment to our cash manager, Tom Conners; you can pay by cash or check. We’ll also be happy to start a tab for you, if you like.

Live Auction: these are the top 10 items on the auction, with opening bids ranging from \$100 to \$600 depending on the item. Most of the items are services donated by UCH members – vacation points, getaway-weekends, etc.

Silent Auction:

All other items are bid as a silent auction:

Hospitality (date specific): these are events that generally occur in the homes of UCH members, with a date specified in the auction booklet. Seating is limited based on the host and his/her space. Competition occurs in the form of space-available, i.e., you must purchase a spot before the event fills.

Note: new members from the past 12 months are eligible to pre-bid (offline) on one Hospitality item and reserve a seat at the event of their choice.

Other Events (Date TBD): these are open-ended, and the donor will arrange the date with the group of winning bidders. The events are generally small-group activities or class/learning activities. Seating is limited based on the host and his/her space. Competition occurs in the form of space-available, i.e., you must purchase a spot before the event fills.

Services: these are services offered by UCH members, either in the form of direct labor or the results of their labor. These are normally a single service, and the high bidder at the end of the auction will receive the service.

Last-Minute Additions/Clarifications

Inevitably we have a few late-arriving items for the auction (two are in progress as we go to press), occasionally an expansion or correction to the item’s description. In all cases, the text on the bid sheet itself is the best-available description of the item itself.

PROXY BIDDING

In general, the auction is designed to encourage attendance at the event, i.e., people who attend will have a strategic advantage. For those unfortunate few who are unable to attend the auction itself, we are accepting proxy bidding as follows.

- (1) Bids must be written as an email to the auctioneer, a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com. If you do not have an email ID, please contact a friend who can submit on your behalf and have him/her include your phone number in the email.
- (2) For live auction items, please identify the item and specify your maximum bid.
 - A member of the Auction Committee will represent you at the auction.
 - She will place your bid at \$5 higher than the previous high bid, at an appropriate lull in auction bidding
 - In cases where she is representing more than one bidder, she will in fact be representing the highest of the proxy bidders, with a bid \$5 higher than the maximum proxy of the lower proxy bidder
- (3) For any of the 30 services (raking, car wash, babysitting), please identify the item and specify your maximum bid.
 - A member of the Auction Committee will represent you at the auction as follows: Around 6:00 p.m., i.e., in the middle of the auction, she will review your bid requests and take the following action:
 - i. If the service has no bid, she will enter the minimum bid for the item, on your behalf
 - ii. If the service has a bid present, she will enter a bid \$1 higher than the prior (open) bid, unless this exceeds the proxy amount
 - iii. If the service has a bid and she has multiple proxy bids, she will enter a bid \$1 higher than the competing proxy, thereby effectively outbidding the lower-bidding proxy
 - Auction attendees can, of course, outbid this during the time period just after the live auction. The Services auction is scheduled to close 10 minutes after the Live Auction.
- (4) For hospitality events (all of which have a fixed number of seats), at the end of the auction we will write your name on selected events, on a space-available basis.

POST-AUCTION BIDDING

At the end of the auction each year, we normally have a few seats available for some of the larger (or more distant) events. The Auction Committee will publish a list of open seats during the week following the auction and accept bids via email.

PAYMENT

For Cash and Carry, please plan to pay on the night of the auction itself. For all other items, the Auction Committee will generate an invoice (target: Thanksgiving weekend). Please remit payment by December 31, 2011. Checks should be payable to "UCH" with "auction" in the memo line. Tom Winner, UCH treasurer, will coordinate payments.

HOSTED EVENTS, WITH FIXED DATES

To assist with calendar coordination, the Auction Committee has created the table below to summarize hosted events by date.

Seats	Time	Date	Day	Event	Host	Ticket
6	6:00	11/19/11	Sat	Here's to Beer!	Cordell Affeldt and Larry Beyer	\$25
6	3:00	12/10/11	Sat	Tarot reading (short)	Darlings, with Hazell	\$15
8	6:00	12/17/11	Sat	Christmas Sing-Along	Geist/Back, with Hawley	\$15
20	6:00	1/7/12	Sat	Clannamore	Holtz/Gatesman with Blaise/Alanna	\$15
4	2:00	1/15/12	Sun	Tarot reading	Broderick, with Perotta	\$35
8	7:00	1/20/12	Fri	Word Games	Forster	\$15
12	7:30	1/28/12	Sat	OccUUpy the World: 1493	Quimby, with Henninger-Voss	\$15
18	7:00	2/4/12	Sat	OccUUpy a Protest Movement	Johnston/Dewayne, with Brian/Sparkie & Blaise/Alanna & Donna/Phil	\$15
6	1:00	2/19/12	Sun	Chicken on Sunday	Jim/Mimi Handshaw	\$25
30	6:00	2/24/12	Frid	TGIF	Tucker Susskind/Joan Hellman	\$35
6	6:00	2/25/12	Sat	OccUUpy a Wii Spot	Dave/Sarah Glunz	\$25
6	1:00	2/26/12	Sun	Tatting Tea	Kuhns, with Judy Linder	\$15
10	7:30	3/3/12	Sat	OccUUpy a Turkish novel	Scott/Lori Gilbert with Howard Dana	\$15
6	6:00	3/9/12	Fri	Soup/Salad and Quiddler	Richard/Nancy Pratt	\$25
8	6:00	3/10/12	Sat	Large-Group Games	Geist/Back	\$25
10	7:30	3/13/12	Tue	Myers-Briggs Evening	Beam, with Laura Shemick	\$25
12	6:30	3/16/12	Fri	Talk so your kids will listen	Hartman, with Wendy Shaver	\$15
5	7:00	3/18/12	Sun	OccUUpy a Voting Booth!	Michelle Heh	\$15
10	7:30	3/30/12	Fri	House Concert	Kauffman, with Kathleen	\$15
8	6:00	3/31/12	Sat	Midtown Tapas	Eve of April Fools	\$35
10	7:30	4/10/12	Tue	Opera with Peter Allen	Carpenter	\$15
6	7:30	4/14/12	Sat	Games Galore	Susan Rimby/John Katz	\$15
6	6:00	4/28/12	Sat	Indian Dinner	Geist/Back	\$35
8	6:00	4/28/12	Sat	Spirituality of Singlehood	Kauffman, with Howard Dana	\$15
20	3:00	4/29/12	Sun	Music on the Mountain	Callahan, with Sloan/Bechtel	\$15
6	6:00	6/23/12	Sat	Moosewood Dinner	Geist/Back, with Belser	\$35
15	4:30	tbd	Thu	Treehouse Tea Party	Metzer, Sykes	\$25
8	n/a	9/28-30	wk	Backpacking	Dave Forster	\$20