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These items are hosted in the homes of UCH members, unless otherwise noted. Limited number of seats per event!

NOVEMBER

OccUUpy Midtown (Here's to Beer!)

6:00 Sat Nov 19, 2011

Beer in the appetizer, in the entrée, in the side dishes. Beer in the dessert. And we'll figure out something to drink. Cordell Affeldt and Larry Beyer invite you to a "beer buffet" in their cozy home in Midtown Harrisburg. Vibrant décor, vivacious conversation, vital repast. Beery good choice!

Hosts: Cordell Affeldt and Larry Beyer

Tickets: \$25 **Max seats:** 6



DECEMBER

PreoccUUpy Yourself with the Future (Tarot #1)

3:00 – 5:00 pm Sat Dec 10

Divination includes the full gamut of tarot, runes, palm, tea leaf reading, séance, and spirit boards. Ed Hazell, a Blackfryar at the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire, is knowledgeable in all – and an expert at tarot! He will speak to the group about the use of tarot cards in general, then do individual (private) readings for each participant, ca. 15 minutes in duration. Light refreshments will be served

Chez Denny/Lila Darling of Hummelstown. They have a cat who is most likely to be practicing an invisibility spell. But a cat nonetheless.

Host: Dennis/Lila Darling, Harrisburg, with Ed Hazell

Tickets: \$15 **Max seats:** 6



PreoccUUpy Yourself with Seasonal Songs & Supper

6:00 Sat Dec 17, 2011



This could be YOU!

"Wassail" comes from the old English *wæs hæil*, a toast meaning "be healthy" or "here's to your health." Kevin Geist and Andy Back (of "Kevin & Andy" fame) are hosting a traditional Christmas sing-along, with music provided by "our own" EvAnn Hawley. Beforehand, they will offer a staggering smorgasbord of heavy hors d'oeuvres, from which you can sup while admiring their Christmas decorations.

Note: Kevin and Andy have a non-shedding dog who will be crated for the evening.,

Hosts: Kevin Geist and Andy Back, with EvAnn Hawley

Tickets: \$25 **Max seats:** 20

PreoccUUpy Yourself with Clannamore

Clannamore is a lively duo featuring Alanna Berger (hammered dulcimer, concertina) and Blaise Liffick (guitar, pennywhistle, octave mandolin, bodhran). Their repertoire draws heavily from the Celtic culture (Ireland, Scotland, and the British Isles) and traditional American music, ranging from the ancient (pre-Renaissance era) to the modern, including songs of eternal youth, as shown in the accompanying photo. Jigs, reels, hornpipes, and marches are combined with lyrical airs, laments, and waltzes to form a warm and lively sound. They also have an extensive repertoire of lively drinking songs, bawdy tunes, ballads, and funny stories.

Light refreshments will be served

Host: Chris Gatesman/Peter Holtz, with Alanna Berger and Blaise Liffick

Tickets: \$15 **Max seats:** 20

2:00 – 4:00 pm Sat Jan 7, 2012



PreoccUUpy Yourself with the Future (Tarot #2)

The Tarot is a pack of cards used from the mid-15th century in Europe to play card games such as Italian *tarocchi* and French *tarot*. From the late 18th century to the present, however, the Tarot has also been used to understand the present and to divine a map of mental and spiritual pathways to the future.

For those who missed Ed Hazell (Dec. 10), psychologist Sandy Perrotta is an expert card reader. She will do 30-minute readings for four individuals at the home of Robin Broderick, Harrisburg. Bidders should select their time slot. These are private readings, just you, the cards, and Sandy. Robin will provide ambience and refreshments.

Robin reports that she has two cats, a dog, and a teenager.

Host: Robin Broderick, Harrisburg, with Sandy Perrotta

Tickets: \$35 **Max seats:** 4

2:00 – 4:00 pm Sun Jan 15, 2012



PreoccUUpy Yourself with Word Games (and Prizes!)

Join Dave and Marj Forster for an evening of word games, with options including Scrabble, Quiddler, Bananagrams, and Catch Phrase. Snacks, beverages and prizes provided.

Hosts: Dave and Marj Forster, Wormleysburg

Tickets: \$10 **Max seats:** 8



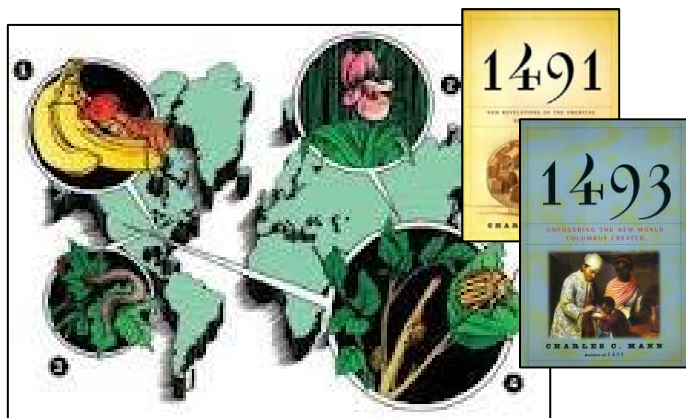
7:00 Fri Jan 20, 2012



OccUUpy a Globalized World (1493)

7:00 pm Saturday, Jan 28, 2012

In 1491, the Atlantic and Pacific were almost impassable barriers – the Americas might as well have been on another planet from Europe and Asia. But Columbus's arrival changed everything. Plants, animals, microbes and cultures began washing around the world, taking tomatoes to Massachusetts, corn to the Philippines and slaves, markets and malaria almost everywhere. It was one world, ready or not. With *1493: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created*, Charles Mann expands the concept of "Ecological Imperialism" (Alfred Crosby, 1986) and suggests that the transfer of plants, animals, germs and people across continents over the last 500 years represent a core component of contemporary globalization. The lesson of history, Mann argues, is that "from the outset globalization brought both enormous economic gains and ecological and social tumult that threatened to offset those gains."



Up for auction is an evening with "our own" Mary Henninger-Voss, a specialist in the history of science and an adjunct faculty member at Messiah College. She will lead the discussion of this just-published work, a sequel to *1491: New Revelations of the Americas before Columbus*. The event is hosted by Kate Quimby, also one of our own and a fellow faculty member at Messiah. Light refreshments will be served.

Note: Kate has a cat.

Host: Kate Quimby, with Mary Henninger-Voss

Tickets: \$15 **Max seats:** 12

FEBRUARY

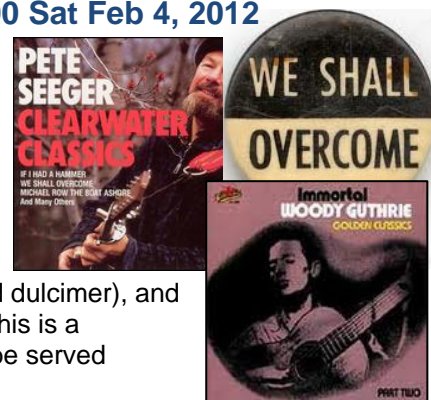
OccUUpy a Protest Movement (What Would Woody Do?) 6:00 Sat Feb 4, 2012

UUA president Peter Morales issued a statement in October on "Occupy Wall Street" and the various protests around the country. The statement says, in part: "Unitarian Universalism embodies a long tradition of working for economic justice and workers' rights. Today is another opportunity for us to live our faith, and the Occupy protests are a first step on the road to repairing our country."

Here's your chance to join in solidarity with Peter Morales, Pete Seeger, Woody Guthrie and more, under the able musical direction of Sparkie Radcliffe (piano), Brian Kahler (*bodhrán*), Blaise Liffick (guitar), Alanna Berger (hammered dulcimer), and Donna/Phil Hoskins-Helm (vocals)! Bring your instrument or bring your voice ~ this is a collaborative songfest. No prior experience necessary. Light refreshments will be served

Hosts: Ann Johnston and Claudia Dewayne, with musicians

Tickets: \$15 **Max seats:** 40



OccUUpy New Mexico (chez Forest-Montes)

6:00 Sat Feb 18, 2012

Join us for a classic New Mexico dinner featuring Hatch chile pepper varieties unique to the American Southwest. Try spicy red or green stacked enchiladas, and garnish as you wish with white onions, sour cream—or for the really hungry, a fried egg! Sides include rice and beans. Save room for a creamy flan dessert. Mild chile, and vegetarian options available. Alternate snow date: March 3

Location: Montes-Forest home, Harrisburg

Hosts: John Forest and Cathy Montes

Tickets: \$25 **Max seats:** 10



OccUUpy New Cumberland! (Chicken on Sunday)

1:00 pm Sunday, Feb 19, 2012

Jim and Mimi Handshaw invite you to their New Cumberland home for a traditional Sunday dinner: roast chicken with all the trimmings, including mashed potatoes and gravy.

Note: The Handshaws have one dog and two cats.

Hosts: Jim and Mimi Handshaw

Tickets: \$25 **Max seats:** 6



OccUUpy Bellevue Park (TGIF)

6:00 Fri Feb 24, 2012

Join Joan and George Hellmann and Tucker Susskind at her home for a hot bowl of soup and conversation with warm-hearted friends on Friday, February 24 at 6 pm. Includes bread, soup, salad, dessert, wine/beer, and coffee. Unlimited quantities of potables, comestibles, and conversation!

Note: Max the cat is known to make an occasional late-evening appearance.

Hosts: Tucker Susskind, Bellevue Park, with Joan & George Hellmann

Tickets: \$35 **Max seats:** 30



OccUUpy a Wii Spot (Dinner and Games) 6:00 Sat Feb 25, 2012

Join Sarah and David Glunz for a night of healthy, home-cooked food and Wii games such as bowling, tennis, and Just Dance!

Hosts: David/Sarah Glunz

Tickets: \$25 **Max seats:** 6 adults



OccUUpy a Seat at the Tatting Tea

1:00 p.m. Sun Feb 26, 2012

The German word for tatting is *Schiffchenarbeit* ("the work of the little boat," i.e. the boat-shaped shuttle); the Italians call it *occhi* (eyes), referring to the rings which make up the lace; the Turkish say *makouk* which is their word for shuttle; the French call it *frivolité* and the Swedish word is similar - *frivolitet* - which is the character of the work. There has even been a move in some circles to change the name of tatting to shuttle-lace, which, while it may be a good idea for up-dating the craft, would be very hard to put into common use.

Up for auction is a seat at the "Tatting Tea." Judy Linder will talk about the history of tatting, the various designs and techniques, and present multiple samples of her own tatting. Recommended for anyone who is signing up for her four-session course in tatting!

Hosts: Leah Kuhns, with Judy Linder

Tickets: \$15 **Max seats:** 6



OccUUpy a Turkish Novel!

6:30 Sat March 3

Orhan Pamuk is a Turkish writer whose work has sold more than 11 million copies in 60 languages, including "our own" American English. He won the Nobel Prize in 2006. His most recent novel available in English is *Snow*, which concerns a Turkish poet who witnesses first-hand the clash between radical Islam and Western ideals while living in exile in Germany. The story itself focuses on the protagonist's trip to a small town in Turkey. From Amazon.com:

Pamuk's sometimes exhaustive conversations and descriptions create a stark picture of a too-little-known part of the world, where politics, religion and even happiness can seem alternately all-consuming and irrelevant. A detached tone and some dogmatic abstractions make for tough reading, but Ka's rediscovery of God and poetry in a desolate place makes the novel's sadness profound and moving.



Up for auction is an evening at the home of Scott/Lori Gilbert, with book discussion led by Howard Dana. He says the book is absolutely amazing. Beautiful and tragic.

Hosts: Lori/Scott Gilbert, Enola, with Howard Dana

Tickets: \$15 **Max seats:** 12

OccUUpy a Quiddler Game, with Soup and Salad!

6:00 Fri March 9

From multiple sources: Quiddler is a fascinating cross between Scrabble and Rummy. It is an incredibly fun social game that can be played by anyone who can read and write. It can be played at parties and also as a casual spur-of-the-moment pass time.



Up for auction is a seat at the Pratts' table for a Soup & Salad dinner, then a game of Quiddler. No experience necessary!.

Note: The Pratts have a cat who is afraid of strangers and will be invisible for the evening.



Hosts: Richard/Nancy Pratt, Middletown

Tickets: \$25 **Max seats:** 6

OccUUpy Group Games, with a Souper Supper

6:00 Sat March 10

Come for a Soup, Salad and Bread dinner, and an evening of large-group games. Not card/board games, but group games such as Taboo, Scattergories, Deceive and Decide (the "dictionary game"), Wise and Otherwise. Vegetarians and carnivores welcome.



Note: Kevin and Andy have a non-shedding dog who will be crated.

Hosts: Kevin Geist and Andy Back

Tickets: \$25 **Max seats:** 8

OccUUpy a Myers-Briggs Workshop

The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) personality test is the most widely used personality test in the world and is administered to 11 million people each year, normally in corporate/professional settings. It follows a typological model developed by Carl Jung, which regards psychological type as similar to left or right handedness: individuals are either born with, or develop, certain preferred ways of thinking and acting. The MBTI sorts some of these psychological differences into four opposite pairs, or dichotomies, with a resulting 16 possible psychological types.

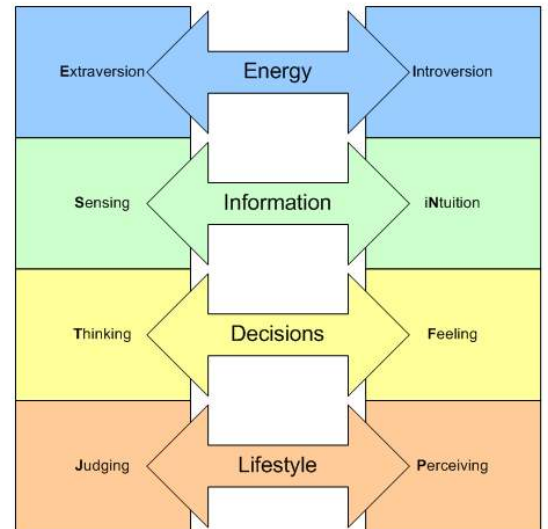
What's your type? Laura Shemick, a qualified administrator of the MBTI, will mail the assessment instrument (questionnaire) to winning bidders and interpret your responses prior to the session. In an evening tea hosted by our own Martha Stewart (Leta Beam), Laura will explain the instrument and help people understand how knowing their "preferences" can aid them in group settings, like work, church, and family gatherings. Commercial value: \$100 per assessment.

Note: Leta has both canine and feline pets.

Hosts: Leta Beam, with Laura Shemic

Tickets: \$25 Max seats: 10

7:00 Tue March 13



PreoccUUpy Yourself with Parental Listening Skills

How well do you communicate with your children? All of us do great some of the time and fail miserably other times. Up for auction is an evening with our UCH Director of Youth Ministry (and mother of a seven-year-old), Wendy Shaver, and Marj Hartman, biology teacher and mother of two teens. They will lead a discussion of shared wisdom about how we parents can build a stronger relationship with our children and teens. As a framework, they will use concepts from "*How to Talk so Kids (Teens) Will Listen & Listen so Kids (Teens) Will Talk*."

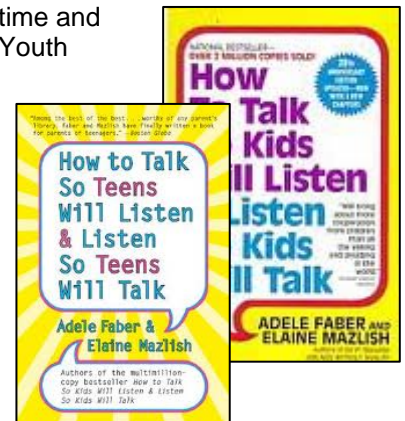
Bidders are encouraged to acquire the text ahead of time, but this is not pre-requisite reading. Come prepared for an evening of sharing with other UCH parents! Light refreshments will be served.

Note: the Hartmans have two dogs, both of which will remain isolated from guest all evening.

Host: Marj Hartman, with Wendy Shaver

Tickets: \$15 Max seats: 12

6:30 Fri March 16, 2012



OccUUpy a Voting Booth!

6:30 Sun Mar 8, 2012

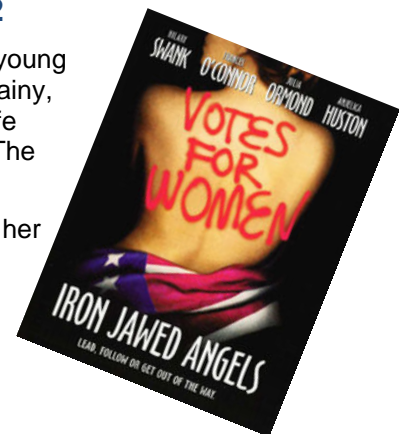
Iron Jawed Angels (2004) is an exuberant tour de force that tells the story of fierce young suffragettes fighting for the right to vote. Headlining the cast are Hilary Swank as brainy, charismatic Alice Paul and Frances O'Connor as smart, cheeky Alice Burns - real-life women who mobilized a defiant vanguard that gave Congress a run for its money. The film received acclaim at the Sundance Film Festival.

In honor of Women's History Month, Michelle Heh is hosting a viewing of the film at her home, with suffrage snacks and 19th Amendment appetizers served.

Note: Michelle has two dogs.

Hosts: Michelle Heh, Enola

Tickets: \$15 Max seats: 5



OccUUpy a House Concert

7:30 Fri March 30, 2012

Jennifer Kathleen is a local singer/songwriter with two CDs to her credit – and a third one to be released Nov. 18. A smash hit at our summer coffee house, Jennifer has graciously agreed to donate her talents, in an intimate house party hosted by Pat Kauffman. Come prepared to be inspired – and enthralled!

Limited seating. Light refreshments will be served.

Host: Pat Kauffman, with Jennifer Kathleen

Tickets: \$15 **Max seats:** 10



OccUUpy Three Midtown Homes (Progressive Dinner)

6:00 p.m. Sat March 31

Celebrate the season with a tapas-style dinner, occurring in stages at the homes of Libby Tisdell, Kelly O'Neill, and Howard Dana! This progressive dinner gives new meaning to the term "post-prandial stroll."

Note: Kelly and Howard both have dogs.

Host: Libby Tisdell, Kelly O'Neill, and Howard Dana

Tickets: \$35 **Max seats:** 8

APRIL

OccUUpy the Opera!

7:00 Tue, April 10, 2012

La Traviata has become the most popular of all Verdi's operas, placing second in the Operabase list of most performed operas worldwide (first place honors go to Mozart for Die Zauberflöte). This season the Metropolitan Opera is staging the opera as part of its popular HD production, scheduled for broadcast at 12:55 p.m. Saturday, April 14 (encore performance 6:30 p.m. Wednesday May 2).

Up for auction is an evening with Peter Allen, who was host for the Met radio broadcasts from 1975 to 2004. We will listen to his commentary on *Traviata*, including musical highlights from the recording featuring Beverly Sills, Nicolai Gedda, and Roland Panerai (Royal Philharmonic, 1988). Your host will also provide a "cheat sheet" of background information on the opera and on the dramatic Met performance featuring Natalie Dessay in the lead role, Matthew Polenzani as Alfredo, and Dmitri Hvorostovsky as Germont. Light refreshments will be served.

Hosts: Bart Carpenter

Tickets: \$15 **Max seats:** 10



OccUUpy a Card Table!

7:30 Sat April 14

Join the Susan Rimby and John Katz for an evening of board and card games, with light refreshments.

Hosts: Chez Rimby/Katz, Harrisburg

Tickets: \$10 (teens \$5) **Max seats:** 6



OccUUpy a Singles Event

7:30 Sat April 28

"Spiritual Lessons of the Single Life." Enjoy coffee and conversation with "our own" Howard Dana, reflecting on spirituality for people without a life partner. Come prepared for frank discussion!

Hosts: Pat Kauffman, with Howard Dana

Tickets: \$15 **Max seats:** 8

OccUUpy an Indian Dinner

6:00 Sat April 28

Enjoy either a vegetarian or carnivore entree with assorted vegetarian friendly accompaniments, all done with the unique spice and flare of Indian cuisine.

Note: Kevin and Andy have a non-shedding dog who will be crated for the evening.,

Hosts: Kevin Geist and Andy Back,

Tickets: \$35 **Max seats:** 6

OccUUpy a Mountain of Music 3:00 pm Sun Apr 29

The annual "music on the mountain" event! Margaret Carrow and Maureen Callahan are hosting their spring tea, with "our own" Ellen Peters and Brad Bechtel putting her grand piano to good use. The event features good company, "Old Standards," and great refreshments!

Location: Chez Callahan/Ostdahl, north Harrisburg

Tickets: \$15 **Max seats:** 20



SUMMER-FALL

OccUUpy Moosewood (Reprise)

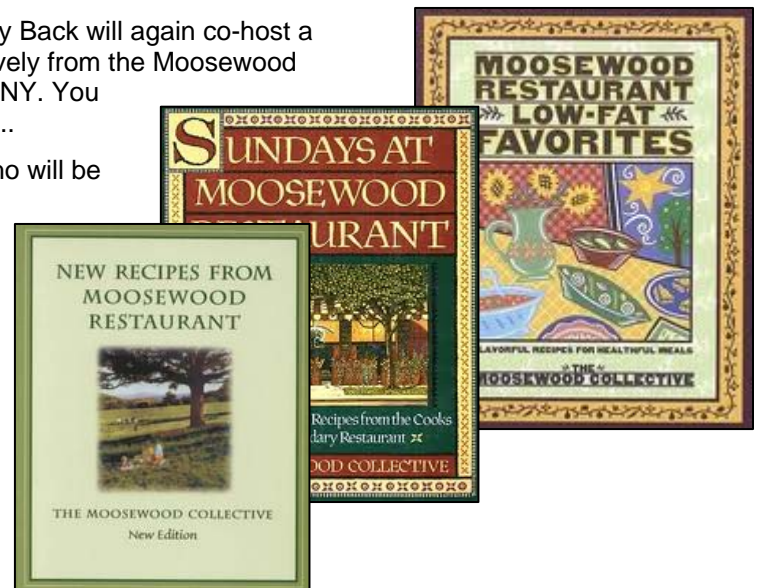
6:00 Sat June 23

Back by popular demand - Hannah Belser and Andy Back will again co-host a purely vegetarian meal using recipes taken exclusively from the Moosewood Collective - the world famous Restaurant in Ithaca, NY. You just might find out that you are a closet vegetarian....

Note: Kevin and Andy have a non-shedding dog who will be crated for the evening.,

Hosts: Kevin Geist and Andy Back,
with Hannah Belser

Tickets: \$35 **Max seats:** 6



OccUUpy the Black Forest Trail (Backpacking)

Sept 28-30, 2012

Dave Forster, experienced backpacker, will lead a weekend (3 days, 2 nights) backpacking trip on a different section of the Black Forest Trail. September 28-30 if the summer is dry; October 12-14 if wet. You will need to take Friday off work (oh, darn) and will return home on Sunday. Dave will plan the trip, lend equipment, and guide the experience. Note from your tour guide: this is **very strenuous activity**. Come prepared!

Hosts: Dave Forster

Tickets: \$20 **Max seats:** 8

