

# The Landmark

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SUNDAY SERVICES

MORNING SERVICES  
10:45AM

EVENING SERVICES  
5:00PM



The Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt

## Life in the Spirit

Dear Ones —

Our 10th year together has already begun—can you believe it? So many things have changed in all this time, but some things remain constant. We are still a church working to be a beacon of liberal religion on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. We are still a community that offers a warm welcome to all who enter our doors. We are still a congregation that takes seriously the free and responsible search for truth and meaning. Yet change is in the air; you've received news throughout the summer of staff changes and additions that support our congregational life. Now I want to tell you about other changes you'll notice as we step into this new church year.

The biggest difference you'll see is a greater sense of intentionality in everything we do—and we'll be doing a lot more together. Why? Because you've asked for it. You told our leadership that you want more time for us to be together, worship together, learn together and laugh together. We're building in time for Game Nights and Bible Studies, for book clubs and potluck dinners. Just as important, we're building in more time for worship, with 5:00PM services every Sunday

evening. Occasionally, I'll be preaching at the evening service; far more often, you'll have the gift of worship with our own Fourth U young people, with guest ministers like Rev. Michelle Nickens, with seminarians from Union Theological Seminary, and other liberal religious people.

Each month's worship and religious exploration will focus on some of the most important values we hold. September's theme is **Promise Faithfully**. Throughout the month, we'll be talking about the promises we make to one another, how well we keep them, and what to do when we've broken faith with one another. Our children and youth will be talking about the same things we are, and we're looking forward to some lively multigenerational conversation! You'll find the complete list of monthly themes below, and future Landmark issues will feature more information about each theme.

There is so much to look forward to this year! Most of all, I look forward to seeing you again soon, and to all the gifts this new year will bring.

Faithfully,

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## Fourth Universalist Worship Themes 2010-2011

September:	Promise Faithfully	February:	Act Justly
October:	Love Abundantly	March:	Give Generously
November :	Serve Selflessly	April:	Go Lightly
December:	Celebrate Joyfully	May:	Honor Life
January:	Create Peace	June:	Embrace Gratitude

## Greetings from the Board President

I hope you have found plenty of fun things to do this summer. As we get back together I wanted to make you aware of some changes afoot as things ramp up in September. In mid August our leadership gathered to discuss and plan to improve our experience at Fourth U.

Two major themes emerged from these discussions around structure and membership. In both cases, we believe we have found ways to get our work done in a manner that better supports new and existing members. There are going to be some new regular events that we hope will appeal to a wide audience.

The general idea is to build on what is working, while adding activities that are both fun and productive without extraordinary work for volunteers and staff.

The introduction of these initiatives will be accomplished in traditional print form and in some new innovative communications. I look forward to your enthusiasm and participation, as well as your suggestions to make the most of the year.

Sincerely,

Jon Arancio  
President, Board of Directors

## Words from Our Minister of Religious Exploration

September is an exciting month for children of all ages. At Fourth U, the excitement is already growing as we look toward a fabulous new year of Religious Exploration. I am thrilled to be the Acting Minister of Religious Exploration at Fourth U this year as all of us continue the important work of growing together.

This year, we will continue using the Tapestry of Faith curriculum by the UUA. It is an excellent curriculum that creates many opportunities for children to engage in important values and questions through developmentally appropriate activities. One of the best aspects of this curriculum is the Faith in Action element to each lesson, which provides creative ways of enacting the day's theme in the congregation and in the world.

We will be putting a special emphasis on Faith in Action projects both in and out of the classroom so that our children will be able to learn by doing meaningful projects that keep them connected to Unitarian Universalist life.

Look for multigenerational outreach and advocacy opportunities, art projects that move upstairs, child-led stories for all ages,

expanding beyond the basement and into the life of the congregation!

All year, the entire congregation will be focused on a series of themes connecting everything we do. Our Religious Exploration curriculum will be no exception. Children and teachers will be exploring the same questions that center our morning and evening worship services. For September, our theme will be "Promise Faithfully." As always, each class will be creating a behavioral covenant for the year, but we will also be learning about the many ways we use covenants in Unitarian Universalist congregations. Themes such as this can be great ways to start conversations with someone younger or older than you. Think about you own experience with covenants at Fourth U and see what you can learn from each other!

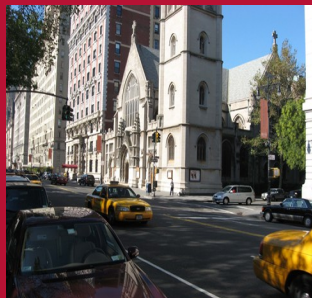
I can't wait to see all of you on Celebration Sunday!

Rev. Laurel W. Koepf  
Acting Minister of Religious Exploration

# September 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5 10:45AM Derrick McQueen "On This Day"	6	7	8	9	10	11
						7:00-9:30PM Board Meeting
12 10:45AM Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt "Promises, Promises"	13	14	15	16	17	18
1:00PM Youth Group Family Meeting						
5:00PM Worship: Julie Taylor						
19 10:45AM Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt "Waters of Life"	20	21	22	23	24	25
5:00PM Worship: Jazz Vespers with Leonisa Ardizzone						7:00PM Refresh & Revive Service
26 10:45AM Jim Saslow "Jewish Unitarian Universalism"	27	28	29	30		
5:00PM Worship: Youth Group						

**ANNOUNCEMENTS  
& MEMBER EVENTS**



## Fourth U Youth Group Kicks Off September

This is going to be an exciting year to be a youth at Fourth U! Fourth U's Youth Group will cater to junior high and high school students, led by our Acting Youth Minister Julie Taylor. Already on the calendar are overnight lock-ins (a slumber party in the church), leading the evening worship service every other month, field trips, service projects and unscheduled fun.

Fourth U's Youth Group will kick off with a family meeting on Sunday, September 12th at 1:00PM. Anyone who is interested in joining should attend along with parents and siblings. We'll have snacks and more detailed information. So meet us in the new Youth Room at 1:00PM on Celebration Sunday!

If you have any questions, contact Julie at 212-595-1658 x25. YouthMinister@4thu.org

## Sunday Evening Worship Services Start September 12th at 5:00PM

Beginning Sunday, September 12th a 5:00PM evening worship service is being added to Fourth U's worship calendar. The format of the service will rotate each week. The third Sunday of every month Leonisa Ardizzone will bring jazz vespers. Once a month UU seminary students will lead worship. Our own Rev. Rosemary will preach once a month. And every other month Fourth U's Youth Group will lead the service.

Coming up we have Susie & Robert Bowe and Liz Wolfe bringing a hint of bluegrass for September 12th, Leonisa Ardizzone's jazz band on September 19th, and our Youth Group leads worship on September 26th.

We're working to fill your spirit, nourish your soul and feed the roots of our community. So come on out on Sunday evenings and get in the groove of Unitarian Universalism.

## Water Communion Scheduled for September 19th

Our Annual Water Communion ceremony will be part of worship on Sunday morning, September 19th. Please bring a small amount of water from your travels this summer, and join in this ritual to honor the interdependent web of all existence.

*Water Communion  
Ceremony  
scheduled for  
September 19th*

Fourth U's  
Book Club:  
August Wilson's  
Pulitzer Prize-  
winning play  
Fences

## Special Collection: Back-To-School Supplies

We will once again be taking up special collections to purchase school supplies for the children at the Volunteers of America Regent Family Residence homeless shelter on the Upper West Side.

Collections will take place September 19th and 26th, during the

morning service. Cash or checks (made out to Fourth U) will be gratefully accepted.

Thank you to the members and friends of Fourth U for their many years of generosity.

## Fourth U's Book Club

COME JOIN US — The Fourth U Book Club's next meeting will be on September 8th at 6:30PM. Summer is officially over September 6th, so we will begin our fall meetings on the second Wednesday of September. In October, we'll go back to first Wednesdays.

This should be a fun meeting. We will be reading aloud a good bit of August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning play: *Fences*. Barbara Malley will lead the discussion of Wilson's work, plot and criticism of the play. Then members will take some of the parts and read significant

scenes. If you have interest in joining our book club, this night would surely be a good start. It's not necessary that you read beforehand, but, if you have time to do it, you will surely find it rewarding. If you decide to attend, use the door on West 76th Street. Jim, Fourth U's Night Manager, will let you know where we are meeting. Since we will be having light refreshments, we'd appreciate it if you would let us know if you are coming. Notify Barbara Malley ([feinics@verizon.net](mailto:feinics@verizon.net)). If you decide at the last moment, come anyway. You are most welcome.

## Refresh & Revive: Your Mid-Week Spiritual Break

Fourth U's music and meditation services continue! Join Rev. Beth Putnam, Fourth U Affiliate Community Minister, for brief services of reflection built around music, poetry and silence offered one Wednesday a month at 7:00PM at Fourth U. Each month will focus on a different spiritual tradition, here is the upcoming topic:

- September 22nd—FALL—Come and celebrate the Autumnal Equinox, the coming of Fall through reflection, songs and music welcoming the change of the seasons.



## Spiritual Life Poetry—Last Sunday of Every Month

Join Tom Kennedy and fellow congregants for a contemplative service of poetry after worship on the last Sunday of the month starting at 12:15PM. You are welcome to bring poetry that inspires you, connects you to your spiritual life, or just come to listen.

## Sign Up to Light the Chalice on Sunday Mornings

We invite Fourth Universalist's members and friends to light the chalice during Sunday morning services. Families, individuals and couples may sign up to light the chalice as part of a celebration, commemoration, or in honor of someone. Sign up will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

The sign up sheet is located on the wall next to the coffee service. We look forward to your participation on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Taylor at YouthMinister@4thu.org.

## August 2010 Donations

Sunday Pledge & Plate contributions	\$1,755.00
Electronic Pledge payments	\$3,014.60
Special Collection—"Standing on the Side of Love" (legal expenses)	\$319.00
<b>Total Giving this Month by Members &amp; Friends</b>	<b>\$5,088.60</b>

## Pastoral Care Information

Dear Members,  
If you know of a member or friend of the Fourth U community who is in need, won't you encourage him or her to reach out? We want to help.

Your Pastoral Care Team:  
Rev. Jennifer Pader can be reached at: 212-765-6340.  
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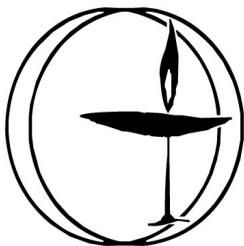
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