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The Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt

Life in the Spirit

Summer may seem like a strange time to add more structure to life, but that's become my latest mini-project. There are things I would like to do more of—hang out with friends, go to the gym, hear live jazz, have real sit-down dinners with my guys. But unless I'm intentional about these things, they all too often don't happen. So right after General Assembly, while the boys were at camp, I sat down with my planner and started looking ahead—not simply to my responsibilities, but to the possibility of joy and fun that I could plan for! There are a lot more concerts and time on the treadmill in my future, and that kind of balance is all to the good.

All of us here at Fourth U continue to work with intentionality on behalf of this wonderful religious community. Thanks to the foresight of many leaders, we are completing the assembly of the Fourth U Master Calendar—a list of all-church events for the coming

year. Many of us know instinctively when our major events traditionally occur—but no one should have to rely on instinct to be part of beloved community here. In addition, we have some creative new initiatives in the works, and we needed a timeline so that we might build interest among members and friends.

By September, we'll all know the dates of the congregational meetings and the new member Sundays, as well as the parties, the Auction, Recognition Sunday and UN Sunday. This outline allows all of us ample time for one of the most important things we do here—offer each other a chance to know and to be known. As always, a busy and spirit-filled year awaits us. In the meanwhile, take some time to enjoy the very best of summer. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Faithfully,
Rosemary

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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. Pader can be reached at: 212-765-6340. Rev. Bowden can be reached at: 845-641-4694.

If you have any questions, please call the Fourth U Office at: 212-595-1658 ext. 21.

Greetings from the Board President

Seven folks from Fourth U made the pilgrimage to Salt Lake City this year. No, not to visit the Mormon Temple, but to attend the Unitarian Universalist Association's annual General Assembly. Rosemary, Ryan, Julie, Connie, Sally, Aaron and I spent five days attending workshops, voting on resolutions and for candidates (including the position of UUA President), worshipping and networking with UUs from the US, Canada and beyond. It may not be the Hajj, but nowhere else will you find as many fellow travelers. Next year, we meet in Minnesota, so mark your calendar.

Those of us who went found GA particularly stimulating, and we would like to bring our experiences back to Fourth U. Ryan and I participated in UU University's Governance program, and hope to use our new knowledge of the Carver policy governance model to tweak our implementation of it here.

The board has many things on its plate – among which are a complete overhaul of the by-laws – and we have created a task force to begin this work. While the by-laws have been amended over the years, they are structurally the same as they were before we adopted policy governance. We are also educating ourselves about rules of order so that our board and congregational meetings conform to best practices.

You, too, have a role to play. Like UU churches across the country, we have many things to do, and too few people to do them. An effective church needs people at all levels of leadership, and we hope that those who are not yet involved will lend their talents.

Faithfully,

Matt Gilbert
President of the Board

Refresh and Revive: Your Mid-Week Spiritual Break

Fourth U's music and meditation services continue! Join co-leaders Rev. Beth Putnam, Fourth U Affiliate Community Minister, and Tom McGinnis, Fourth U Music Director, for brief services of reflection built around music, poetry and silence offered one Wednesday a month at 7:00 p.m. at Fourth U.

Each month will focus on a different spiritual tradition; here are the topics for this summer:

July 15th- In many Buddhist traditions, sitting meditation combines chant meditation and silent meditation to expand the participant's consciousness of themselves and their connection to the world. Come share an evening of mantra chanting and silent meditation with others.

August 19th- Summer is time when many of us explore nature. Come explore nature inside our own heads at Refresh and Revive. This nature meditation will combine simple songs with the poetry of Mary Oliver and times of silence.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
& MEMBER
EVENTS**



*Please refer to
the calendar on
pages 4-5 for
exact times and
dates for our
recurring
member events!*

Next Humanist Meeting Friday August 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Religion and the Challenge of Humanistic Psychology

Religion is a two-edged sword. It can foster personal salvation, human liberation, justice and peace, or can lead to war, the aberration of the human mind, and social denigration.

In this meeting we will consider the mental health aspects of faith and spirituality from a humanistic perspective. Particular emphasis will be put on religious philosophy and values that relate to the contemporary culture of enlightenment.

The program will include a unique film as a starting point of the discussion. It will be introduced and moderated by the Rev. Joseph Ben-David, Senior Minister of the Church of Humanism.

Held at Universalist Society: 4 West 76th at CPW. Please use 76th St. entrance.

Information: 212-877-5662

Web site: www.humanistfoundation.org

In youtube, put in search the words: Ben-David humanist

Discover The Treasure at Fourth U's Auction Gala

Ahoy mateys!! The auction steering committee is already hard at work planning the 4th Annual Auction Gala, to be held on November 21, 2009, from 6 to 10 p.m.

Anyone who wants to be involved in helping with the event should contact Jeanne Martinet at Jeanne@Jeanne.martinet.com or Liz Wolfe at lwolfe@win-tecgroup.com.

Now is the time for you to begin soliciting donations from your neighborhood businesses, professional contacts, and your friends and family to help us make this a bountiful, spectacular night for Fourth U.

Download the donation form at www.4thu.org/ auction. Some ideas for donations include: restaurant certificates; tickets to performances of all kinds - theatre, ballet, music, sports, etc; a week or weekend in a vacation home; valuable artifacts; sports memorabilia; new designer-wear; fine jewelry; gift certificates; gift baskets; or any items from your own personal treasure chest.

Let's hoist the sails high for this year's event!



July 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5 Rev. Jennifer Pader "My Receding Hairline" Interweave Meeting 12:30 p.m.	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Rev. Lee Bond-Upson "Essay On Jim"	13	14	15 Refresh & Revive: Meditation Service 7:00 p.m.	16 Auction Meeting 7:00 p.m.	17	18 Kateri Worship
19 Rev. Lee Bond-Upson "Epiphany -- A Meditation on our 7th Principle"	20	21 New Moon Circle 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24	25
26 Rev. Beth Putnam "Diversity: A Different View"	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 Julie Taylor "Hanging On, Letting Go" Interweave Meeting 12:30 p.m.	3	4	5	6	7	1 <hr/> 8
9 Rev. Wendy Pantoja "We Take No Followers"	10	11	12	13	14	15 Kateri Worship
16 Rev. Jill Bowden "I Believe"	17	18	19 Refresh & Revive: Meditation Service 7:00 p.m.	20 New Moon Circle 6:30 p.m.	21 Humanist Meeting 7:00 p.m.	22
23 Rev. Wendy Pantoja "All Souls Radically Welcome"	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Rev. Jennifer Pader "Growing Up JUUish"	31					

Fourth U holding services at West End Synagogue on September 20 at 10:45 a.m.

The Fourth Universalist Society will be holding their September 20, 2009 Sunday Service at West End Syna-

gogue. The synagogue is located at 190 Amsterdam Avenue between West 68th and West 69th Streets.

A Letter of Thanks from Day One for V-Day

On April 4, 2009, members and friends of Fourth U put on a performance of the Vagina Monologues and raised money for local organizations. We received this letter from the Executive Director of one of those organizations:

“Thank you very much for selecting Day One as the recipient of the proceeds of your V-Day performance in April 2009. Your generous contribution of \$2,231.00 received in June 2009 directly impacts the adolescents and teens helped by Day One through our preventive education and direct services programs.

As in years past, in 2009 Day

One will enter the classroom with preventive workshops, encourage peer leadership and youth engagement on New York’s college campuses, and provide legal assistance to young victims of dating abuse. Thanks to support from groups like yours, Day One continues to give young people in New York City the necessary tools to build safe and healthy relationships.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Nilva
Executive Director”

Please refer to the calendar on pages 4-5 for exact times and dates for our recurring member events!

Sign up to Light the Chalice on Sunday mornings

We invite Fourth Universalist’s members and friends to light the chalice at Sunday morning worship services. Families, individuals, couples, 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 UnrulyRev@mac.com.

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