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The Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt

Life in the Spirit

One of the most important aspects of our lives together is the multigenerational quality of Fourth U. Our religious exploration is growing, with several new faces among the children and youth we sing out each Sunday morning. But that's only a small part of what it means to be a multigenerational community. It's true that our children know us, and we know them; they hang out in coffee hour and have lots to say to us after the service. But many of us have come to understand the importance of including younger members of the congregation in the life of the church.

Some of the ways to include younger people are limited by law. Becoming a voting member of our congregation is limited to those who are age 16 or older. We already have a few members who would be eligible to participate in that way, with more to come in several years! But other avenues of participation are limited only by our own imaginations. Our younger members might want to tell the story for all ages, or light the chalice, or be ushers and greeters. They might want to join committees and task forces of the congregation and let their opinions be known.

There's lots of things for our young

people to do. But that means there is something that all of us must do, too. It's appropriate and good that our children and youth have religious education that is tailored for the questions they are asking in this phase of their lives. But it's just as important that we "upstairs" are open and welcoming to our members "downstairs." Multigenerational services, where all ages participate in all parts of worship, are something that takes work and planning.

The good news is that our Worship Arts team is doing that work and planning right now. Our goal is to create a worship experience that all ages can be part of, and we want to grow into doing it regularly. Want to help make that happen? Julie Taylor, who chairs Worship Arts, would love to hear from you. If we want our children to grow up to be active Unitarian Universalists, we have to help them find their place, not only in the classroom, but in the sanctuary as well.

Faithfully,

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Greetings from the Board President

I wish to thank all of you who attended the congregational meeting on October 25th. We on the Board appreciate the time you take out of your busy schedules and the attention you pay to the business of the Society. You always ask thoughtful questions, and I hope the answers you received met your expectations.

What may not have been clear is the amount of effort that went into the revision of the budget, and other matters surrounding the recognition of the budget shortfall. Many people put a great deal of time and energy into examining our records, identifying errors, and finding responsible and pragmatic ways of correcting those errors. The cuts we made went through several rounds, and we did our best to “spread the pain,” so that no one committee or other body of the

church would be disproportionately affected. Cutting budgets – especially by as much as we did – is never easy, but we on the Board feel strongly that the revisions we recommended to you represented our best judgment. We are gratified that the vast majority of you agreed. Thanks especially to Treasurer Mark Benton, the Finance Committee, and Rosemary, for all your hard work.

Leadership at Fourth U is, of course, open to all members. We rely on the experience and knowledge of our members to conduct the business of the Society. If you feel you have something to contribute, your expertise is welcome and appreciated. We are always in need of financial advice, and hope you will share your thoughts and ideas.

Matt Gilbert
President of the Board

The Vagina Monologues are returning to Fourth U on February 27

**First planning meeting
Sunday, November 15 at 12:30 p.m. in
the sanctuary**

That’s right, after our sold-out benefit performance this past April, we’re bringing back Eve Ensler’s powerful, award-winning play-that-has-become-a-movement and we’re looking for a passionate new team of volunteers! Organized by Deborah Roth and directed by Nancy Robilliard, we will once again join the hundreds of thousands of “Vagina Warriors” around the world who have launched productions in support of V-Day -- a global movement to end violence against women and girls.

In 2009, over 4200 V-Day benefit events took place, produced by volunteer

activists in the U.S and around the world. And over the last 10 years, the V-Day movement has raised over \$60 million and educated millions about the issue of violence against women and the efforts to end it, crafted international educational, media and PSA campaigns, launched the Karama program in the Middle East, reopened shelters, and funded over 6000 community-based anti-violence programs and safe houses in Democratic Republic Of Congo, Haiti, Kenya, South Dakota, Egypt and Iraq. If you want to be involved, please attend the November 15 meeting or contact Deborah Roth at 212-665-9660 or dsrothny@aol.com for more information. Women and men of all ages are invited to participate!

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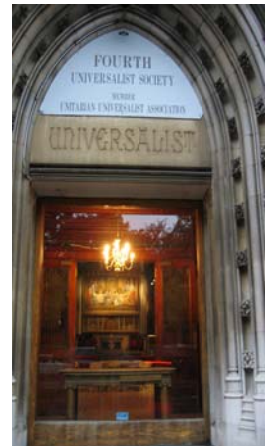
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Join Jillian Waldman for a Circle of Rounds in our Chapel on November 29 at 2:00 p.m.

Join Jillian Waldman in the Chapel for an afternoon of beautiful participatory singing. Singing rounds is one of the best ways to generate breathtaking harmonies without having to spend a lot of time teaching or memorizing parts. We will learn and sing songs from a variety of sources,

including both spiritually sublime tunes, and tunes that are musically sublime with lighter lyrics. No prior experience or particular skill is required; words and music will be provided. Feel free to bring a friend, a song you'd like to teach, or just your voice and your curious spirit.

New Member Class at Fourth U on Saturday, November 14 at 12:00 p.m.

For those interested in becoming Members of Fourth Universalist Society or just learning more about us, please attend for our New Member Class that will be held in the

Sanctuary of the Church on Saturday, November 14 at 12:00 p.m. Call 212-595-1658 ext. 21 or email of-fice@4thu.org to RSVP.

Refresh & Revive: Your Mid-Week Spiritual Break

Fourth U's music and meditation services continue into the Fall. 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 7:00 p.m. at Fourth U.

Each month will focus on a different spiritual theme; here is this month's topic:
November 18 — Gratitude — Come join us for an evening of reflection and music celebrating all the gifts that surround us every day and the spirit of gratitude.

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.

Please refer to the calendar on page 3 for exact times and dates for our recurring member events!

November 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Rev. Fred Wooden "Things to Do in Church When You are Dead" Newcomer Orientation 12:30 p.m. Choral Chameleon Concert 5:00 p.m.	2	3	4 Day of the Dead Service 6:30 p.m.	5	6	7
8 Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt Legacy Sunday "Universalism Lost and Found" Church Council & Interweave Meetings 12:30 p.m.	9	10 Heart to Heart Conversations 7:00 p.m.	11	12	13	14
15 Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt Association Sunday "Better Together" Bible Study Class 12:30 p.m.	16 New Moon Circle 6:30 p.m.	17	18 Refresh & Revive: Meditation Service 7:00 p.m.	19	20 Humanist Meeting 7:00 p.m.	21 Annual Fourth U Auction Gala 6:00 p.m.
22 Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt New Member Sunday Water Communion "Tranquil Streams"	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Rev. Beth Putnam "For All Our Gifts" Circle of Rounds 2:00 p.m.	30					

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& MEMBER
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**Bible Study comes to Fourth U — First session is on
Sunday, November 15 at 12:30 p.m.**

Many of you expressed interest in bible study at Fourth U. Join us on the third Sunday on each month, beginning November 15 at 12:30 p.m. Explore historical background of the societies that wrote the Bible, issues of translation and editing, and other

techniques for biblical study. The Rev. Beth Putnam will lead this group as we explore the Bible from a UU perspective. Please sign up at the table on Sunday mornings or e-mail Alex in the office: office@4thu.org.

Water Communion at our November 22 service

Fourth U will celebrate the Annual Water Communion during our November 22 service. Please

bring water from all your travels that we may blend them together in this annual worship event.

Humanist Meeting on November 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Among the great pioneers in studying the processes that affect human life and energies is the humanist psychiatrist Wilhelm Reich. Because of his revolutionary psychological theories and practices, he was heavily persecuted during his life and is even today unaccepted by traditional schools of psychology. Only since the advent of humanistic psychology in the 1960s, has Reich's contribution to the field of human sexuality been slowly recognized.

This program will be introduced with a taped lecture by Cynthia Powell, a long-time humanist activist and a graduate of the Humanist Leadership Seminary.

If you are interested in exploring a core issue that motivates society, politics and even religion, this meeting is for you. We expect a spirited discussion in a humanistic setting.

Held at: The Fourth Universalist Society (use 76th St entrance)
Information: 212-877-5662 Web: www.humanistfoundation.org



at the
Fourth Universalist Society
Auction Gala

Saturday, November 21, 2009
6 pm Silent Auction @ 8 pm Live Auction

The Fourth Universalist Society 160 Central Park West @ 76th Street

Live Auction with Professional Auctioneer!

House in the Adirondacks; New Yorker Cartoon; Show Tickets, Tour at the Met and more...

Silent Auction!

Jewelry, Artwork, Keepsakes; Baskets; Lessons; Housewares and more...

Bid and Bump!

Walking Tours; Parties; Tap Class and more...

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