

Saturday, May 22
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM including lunch

**A Writing Workshop
FAITHSTORIES:
BEGINNING YOUR
SPIRITUAL MEMOIRS**

The Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt

When we speak of our journeys to this free religious faith, what are the stories we tell, and how do we tell them? In this workshop, The Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt — Unitarian Universalist minister, contributing editor of the *UU World*, and widely anthologized author — will lead a workshop designed to help you articulate your story of faith. We'll read, write and discuss spiritual stories of many kinds, with a special emphasis on the story that only you can tell. Participants are urged to write, prior to the workshop meeting, a brief story that speaks to the "life of the spirit" (750 words maximum).

The Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt is minister of The Fourth Universalist Society in New York City, a 165-year old congregation on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. Born and raised in Chicago, she is a graduate of Yale University and Drew Theological Seminary. An editor and widely anthologized writer for more than 20 years before answering the call to ordained ministry, The Rev. Ms. McNatt is a former editor at the *New York Times Book Review*; author of three books, including her memoir, *Unafraid of the Dark*; author of the UUA pamphlet: "The Faith of a Theist: There Must be a God Somewhere"; a contributing editor to *UU World*; and a contributing columnist for Beliefnet.com.



**The Rev. Rosemary Bray
McNatt**

Her service to the UUA has included work as a member of the Committee on Urban Concerns and Ministry; the Task Force for Strategic Options for Beacon Press; and chair of the Board of Trustees of Starr King School for the Ministry.

Currently she serves as a member of the Panel on Theological Education and is a founder of the Unitarian Universalist Trauma Response Ministry, created to provide culturally sensitive liberal religious responses to mass disaster and other significant trauma.

*There will be a nominal fee for this workshop;
reservations will be required.*

**Rosemary Bray McNatt's sermon on
Sunday, May 23, is "Love's Insistent Power"**

**Please contact the Church Office
(414 273-5257; office@uumilwaukee.org)
for reservation information for
the two workshops.**

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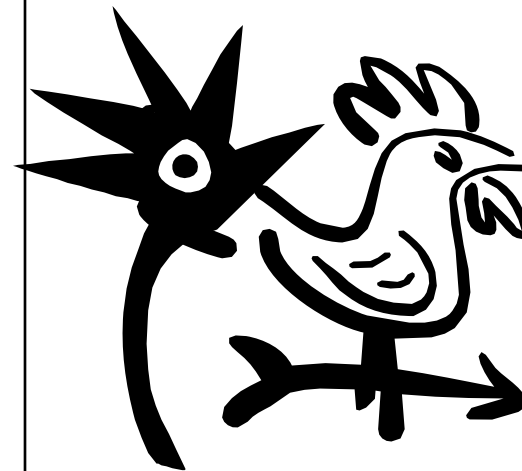
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A Three-Part Series



featuring
The Rev. Dr. Forrest Church
The Rev. Scott Alexander
The Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt

LEADERS IN LIBERAL RELIGIOUS THOUGHT

During Drew Kennedy's sabbatical, the Sabbatical Committee is pleased to present a special series: **"Leaders in Liberal Religious Thought."** Our participants are nationally prominent, with a presence extending far beyond the Unitarian Universalist pulpit. Each will speak or lead a workshop in addition to preaching at the 9:15 and 11:15 AM services the following day. These programs will be open to the larger Milwaukee community, and are an outstanding opportunity for us to hear and interact with those whose minds and ideas challenge not only Unitarian Universalists, but other theologians across the country.

Please join us. It should be a stunning series!

Saturday, February 28
4:00 PM

**A Lecture followed by a book
signing and reception**

**AMERICAN NATIONALISM
vs**

AMERICAN PATRIOTISM

The Rev. Dr. Forrest Church

Forrest Church, senior minister of All Souls Unitarian Church in New York City, is one of the denomination's foremost preachers. Dr. Church's lecture will focus on nationalism and patriotism, dealing with themes that he has written about in his recent book, *The American Creed*. In an exploration of the intersection of freedom and faith in American life, Dr. Church will discuss how the ideals of the Declaration of Independence have made America what it is today. But where is the country going?

Dr. Church is also a prolific writer and editor of more than 20 books, including *God*

and Other Famous Liberals: Recapturing God, Flag, and Family From the Far Right and *Bringing God Home: a Spiritual Guidebook for the Journey of Your Life*. He also edited *Restoring Faith: America's Religious Leaders Answer Terror with Hope*, compiled after September 11. He has garnered high praise from reviewers and readers, including this recent comment from George McGovern: "Forrest Church has become our preeminent preacher of faith and freedom."

The son of Frank Church, the late Democratic senator from Idaho, Dr. Church has been exploring themes of liberal religious faith in his sermons and writings for over 25 years. This past summer he was one of the invited chaplains at the Chautauqua Institution in New York state, the only Unitarian-Universalist minister ever so honored.



**The Rev. Dr.
Forrest Church**

Join us for this exciting lecture!

*A contribution of food or \$5.00 for the
Interchange Food Pantry is welcome!*

**Forrest Church's sermon for
Sunday, February 28, is "Witnessing"**

Saturday, April 17

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM including lunch

A Spirituality Workshop

**EVERYDAY
SPIRITUAL PRACTICE**

The Rev. Scott Alexander

The Rev. Scott Alexander will lead this workshop, which he designed to help participants think broadly about their lives as Unitarian Universalists and explore ways in which they might deepen

their spiritual and religious engagements with and in the world. Unitarian Universalism is a "lifestyle religion" which calls and challenges us to live in coherent ways that reflect and honor our most deeply held principles and beliefs. Many are the everyday "spiritual practices" which can help us to achieve greater depth and purposefulness in our lives. Working from his 1999 book, *Everyday Spiritual Practice: Simple Pathways for Enriching Your Life*, we will engage in various individual and group exercises that will help participants to look at their lives in fresh, new spiritual ways.

Scott Alexander has been the senior minister of the River Road Unitarian Church in Bethesda, MD since 1998. Born into a Unitarian family, he was raised in Racine, graduated from Lawrence University, and received a Master of Divinity from Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, CA. After serving two churches in the Eastern U.S., in 1988 he joined the staff of the Church of the Larger Fellowship, a "church without walls" for almost 3,000 isolated Unitarian Universalists around the world. In 1989 he was also appointed director of the UUA's Office of Lesbian and Gay Concerns. A sought-after speaker, preacher, and workshop leader, he has also been an Adjunct Professor of Homiletics at Andover Newton Theological School. An avid cyclist, he commutes to church on his bicycle. He lives in Washington, D.C. with his partner, H. Collins Mikesell.



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**Scott Alexander's sermon on
Sunday, April 18, is "Golfing With Monkeys"**