

Dates to Remember...

May 2013

- May 5** **Salad Medley Day** – Celebrate spring with a salad contribution of your choice
- May 12** **Sharing Our Faith** – Vyda Ng
- May 12** **Gillian's Place Collection**
- May 17** **Film Night 7:00pm** – *Lars and the Real Girl*
- May 19** **How Have the Jews Survived and Flourished for 2000 Yrs.** – Rabbi Eli Courante
- May 19** **** Newsletter Deadline **** submissions to riseingcarol@gmail.com & sofia.vuorinen@3web.net
- May 22** **Book Club** – is on Wednesday, May 22 at Karen's trailer at Sherkston Shores - Trillium 40. The book is *How Children Succeed* by Paul Tough. We will have dinner about 5 pm. Please bring a salad or dessert. (If you want to swim, come earlier but let Karen know.)
- May 26** **Flower Communion** – Valerie Jaeger

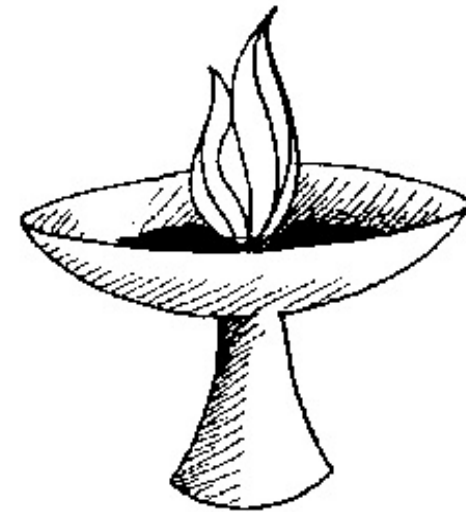
June 2013

- June 2** **The Mahila Shanti Sena or Women's Peace Brigade Movement in India** – Anne Pearson
- June 3** **Rainbow Flag Raising** – St. Catharines City Hall
- June 8** **Pride in the Park** – Montebello Park Noon-10pm
- June 9** **Picnic** – McFarland Point Park 12:00 noon
- June 14-16** **UCN Retreat at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls**

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– Michael Battenberg

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Order of Service
Sunday, May 5, 2013

Speaker:	Michael Battenberg
Service Leader:	Sandra Watson
Musician:	Theresa Pothier

Prelude:

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Words: ***“House of Welcoming”***

Here find a house of welcoming
Here find vision and hope
Here be received as you truly are
Unique and beautiful
Your journey acknowledged
Your love honored
Let us rejoice together

– Orlanda R. Brugnola

Chalice Lighting: **#447 “At times our own light goes out”**

Opening Hymn: **#163 “For the Earth forever turning”**

Joys and Concerns

Offertory

Reading: "A name is a prison, God is free," once observed the Greek poet Nikos Kazantzakis. He meant, I think, that valuable though language is, it is by very necessity limiting, and creates for us an invisible prison. Language implies boundaries. A word spoken creates a dog, a rabbit, a human being. It fixes their nature before our eyes; henceforth their shapes are, in a sense, our own creation. They are no longer part of the unnamed shifting architecture of the

universe. They have been transfixed as if by sorcery, frozen into a concept, a word. Powerful though the spell of human language has proven itself to be, it has laid boundaries upon the cosmos... transforming the universe into a cosmic prison house which is no sooner mapped than we feel its inadequacy and our own.

– Loren Eiseley from his essay "The Cosmic Prison"

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Questions and Comments:

Hymn: **#352 “Find a Stillness”**

Extinguishing the Chalice : ***“And now we take our leave”***

And now we take our leave.

Before we gather here again –

may each of us bring happiness into another's life;

may we each be surprised by the gifts that surround us;

may each of us be enlivened by constant curiosity –

And may we remain together in spirit

til the hour we meet again.

– Barbara Cheatham

Postlude: (Please remain seated for the piano selection,
then join us for coffee and conversation.)