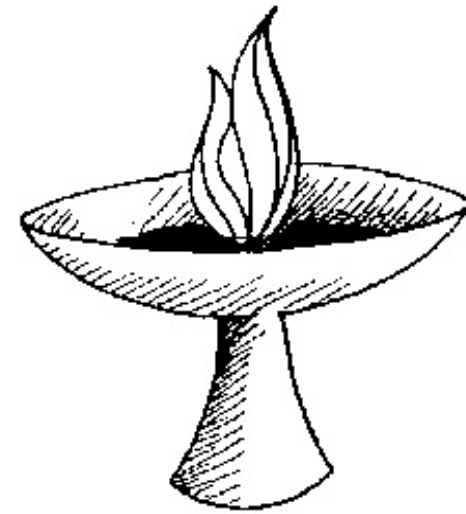


Unitarian Congregation of Niagara



Sharing Our Faith
– Vyda Ng

May 12, 2013

Dates to Remember...

May 2013

- 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*
- May 26** The Source discussion group will meet after coffee hour.

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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Order of Service
Sunday, May 12, 2013

Speaker: Vyda Ng
Service Leader: Karen Johnson-Hosein
Musician: Theresa Pothier

Prelude:

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Words: **Rajneesh**

The moment a first child is born, the mother is also born. She never existed before. The woman existed, but the mother, never. A mother is something absolutely new.

Chalice Lighting:

God is the Knowledge Principle. May knowledge remove ignorance and may we realize that knowledge is a lasting inner wealth by which all outer achievements can be accomplished. By lighting the chalice may we bow down to knowledge as the greatest of all forms of wealth.

Knowledge backs our actions, whether good or bad. We therefore light this chalice as a witness to our thoughts and actions. The flame of the chalice burns upwards; similarly, we should acquire such knowledge as to take us towards higher ideals. When lit by spiritual knowledge, the negative tendencies in a human being get slowly exhausted, and the ego too finally perishes.

Knowledge does not lessen when shared; on the contrary, it benefits both the giver and the receiver.

Hymn: #344 **A Promise through the Ages Rings**

Joys and Concerns

Offertory: **Niggun** *by Penny Blake*

Brianna Willard – violin

Danniella Waller – flute

Leah Theune – harp

Responsive Reading: #569 **Stand By This Faith**

Choir: **Life Has Loveliness to Sell**

Music by Penny Blake

Words by Sara Teasdale

Address: **“Sharing Our Faith”**

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Questions and Comments

Hymn: #124 **Be That Guide**

Closing Words: #704

Extinguishing the Chalice : #456 **Extinguishing the Chalice**

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