

Dates to Remember...

May 2013

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**

June 16 **Topic to be advised**

June 23 **The Female Devine** – Stella Hawke

June 30 **Office of Religious Freedom** – Desmond Sequeira

July 7 **UCN Tech** – Roy Blake

July 14 **Paul and Jesus - Christianity Explored**
– John Mayer

July 21 **(Re)vitalizing UCN** – David Jordan

July 28 **The Swadeshi Movement** – Russell Baird

Aug 4 **Losing Your Roots** – Rhonda Armstrong

Aug 11 **Early Roots** – Joan Rothman

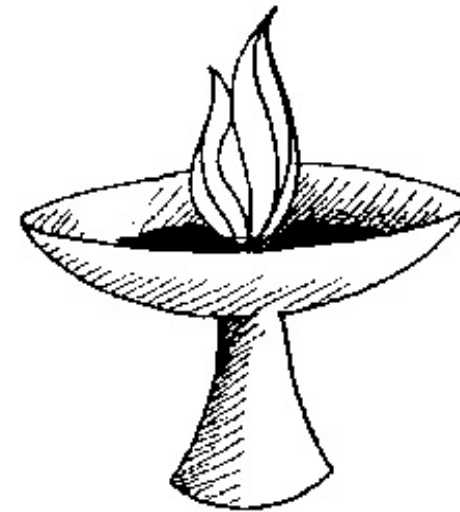
Aug 18 **Topic to be advised** – Julianne Momirov

Aug 25 **How to be a Service Leader** – Karen Johnson-Hosein

Sept 1 **After Reading the Koran** – Abu Hosein

Sept 8 **Water Communion** – Marie Belliveau

Unitarian Congregation of Niagara



Flower Communion Service

– Valerie Jaeger

May 26, 2013

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Flower Communion Service
Sunday, May 26, 2013

Service Leader: Valerie Jaeger
Musician: Theresa Pothier

Prelude

Welcome: **Please place your flowers in the vases at the front**

Announcements

Opening Words

**Children of the earth and sky, we are nurtured,
sustained, given warmth and light from above and below.
Supported by earth's strong, firm crust, we build our
homes, till the fields, plant our gardens and orchards.
When we turn from self and seek to be aware, we will
find holy light in human faces, in blossom, birdsong, and
sky.**

**Then earth is truly our home, and we are one with all
earth's creatures,**

Parents of earth's children yet to be.

– Alice Berry

Chalice Lighting: **#691**

Opening Hymn: **#207 Earth Was Given As A Garden**

Joys and Concerns

Responsive Reading: **#670 The Way**

Offertory:

Reading: **The History of Flower Communion**

Talk: **Reflections on Flower Communion**
– Valerie Jaeger

Flower Communion: **Please sing Hymn #402 through twice
while people choose a flower.**

Closing Hymn: **Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers**
sung to the tune of the old English Christmas
Carol, “Good King Wenceslas”

Spring has now unwrapped the flowers, Day is fast reviving;
Life in all her growing powers, Towards the light is striving;
Gone the iron touch of cold, Winter time and frost time;
Seedlings working through the mold, Now make up for lost
time.

All the world with beauty fills, Gold the green enhancing;
Flowers make merry on the hills, Set the meadows dancing.
Earth puts on her dress of glee; Flowers and grasses hide her.
Go we forth in charity, One and all beside her.

Closing Words: **#682 Navajo**

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