

Dates to Remember...

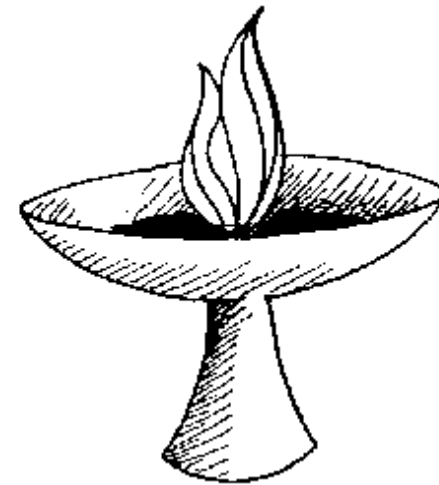
January 2014

- Jan 5** **The Camino de Santiago: Walking for Serenity** – Sandra Watson
- Jan 5** **Lasagna Lunch** – following the service
- Jan 5** **Building your own Theology 3**
– contact Jim Glassford for more information
- Jan 12** **The Path to Atheism** – Troy Roberts
S.L. Ed Gilbert
- Jan 17** **UCN Film Night - Still Mine** – 7:00 p.m.
- Jan 19** **The Importance of a True Leader to Build a Real Democracy** – Ignacio Segovia
S.L. Sara Jordan
- Jan 19** **Newsletter Submission Deadline**
– riseingcarol@gmail.com
- Jan 20** **AGM REPORTS to John Northover**
- Jan 21** **Book Club - 419: A Novel by Will Ferguson**
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., contact Joan Rothman if attending.
- Jan 26** **Co-op Groceries in St. Catharines**
– Karrie Porter S.L. Stella Hawke
- Jan 31** **Out of the Cold** – Knox Church

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Unitarian Congregation of Niagara



New Beginnings
– *Stella Hawke*

December 29, 2013

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Order of Service
Sunday, December 29, 2013

Speaker:	Stella Hawke
Service Leader:	Carol Riseing
Pianist:	Ethan Gibbons

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Words: Responsive Reading #490, by Mary Oliver

You do not have to be good.

*You do not have to walk on your knees for a hundred miles
through the desert, repenting.*

You only have to let the soft animal of your body love what it loves.

Tell me about despair – yours – and I will tell you mine.

Meanwhile the world goes on.

*Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain are
moving across the landscapes, over the prairies and the
deep trees, the mountains and the rivers.*

Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air, are heading
home again.

*Whoever you are, no matter how lonely, the world offers
itself to your imagination, calls to you like the wild geese,
harsh and exciting – over and over announcing your place
in the family of things.*

Chalice Lighting: #502 by W.E.B. DuBois

Now is the accepted time, not tomorrow, not some more
convenient season. It is today that our best work can be done
and not some future day or future year. It is today that we fit
ourselves for the greater usefulness of tomorrow. Today is the
seed time, now are the hours of work, and tomorrow comes
the harvest and the playtime.

Hymn: #350 "The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time"

Joys and Concerns

Reading: #702

Where hate rules, let us bring love; where sorrow, joy. Let us
strive more to comfort others than to be comforted, to
understand others, than to be understood, to love others more
than to be loved. For it is in giving that we receive, and in
pardoning that we are pardoned.

Offertory

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Discussion

Closing Words Reading #680:

Because of those who came before, we are;
in spite of their failings, we believe;
because of, and in spite of the horizons of their vision,
we, too, dream.

Let us go remembering to praise,
to live in the moment,
to love mightily,
to bow to the mystery. - Barbara Pescan

Extinguish the Chalice

Postlude: Let us all sing "Auld Lang Syne"