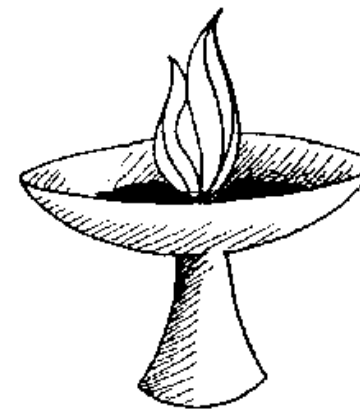


Dates to Remember...

- Sept. 12 (Fri.) Non-threatening Bridge Group**, 7:30 at the home of Andrea Gravelle, RSVP if attending
- Sept. 12 (Fri.) UCN Pub Night**, 6:30 - 8:30 Golden Pheasant
(See Newsletter for details)
- Sept. 14 9:55 a.m. First Choir Rehearsal**
- Sept. 14 Sacred Circles** - Kate Chung S.L. Stella Hawke
- Sept. 14 Salad Day** (requests for toppings, accompaniments and desserts.
- Sept. 19 (Fri.) UCN Movie Night, The Lunchbox**, 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 21 Choir Rehearsal and Performance**
– Guest performer, cellist Helen Kopec
- Sept. 21 (Mis)Perceptions of Islam**- Imam Mustafa Khattab
S.L. Desmond Sequeira
- Sept. 21 Newsletter Submission Deadline**
– riseingcarol@gmail.com
- Sept. 28 Dances with Bees** - Michael Battenberg
S.L. Karen Johnson-Hosein
- Oct. 25 (Sat.) Engaged and Engaging** -
CUC Central Region,
Congregational Networking Day (see Newsletter)
- Nov. 16 Open House and 60th Anniversary Celebration**

Unitarian Congregation of Niagara



Water Communion

– *Doreen M. Peever*

September 7, 2014

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Order of Service
Sunday, September 7, 2014

Speaker: Doreen M. Peever
Service Leader: Doreen M. Peever
Musician: Theresa Pothier

Prelude

Welcome:

Welcome to this place of fellowship.

Bring your questions, and we will share the quest for answers, for we all
have questions.

Bring your joys, and we will be joyful with you, for we too have joys to share.

Bring your sorrows, for we also have shed tears and may comfort each other.

Bring your aspirations and your hopes, for we would all be better than we are.

Bring your skills and talents, for they will enrich us and help you grow.

You are each unique and we welcome you.

– Doreen M. Peever, 1986

Announcements

Opening Words:

We arrive out of many singular rooms, walking over the branching streets.

We come to be assured that brothers and sisters surround us, to restore
their images on our eyes.

We enlarge our voices in common speaking and singing.

We try again that solitude found in the midst of those who with us seek
their hidden reckonings.

Our eyes reclaim the remembered faces; their voices stir the surrounding air.

The warmth of their hands assures us, and the gladness of our spoken
names.

This is the reason of cities, of homes, of assemblies in the houses of worship.

It is good to be with one another.

– Kenneth L. Patton

Chalice Lighting:

Together we light this chalice, kindling the flame of fellowship.

Together we light this chalice, igniting the strength of unity.

May this fire purify our presence and inspire our sharing.

Hymn: #360 “Here We Have Gathered”

Joys and Concerns

Offertory and Musical Interlude

Congregational Sing: “All Rivers” by Penny Blake

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Discussion and Questions

Hymn: #145 “As Tranquil Streams”

Closing Words:

To walk purposefully in the light truth sheds, steadily in the openness justice
creates, and compassionately in the warmth love radiates shall advance us
surely toward the good and shall, in the end, make us responsibly on the
earth and fit companions for one another.

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

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