

Dates to Remember...

Sept. 21 Choir Rehearsal and Performance

– Guest performer, cellist Helen Kopec

Helen Kopec has performed with symphony orchestras throughout North America, and teaches both piano and cello in the Niagara region. She welcomes new students of all ages and levels for in-home lessons. She can be reached at 905-468-3742, kopechelen@yahoo.ca

Sept. 21 Newsletter Submission Deadline

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Sept. 28 Dances with Bees - Michael Battenberg

S.L. Karen Johnson-Hosein

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Oct. 5 Sons and Daughters of Gods – Abu Hosein

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Oct. 12 What Do I Have to be Thankful For?

– Karen Johnson-Hosein

Oct. 19 Diwali Celebration – Niagara Hindu Samaj

S.L. Desmond Sequeira

Oct. 25 (Sat.) Engaged and Engaging –

**CUC Central Region,
Congregational Networking Day** (see Newsletter)

Oct. 26 The Question of Evil for UUs – Julianne Momirov

November 2014

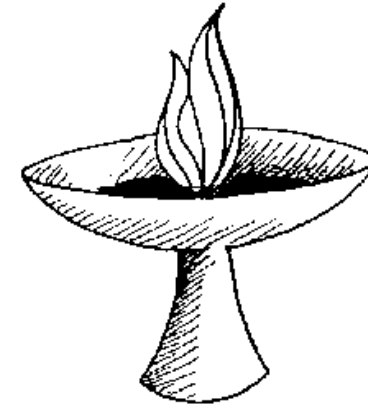
Nov. 2 Deepening Community – David Jordan

Nov. 9 Remembrances of Germany after WWII

– Doreen M. Peever

Nov. 16 Open House and 60th Anniversary Celebration

Unitarian Congregation of Niagara



(Mis)Perceptions of Islam

– *Imam Dr. Mustafa Khattab*

September 21, 2014

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Order of Service
Sunday, September 21, 2014

Speaker: Imam Dr. Mustafa Khattab
Service Leader: Desmond Sequeira
Musician: Theresa Pothier

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Words: **“Islam means Peace”** 2014 Pamphlet of the Islamic Society of St. Catharines (ISSC)

Chalice Lighting

The Qurân 24:35: “God is the Light of the heavens and earth. His Light is like a niche, in which there is a lamp, the lamp inside a glass, a glass like a glittering star, fuelled from a blessed olive tree neither from the east nor the west, whose oil almost glows even when no fire touches it- light upon light- God guides whoever He will to his Light. God sets forth parables for mankind. And God has full knowledge of everything.”

Hymn: **Da – Oona Naesh, Let Us Live In Peace** UCN Choir

Joys and Concerns:

Hymn: Come, Sing a Song with Me #346

Offertory: **Responsorial Reading** (Courtesy, extr. Article by David Jordan, The Standard)

Ezeldin: Unitarian Universalists affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person

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David: Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: “No Arab is superior to a non-Arab and no non-Arab is superior to an Arab, nor is any white superior to any black or any black superior to any white except on account of his/her piety,” and “Women are the twin halves of men” He promised Paradise to parents who treat their sons and daughters equally and He gave women the right to inheritance, education, own property, and have a say in marriage.

Ezeldin: Unitarian Universalists affirm and promote justice, equity, and compassion in human relations.

David: Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: “...none of you truly believes until they love for others what they love for themselves.”

Ezeldin: Unitarian Universalists affirm and promote a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

David: Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said, “Seeking knowledge is an obligation on every Muslim (male and female).”

Ezeldin: Unitarian Universalists affirm and promote the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.

David: The ISSC pamphlet notes that those who manipulate verses from the Quran to justify violence against innocents contradict the Quran’s call for tolerance and peaceful coexistence. Islam is against terrorism. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said, “ Do not start a war. If you must fight, then strike only at those combatants who attacked you ...”

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Ezeldin: Unitarian Universalists affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

David: Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) prohibited polluting water sources and promised a heavenly reward for planting trees to feed animals, birds, and humans. He prohibited the killing of animals for game, slaughtering an animal in front of other animals, and forbade overburdening animals and underfeeding them.

Monologue/Act: **Don't speak to me about Mohammad (PBUH) by Shahd Mohamed (ISSC)**

Address: **(Mis)Perceptions of Islam**
– Imam Dr. Mustafa Khattab (ISSC)

Discussion and Questions

Hymn: **Asalamu Alaikum /Peace Be Upon You**
A “nasheed” (song) by ISSC Children

Closing Words: **True followers of Islam “Affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person”**
by Abu-Isa Webb

Extinguishing the Chalice:

As we extinguish this physical flame, may the Light of Understanding draw us together in fellowship and social justice for our community

Postlude: **Helen Kopec, Prelude Sarabande and Gigue, from Suite No. 1 in G Major for Solo by Bach**