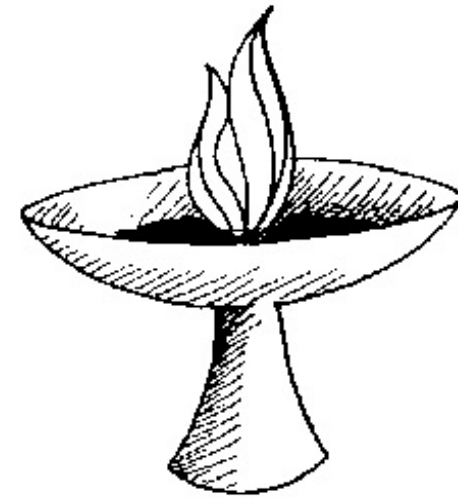


Unitarian Congregation of Niagara



Dates to Remember...

March 2018

- Mar. 4 Building Your Own Theology – Book 1 - Session 8-
We Are The Meaning Makers** – 12:30 p.m.
– Jim Glassford
- Mar. 4 Melodic Expressions** – 3:00 p.m. *Melissa-Marie Shriner*
- Mar. 11 We Are Where We Are Born?** – Karen Stovell
- Mar. 14 (Wed.) April Newsletter Submission Deadline**
– riseingcarol@gmail.com
- Mar. 18 Are You A Mystic and Don't Know It?**
– Jim Glassford
- Mar. 23 (Fri.) Pub Night** – 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Cat's Caboose
billiards room. We will continue our reflections of the six
sources of Unitarianism with a focus on the fifth source,
“Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance
of reason and the results of science, and warn us against
idolatries of the mind and spirit.”
- Mar. 25 Strengthening the Queenston Street
Neighbourhood** – Susan Veenstra
- Mar. 26 (Mon.) Book Club** – 7:30 p.m., at the home of Roy and
Penny Blake

April 2018

- Apr. 21 Circle Dinner (Sat.)** – 5:30 p.m. at UCN

In Defence of Optimism

– Roy Blake

March 4, 2018

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Order of Service
Sunday, March 4, 2018

Speaker: Roy Blake
Service Leader: Roy Blake
Musicians: Theresa Pothier,
UCN Choir

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Words: **The optimist proclaims that we live
in the best of all possible worlds;
and the pessimist fears this is true.**
— James Branch Cabel

Chalice Lighting:

**The light of life shines through the eyes of each and
every person.**

The light of truth shines through each life.

**May the light of this chalice remind us that our search
for truth and light is ongoing, and is enhanced and
nurtured by every person we meet.**

May we honour the light in each other.

— Rev. Jill McAllister

Story for All Ages: ***The Paper Bag Princess***
by Bob Munsch

Joys and Concerns

Hymn: **#345**

Responsive Reading: **#661**

Offering

Address: **In Defence of Optimism**
— Roy Blake

Discussion and Comments

Round, led by Choir: ***Go In Joy***

Closing Words:

**I am neither an optimist nor a pessimist, because they
are each just different forms of fatalism that treat the
future as fate and not choice – and absolve you from
taking responsibility for creating the future that you
want. I believe in applied hope.**

— Amory Lovins

Extinguishing the Chalice: **#456**

Announcements

Postlude: Please remain seated for the piano selection.

Please join us for coffee and conversation – and cake!
If you are able, please put your chair away first.