

Dates to Remember...

December 2018

All events are at the UCN unless otherwise noted.

- Dec. 9** **You and Nature** – Jim Glassford
- Dec.11** **Board Meeting (Tues.1:30 p.m.)**
- Dec.12** **(Wed.) January Newsletter Submission Deadline** –
LesLee Turmel larganturmel@gmail.com
- Dec.15** **(Sat. 5:00 p.m.) Circle Dinner (Potluck) - @ UCN**
 A - G - Salad
 H - M - Entree
 N - Z - Dessert
- Dec.15** **Deadline for Christmas Hampers for Seniors**
- Dec.16** **How I Use the Drum to Tell My Story**
 – Kasiva Matua (YouTube presentation)
- Dec.20** **(Thurs. 7:00 p.m.) Blue Christmas, a service of**
Remembrance and Hope – Karen Stovell
- Dec.21** **UCN Film Night** – Fri., 7:00 p.m., *Uncle Buck*
- Dec.23** **Christmas Carol Sing** – Karen Stovell
- Dec.30** **New Year's Fire Communion** – Karen Stovell

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Unitarian Congregation of Niagara



What Really Matters at the End of Life
– B. J. Miller

December 2, 2018

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Doreen M. Peever Desmond Sequeira

Order of Service
Sunday, December 2, 2018

Speaker: B. J. Miller
Service Leader: Doreen M. Peever
Musician: Theresa Pothier

Prelude: **Theresa Pothier**

We begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee Peoples.

Welcome

Opening Words: **#419 “Look To This Day”**

Chalice Lighting: **#452**

Joys and Concerns

Reading: **#470**

Hymn: **#22 “Dear Weaver of Our Lives’ Design”**

Offertory and Musical Interlude

Responsive Reading: ***A Community***

We are individuals each having travelled a different path to this place.
HERE WE ARE A COMMUNITY.

Some of us come here seeking solace from Life’s crises.
WE ARE A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY.

We are free persons examining traditions, questioning authority.
WE ARE A THINKING COMMUNITY.

Some of us come here seeking affable companions.
WE ARE A LOVING COMMUNITY.

We respect each other’s search for meaning in existence.

WE ARE A CARING COMMUNITY.

Many inquirers have preceded us. We relish their wisdom.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY WITH A TRADITION.

All the blessed people of history speak their truths to us.

WE ARE A REVERENT COMMUNITY.

Human and natural experience are sacred and holy to us.

WE ARE A RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY.

We live our religion and worship together in faith, hope and love for each other.

WE CELEBRATE THIS BELOVED COMMUNITY.

Address: **“What Really Matters At The End of Life”** – TED talk by B. J. Miller

Discussion

Reading: **“No person can sum up the life of another”** by Charles Gaines

Silent Meditation

Hymn: **#123 Spirit of Life**

Announcements

Closing Words

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude: Please remain seated for the piano selection.
Please put your chair away if you are able and join us for drinks and conversation.