

Dates to Remember...

May 2011

**May 22 Flower Communion** – Valerie Jaeger

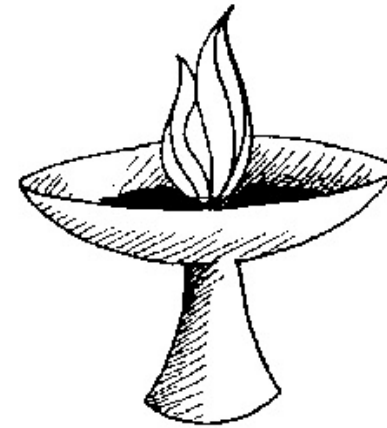
**May 22 Newsletter Deadline** – Submissions to  
[sofia.vuorinen@3web.net](mailto:sofia.vuorinen@3web.net) [solution@vaxxine.com](mailto:solution@vaxxine.com)

**May 29 Sharing Our Faith** – Marie Belliveau and  
John Mayer

June 2011

**June 5 Picnic**

# *Unitarian Congregation of Niagara*



**The Commons**  
– Fiona McMurrin

**May 15, 2011**



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***Order of Service***  
**Sunday, May 15, 2011**

Speaker: Fiona McMurrin  
Service Leader: Valerie Jaeger  
Musician: Theresa Pothier

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Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Words: **Lindsay Bates**

*Come, let us worship together.*

Come, let us worship together.

Let us open our minds to the challenge of reason,  
open our hearts to the healing of love,  
open our lives to the calling of conscience,  
open our souls to the comfort of joy.

Astonished by the miracle of life,  
grateful for the gift of fellowship,  
confident in the power of living faith,  
we are here gathered:  
Come, let us worship together.

Hymn: **#181 *Seated***

Chalice Lighting: Michael Strassfield

Light gives of itself freely, filling all available space. It does not seek anything in return; it asks not whether you are friend or foe. It gives of itself and is not thereby diminished.

Hymn: **#121 *We'll Build a Land***

Joys and Concerns

Responsive Reading:

Offertory and Offertory Hymn: **#402 *From You I Receive***

Readings:

Guest Speaker: Fiona McMurrin – ***"The Commons"***

Hymn: **#305 *De Colores***

Closing Words: ***Michael A. Schuler***

We have reached the end of this time  
For the gathering of memory  
And for letting the imagination play with future possibilities.  
We have enjoyed magic moments  
And edified each other.  
Shall it be concluded, then?  
Or will this adventure, now commenced, continue --  
Our separate paths converging, meeting, merging  
In the unending quest for love more perfect,  
The joyous struggle for meaning more sufficient  
And life more abundant.

Extinguishing of Chalice

Postlude: *(Please remain seated during postlude, then join us for coffee and conversation following.)*

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