

Dates to Remember...

December 2016

- Dec. 11** **Deadline for Adopt a Senior Program items**
– If you have any questions contact Brenda Stewart
@ 905-934-1566
- Dec. 18** **Pagan to Christian Rituals** – Julianne Momirov
- Dec. 18** **Happy Holiday Potluck Lunch** – Please bring a dish to share some special memories and tastes of the Season.
- Dec. 24** **Christmas Eve Service** – at 5:00 p.m.

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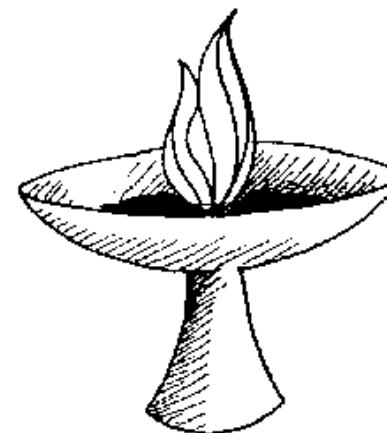
- Jan. 1** **Want to be Happy? Be Grateful (TED talk)**
– David Steindl-Rast
- Jan. 8** **I'm Grateful for the Grid** – Roy Blake
- Jan. 15** **Local Faith Communities Working Together for Social Justice** – Rev. Laura Marie Piotrowicz
- Jan. 22** **Our Obsession with the Future** – Jim Glassford
- Jan. 29** **A Just Solution for the West Bank** – Ineke Medcalf



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Unitarian Congregation of Niagara



Advent

– Karen Stovell

December 11, 2016

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Karen Stovell Doreen M. Peever

Order of Service
Sunday, December 11, 2016

Service Leader & Speaker: Karen Stovell
Musician: Theresa Pothier

Prelude **Piano selection – Theresa Pothier**

Welcome

Announcements

Chalice Lighting: **In this holiday season,
May the darkness of winter
Be dispelled in this festival of lights,
And may the darkness of ignorance
Be dispelled in the strength
Of compassion, reason,
And sharing.**

Joys and Concerns

Offering: **#675**

Address: **The Tradition of the Advent Wreath**

(We will sing the first 1st verse of each carol only)

Joy – #225

Story 1 – *David's Run* read by Susan Velkers

#245

Hope – #231

Story 2 – *Letters of Hope* read by Jim Glassford

#246

Love – #244

Story 3 – *Love is a Two-way Street*

read by Anita Miecznikowski

Choir – *In December*

– *words and music Jay Althouse*

Peace – #228

Story 4 – *Waiting in Line*

read by Adolf Miecznikowski

#251

Extinguishing the Chalice:

**In this holiday season,
throughout the year to come,
and always in our lives,
may we know we are loved;
may we share the love we have;
and may we be the love we wish to see.**

Postlude: *(Please remain seated for the piano selection.)*

****All stories come from *Chicken Soup for the Canadian Soul* 2002***

Please join us for coffee hour.