



UNITARIAN CONGREGATION OF NIAGARA

A church for people
with enquiring minds

October 2006

Sunday Services

October 2006

- Oct 1 **Matthew Fox's Theology**
– *John Mayer*
- Oct 8 **Thanksgiving** – *Craig Beam*
- Oct 15 **The Moon and the Sun**
(**Buddhist philosophy**) – *John Mayer*
- Oct 22 **Growing** – *Vivianne LaRiviere*
- Oct 29 **Quakers, Carl Jung and Strawberries**
– *Morris Bosey*

November 2006

- Nov 5 **The Ardent Bibliophile**
– *Hannelore Headley*
- Nov 12 **Brandon Hughey** – *U.S. War Resister*
- Nov 19 **Do science, spirituality and religion cause problems for Unitarian Universalists?**
– *Jim Glassford*
- Nov 26 **Four Attributes of the Christian God**
– *John Northover*

December 2006

- Dec 3 **Doing the Impossible (John Langdon)**
– *John Mayer*
- Dec 10 **Our Work in Brazil**
– *Allan and Delphine Dick*
- Dec 17 **Mind, Body and Spirit** – *Roseann Waters*
- Dec 24 **"Peace on Earth, Good Will to All"**
– *Julianne Momirov*
- Dec 31 **Where are we going and what are we doing in this handbasket?** – *George Addison*

Lay Chaplaincy Committee . . .

The Lay Chaplaincy Committee is required by the Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC) to recruit candidates for the duties of a Lay Chaplain. These are to conduct rites of passage such as child dedications, marriages, and memorial services, for a maximum term of six years. Lay Chaplains serve primarily members of the Congregation, and also may at their discretion perform rites of passage for non-members.

Since it is mandatory according to CUC Guidelines that Chaplains be limited to a six-year term, it is imperative that our Congregation identify in the near future at least one candidate, and possibly two, to begin training for this very responsible function.

The CUC requires candidates for the Chaplaincy Program to have been active participants in the various tasks which keep the Congregation functioning well.

Our present incumbents have had long and successful experience as Lay Chaplains, and are willing to contribute the benefit of that experience to future Chaplains. The CUC provides various Lay Chaplaincy workshops, which the Congregation will fund for our Chaplains in training. The process typically takes a maximum of two years.

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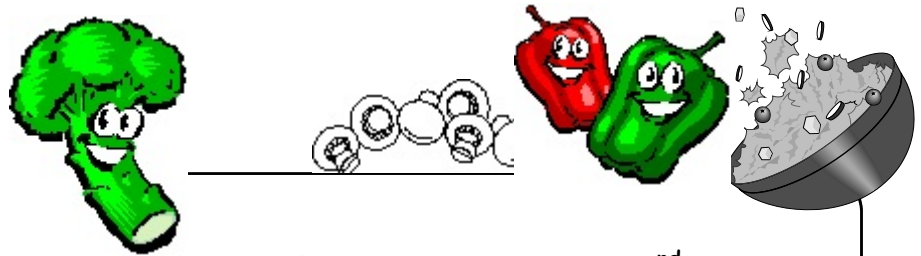
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Lay Chaplains represent both Congregation and Unitarian-Universalism in the community; hence training and commitment are very important. If you are interested in Lay Chaplaincy Training, please contact any member of the Lay Chaplaincy Committee listed below.

Marie Belliveau, 905-704-0189

Joan Rothman, 905-935-9267

Monica Hornyansky, Co-ordinator, 905-680-4431



**** Salad Day October 22nd ****

Try to join us for our congregational Salad Day lunch.
All you need to do is bring one of your favourite
salad ingredients – the rest is up to us!

Social Committee Joan and Andrea



INVITATION

November Canvass Luncheon

Saturday, November 18
Symposium 12:30 followed
with lunch at 1:00

Let's celebrate another
successful canvass.

Great Entertainment and good cheer!

UCN Program of Weekly Services

In the Fall Session we need a Service Leader for the November 12 service (Speaker: Brandon Hughey).

Speakers 2007

A few dates are still available for speakers. Contact Julianne Momirov, 905-356-7726 with your topics of interest:

January 28
February 25
March 4
March 18
March 25
April 15
May 20
May 27

Service Leaders - 2007

Many thanks to these **Service Leaders** who have **committed** to the following dates:

February 11 – Joan Storm
March 11 – Julianne Momirov
April 8 – John Inglis
April 22 – Marie Belliveau
April 29 – Jim Glassford

All other dates are open. Please consider a turn as Service Leader. Contact Julianne Momirov, 905-356-7726.



Guidelines for Service Leaders

Your participation in our Program is very important and necessary. Participating in the Program as a service leader is a nice, gentle introduction to public speaking in the Unitarian Congregation of Niagara because it is completely non-threatening.

In other words, don't worry about making a mistake because you won't! As service leader, you have the freedom not to follow the Order of Service to the letter. If you decide you don't want to have a responsive reading, for example, you don't have to have it. There are some elements that are particularly cherished by the members of the congregation, such as the Joys and Concerns, and other elements that are required, such as the Offertory and Announcements, but you still have a good deal of freedom. You can offer up a particularly treasured poem or little story; you can have more than two (2) hymns; you can have an interactive story for children or even a little participatory exercise. On the other hand, if you aren't the most adventurous person or you just like tradition, you can follow the Order of Service and just put in your own selection of hymns and reading.

"Tune in to next month's newsletter for the next exciting instalment!"

–Julianne

Travel

Choice Not Ability

The First Unitarian



Congregation of Toronto, in partnership with World Accord, invites you to help build "kinders" (kindergarten schools) in the mountains of Honduras or reconstruct a Guatemalan community devastated by Hurricane Stan. These are hands-on opportunities to make a difference in the lives of subsistence farmers and their families. Please join a two-week trip: beginning November 4, 2006; January 13 or February 10, 2007. Construction and Spanish language skills are not required but would be welcomed. For more information contact Richard Kirsh (416-767-5837 or richardkirsh@sympatico.ca) or see our poster on your congregation's bulletin board.

Journey with Unitarians to Santa Fe, New Mexico

March 10 - 18, 2007

Pause, reflect, and meditate in the land famous for the light, art, food, museums, galleries, crafts, and the Native Indian and Spanish cultural heritage. Being in historic Santa Fe is a surefire remedy for today's stressful lifestyle.

Visit the two most important Indian sites in New Mexico: Anasazi cliff dwellers (1100s), Chaco Canyon, major center of ancestral Puebloan culture (850 -

1250). See the landscape that inspired artist Georgia O'Keeffe, and do an experiential art project. Walk a labyrinth at Ghost Ranch. Experience a Native Sweat Lodge. Soak in the waters at Ojo Caliente. Meditate at sunrise on a mesa or at sunset in the desert.

Led by Rev. Wayne Walder (leads and teaches meditation) and Beverly Carr of Neighbourhood UU Congregation in Toronto. See www.nuuc.ca for details.

All Things Bright and Beautiful

1st Annual Craft Fair
at
Unitarian Congregation
of Niagara
223 Church Street
St. Catharines
(Next to Delta Bingo)

Saturday, October 14, 2006
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Admission: \$2.00

Door prizes every hour!
Refreshments! Music!
Craft Guild crafters
And others!

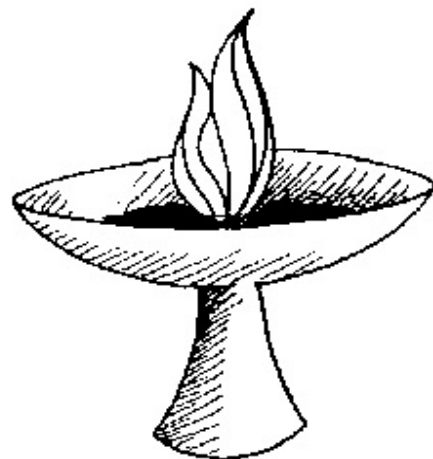
Parking available at rear

Mug Support

New mugs for our after the service social time have been purchased. They have the CUC logo on one side and the name of our congregation on the other.

In order to help defray the cost to the church treasury for this special purchase it has been suggested that for the price of \$5.00 you buy a mug. If you wish the mug could be taken home and of course there are extras at church for your coffee or, you could donate \$5.00 for a mug and leave it at church even though we cannot personalize it!

Marie Belliveau and/or Joan Rothman will be happy to collect your donation.



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