

Dates to Remember...

February 2012

Feb.26 **AGM report booklets** – Available for review.

March 2012

Mar. 4 **Annual Meeting** of the Unitarian Congregation of Niagara. If you can not attend, please leave your proxy vote with a member of the Board.

Mar. 4 **Gillian's Place -Collection of Care Packages**

Mar.11 **"Namaste. Where Are You Going?"**

– Kate Green S.L. Valerie Jaeger

Mar.11 **Choir Rehearsal**

Mar.16 **UCN FILM Night - Waste Land**

Mar.18 **QUEST Community Health Centre**

– Stephanie Vail S.L. Joan Wiley

Mar.18 **Newsletter Deadline** – Submissions to

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Mar.20 **UCN Book Club** – 7:30 pm at the home of Andrea Gravelle. This month's book is "Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage", by Alice Munro.

Mar.25 **Turning Points - Readers' Theatre on Unitarian Universalist History**

– Assorted Actors S.L. Karen Johnson-Hosein

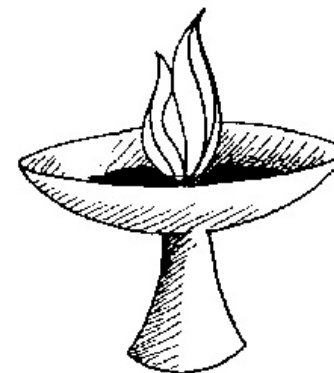
Mar.25 **Soupalicious Day - Celebrate Spring!**

Mar.30 **Out of the Cold**

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Unitarian Congregation of Niagara



“The Opiate of the People, Was Marx Right?”

– Ed Gilbert

February 26, 2012

"Marx is only half right when he calls religion the opium of the people. It may turn a lot of people into sheep, but it turns far too many of them into tigers. Its whole history is violent. Look at the Aztecs, Mohammed and Torquemada!"

From "Two Solitudes"

"The basis of all religious belief is the child's fear of the dark. When the child grows into a man, this fear appears to lie dormant, but it is still in him. He invents a system of beliefs to render it less terrible to him. Among primitive tribes we call these beliefs superstitions, but among civilized nations they are masked by the honoured name of religion. God, therefore, is mankind's most original invention, greater even than the wheel."

Hugh MacLennan

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Order of Service
Sunday, February 26, 2012

Speaker: Ed Gilbert
Service Leader: Ed Gilbert
Musician: Theresa Pothier

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Words: #435

Chalice Lighting

Hymn: #347 *“Gather The Spirit”*

Joys and Concerns

Hymn: #326 *“Let All The Beauty
We Have Known”*

Offertory

Responsive Reading: #647 *“An Eternal Verity”*

Address: *“The Opiate of The People,
Was Marx Right?”*
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Hymn: #350 *“The Ceaseless Flow
of Endless Time”*

Benediction & Closing Words

Extinguishing of the Chalice

Postlude

(Please remain seated for the piano selection
then join us for coffee and conversation.)

The 2012 Annual General Meeting of the UCN will be held on Sunday, March 4th. The booklet of annual reports is available today, one week prior to the meeting, to allow members an opportunity to study the reports before the AGM.
