

Dates to Remember...

April 2013

Apr 28 The Source Study Group

May 2013

- May 5** **Label Me, Lose Me** – *Michael Battenberg*
May 5 **Salad Medley Day** – *Celebrate spring with a salad contribution of your choice*
May 12 **Sharing Our Faith** – *Vyda Ng*
May 12 **Gillian's Place Collection**
May 17 **Film Night 7:00pm** – *Lars and the Real Girl*
May 19 **How Have the Jews Survived and Flourished for 2000 Yrs.** – *Rabbi Eli Courante*
May 22 **Book Club** – is on Wednesday, May 22 at Karen's trailer at Sherkston Shores - Trillium 40. The book is *How Children Succeed* by Paul Tough. We will have dinner about 5 pm. Please bring a salad or dessert. (If you want to swim, come earlier but let Karen know.)
May 26 **Flower Communion** – *Valerie Jaeger*

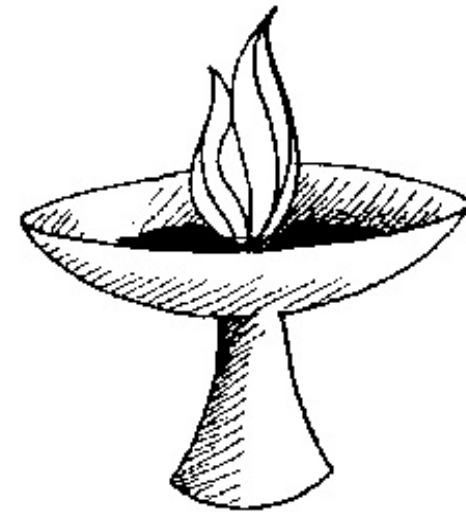
June 2013

- June 2** **The Mahila Shanti Sena or Women's Peace Brigade Movement in India** – *Anne Pearson*
June 3 **Rainbow Flag Raising** – *St. Catharines City Hall*
June 8 **Pride in the Park** – *Montebello Park Noon-10pm*
June 9 **Picnic** – *McFarland Point Park 12:00 noon*
June 14-16 **UCN Retreat at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls**

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Unitarian Congregation of Niagara



The Importance of Being a Jester
– Harrison Wheeler

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Order of Service
Sunday, April 28, 2013

Speaker:	Harrison Wheeler
Service Leader:	Alan Wheeler
Musician:	Theresa Pothier

Prelude: Piano Selection

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Words: *(italics to be read aloud by the congregation)*

Reading: #555 **Some things will never change**

Some things will never change.

Some things will always be the same.

The voice of forest water in the night, a woman's laughter in the dark,
The clean, hard rattle of raked gravel, the cricketing stitch of midday in
Hot meadows, the delicate web of children's voices in bright air –

These things will never change

The glitter of sunlight on roughened water, the glory of the stars,
The innocence of morning, the smell of the sea in harbors –

These things will always be the same.

The feathery blur and smoky buddings of young boughs, and
Something there that comes and goes and never can be captured,
The thorn of spring, the sharp and tongueless cry –

These things will never change.

The leaf, the blade, the flower, the wind that cries and sleeps and
Wakes again, the trees, whose stiff arms clash and tremble in the dark,
and the dust of lovers long since buried in the earth –

All things belonging to the earth will never change.

All things proceeding from the earth to seasons, all things that lapse and
Change and come again upon the earth, these come up from the earth that
never changes, they go back into the earth that last forever.

The tarantula, the adder, and the asp will also never change.

Pain and death will always be the same.

But under the pavements trembling like a pulse,
Under the buildings trembling like a cry, under
The waste of time, under the hoof of the beast
Above the broken bones of cities, there will be
Something growing like a flower-

*Something bursting from the earth again, forever
deathless, faithful, coming into life again like April.*

Thomas Wolfe

Chalice Lighting: #447

At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark
from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude
of those who have lighted the flame within us. Albert Schweitzer

Hymn: #99 **“Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen”**

Joys and Concerns

Offertory

Address: **“On the Importance of Being a Jester”**
– Harrison Wheeler

Discussion and Questions

Hymn: #108 **“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”**

Closing Words: **Our time in this place**

Our time in this place may have ended, but our connection to each other and
this community remains.

Together may we walk the path of justice, speak words of love, live the
selfless deed, trod lightly upon the earth, and fill the world with compassion.

Until we meet again, blessed be.

Kathy A. Huff

Extinguishing the Chalice : #455

Each morning we must hold out the chalice of our being, to receive,
to carry, and give back. Dag Hammarskjöld

Postlude: (Please remain seated for the piano selection, then join us
for conversation and sustenance.)