

FRAGRANCE-FREE POLICY

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Dates to Remember...

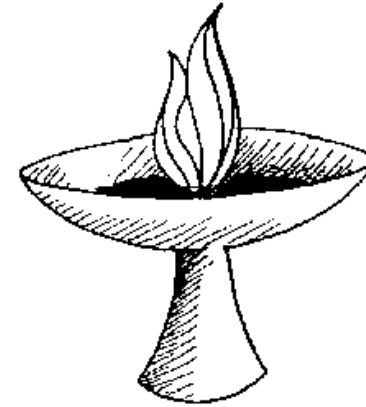
October 2014

- Oct. 17 UCN Movie Night-Hannah Arendt** – 7:00 p.m. UCN
- Oct. 18 Rykert St. Community Gardening Volunteers**
– for clean up info contact Jane Hanlon, 905-246-4236
- Oct. 19 Diwali Celebration** – Niagara Hindu Samaj
S.L. Desmond Sequeira
- Oct. 19 Newsletter Submission Deadline**
– riseingcarol@gmail.com
- Oct. 21 Book Club** – (Tues.) 7:30 p.m. at the home of Roy & Penny Blake Book: *And the Mountains Echoed*
by Khaled Hosseini
- Oct. 25 (Sat.) Engaged and Engaging - CUC Central Region, Congregational Networking Day** (see NL)
- Oct. 26 The Question of Evil for UUs** – Julianne Momirov

November 2014

- Nov. 2 Deepening Community** – David Jordan
- Nov. 9 Remembrances of Germany after WWII**
– Doreen M. Peever
- Nov. 16 Open House and 60th Anniversary Celebration**
– Jim Glassford
- Nov. 23 Thoughts on 'Connections Are Made Slowly' #568**
– Karen Johnson-Hosein
- Nov. 30 Social Action Committee** – S.L. Desmond Sequeira

Unitarian Congregation of Niagara



The Three Things I am Thankful For

– *Karen Johnson-Hosein*

October 12, 2014

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Order of Service
Sunday, October 12, 2014

Speaker:	Karen Johnson-Hosein
Service Leader:	Karen Johnson-Hosein
Pianist:	Ben Phelan

Prelude

Welcome: Amid all the noise in our lives,
we take this moment to sit in silence—
to give thanks for another day;
to give thanks for all those in our lives
who have brought us warmth and love;
to give thanks for the gift of life.

We know we are on our pilgrimage here but
a brief moment in time.

Let us open ourselves, here, now,
to the process of becoming more whole—
of living more fully;
of giving and forgiving more freely;
of understanding more completely
the meaning of our lives here on this earth.
— *Tim Haley*

Announcements

Opening Words:

Life is what we are alive to. It is not length but breadth.
To be alive only to appetite, pleasure, pride, money-
making, and not to goodness, kindness, purity, love,
history, poetry, music, flowers, stars and eternal hope
is to be all but dead. *Maltbie D. Babcock*

Chalice Lighting:

For the gift of this day and for our community of spiritual nurture
and compassion, we give thanks.

We light this chalice as a symbol of our faith.

May our many sparks meet and merge in communion of heart
and soul. — *Bruce Southworth*

Song: **Big Yellow Taxi by Joni Mitchell**
(Words on insert)

Joys and Concerns

Offertory

Responsive Reading: **#512 We Give Thanks This Day**

Address: **The Three Things I am Thankful For**
— *Karen Johnson-Hosein*
Questions and Comments

Hymn: **#277 When We Wend Homeward**

Closing Words: **#614**

Extinguishing the Chalice:

On this day, let us pledge to remember with thankfulness all that
we have, to not take life and its gifts for granted and to let this
flame remain aglow in our hearts.

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