

Dates to Remember...

January 2016

- Jan 10** Chililicious Lunch
- Jan 15** UCN Film Night - *Tomboy* – Friday at 7:00 p.m.
Free admission, \$2 donation for snacks is suggested
- Jan 17** **Bangladesh, The Garment Trade and Third World Development** – Dawne Warkentin
- Jan 21** **AGM Reports to David Jordan**
- Jan 22** **Pub Night** – Friday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Cat's Caboose, Billiards Room
- Jan 24** **What is Goodness?** – Julianne Momirov
- Jan 24** **Articulating Your UU Faith** – at 12:30 p.m.
- Jan 24** **Newsletter Submission Deadline**
– riseingcarol@gmail.com
- Jan 26** **UCN Book Club** – Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Roy and Penny Blake in Welland
- Jan 31** **Neil deGrasse Tyson on Science, Religion and the Universe** – Moyers & Company (YouTube Presentation)

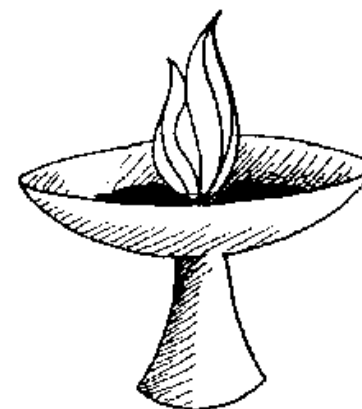
February 2016

- Feb 7** **The Folly of God** – David Galston
- Feb 14** **Rev. Linda Thompson** – Topic to be advised
- Feb 21** **Annual General Meeting** – Topic to be advised
- Feb 28** **Rodrigo Emilio Solano Quesnel** – Topic to be advised

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Unitarian Congregation of Niagara



Spiritual Machines? A Look at Transhumanism

– Roy Blake

January 10, 2016

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Order of Service

Sunday, January 10, 2016

Service Leader and Speaker: Roy Blake

Musicians: Doug Mundy, Penny Blake

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Words:

We are confined to the nature of reality

Where the failure of our system will be the end of our dream

Between the fields of darkness, before and after we exist.

Earth is a spiritual place but there is nothing after this.

We were nothing four billion years before our time

And we will be nothing more again for an eternity yet to come.

Death is not an exit. Death is a flick of the switch.

Death is not an exit. Death is a flick of the off switch.

– David Gold

Chalice Lighting

We kindle this light in the centre of our circle.

May it symbolise the light and life and warmth In the centre of our beings.

May it mirror the light of fellow Unitarians here and around the world. – Patricia Oliver

Hymn: #85 **Although this Life is but a Wraith**

Joys and Concerns

Offertory

Responsive Reading: **Beyond Words (603)**

Address: **Roy Blake – Spiritual Machines?
A Look at Transhumanism**

Discussion

Hymn: **Solo by Penny Blake
Hymn #42 Morning, So Fair to See**

Closing Words

**I like to think (and the sooner the better!)
of a cybernetic meadow
where mammals and computers
live together in mutually programming harmony
like pure water touching clear sky.**

**I like to think (right now please!)
of a cybernetic forest filled with pines and electronics
where deer stroll peacefully past computers
as if they were flowers with spinning blossoms.**

**I like to think (it has to be!)
of a cybernetic ecology
where we are free of our labors and joined back to nature,
returned to our mammal brothers and sisters,
and all watched over by machines of loving grace.**

– Richard Brautigan

Extinguishing the Chalice

Announcements

Postlude *(Please remain seated.)*

Please join us for a Chililicious Lunch after the service.