

Dates to Remember...

April 2016

- Apr 17** **Newsletter Submission Deadline**
– riseingcarol@gmail.com
- Apr 22** **Pub Night** – 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Cat's Caboose Billiard Rm.
- Apr 24** **When and Why did Unitarians Part Ways With God?** – Julianne Momirov

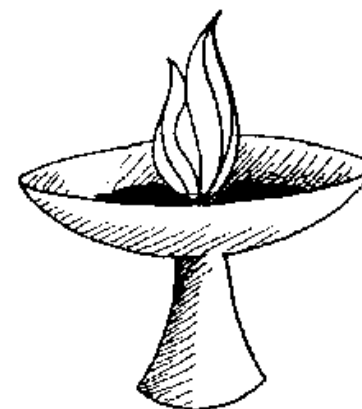
May 2016

- May 1** **Music and Musical Musings** – Timothy Phelan
S.L. Julianne Momirov
- May 8** **Religion for Atheists** (YouTube Presentation)
S.L. Karen Stovell
- May 15** **Living the UU Principles** – Karen Stovell
- May 16** **Book Club** – *The Singing Fire* by Lilian Nattel
Location: Karen's summer home at Sherkston
Potluck dinner prior, details see May Newsletter.
- May 20** **CUC AGM** – Gathering at UCN for online presentation.
- May 22** **Sharing the Faith Service** – Marie Belliveau and
Tanja Steinbach
- May 29** **Flower Communion** – Julianne Momirov

June 2016

- June 5** **Picnic at Queenston**

Unitarian Congregation of Niagara



Why Atheists Go to Church

– Rev. Dr. Marlin Lavanhar (YouTube Presentation)

April 17, 2016

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The Unitarian Congregation of Niagara is a fragrance-free zone. Fragrance may be distressful and threaten the well-being of those around you. In order to make this a safe and welcoming environment for everyone who comes here, we ask that you refrain from wearing fragrances. Your understanding and co-operation is appreciated.

Order of Service
Sunday, April 17, 2016

Service Leader: Karen Stovell
Musician: Theresa Pothier

Prelude: **Piano Selection – Theresa Pothier**

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Words:

Many of you may not realize it, but the root of the word religion comes from the same root that gives us the word ligament. What is a ligament? It's a part of our body that ties our muscles to our bones. So what is a religion? It's that which ties us together. Religion does not equate necessarily with belief. Rather it is something which binds us together. *Barbara Wells*

Chalice Lighting

Welcome to this place. This is a home where no revealed truths are promoted and no scripture or human being accepted as infallible. This is a place for searching for truth. But we are believers. We believe in intellectual freedom; we believe in justice; we believe in compassion and concern for each other and the whole world. We believe in commitment to those ideals which make us

caring and active in the struggles for human dignity. We are Unitarian Universalists. *John M. Higgins*

Hymn: **#331 Life is the Greatest Gift of All**

Joys and Concerns

Offertory: **Maurice Turmel: Forget About It
Stand and Deliver**

YouTube Presentation: **Why Do Atheists Go To Church**
– The Rev. Marlin Lavanhar
Discussion and Comments

Hymn: **#521 May I Be No One's Enemy**

Closing Words: **#687**

Extinguishing the Chalice:

We extinguish the chalice for now but not the light it leaves within us. Go forth and spread its light to another.

Postlude: *(Please remain seated for the piano selection.)*

Following the service, please join us for refreshments and conversation.