

## Dates to Remember...

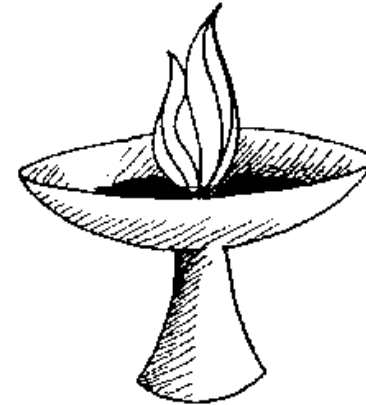
### May 2016

- May 10** UCN Board Meeting – Tuesday, May 10, 2:00 p.m.
- 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, 5:00 p.m., details see May Newsletter.
- May 20** CUC AGM – Gathering at UCN for online presentation.  
12:00 noon - 8:00 p.m.
- May 22** Sharing Our Faith: Truth, Healing and Reconciliation – Tanja Steinbach
- May 22** Mudita Lunch – Please bring Vegan Celebratory fare of your choice.
- May 22** Newsletter Submission Deadline  
– [riseingcarol@gmail.com](mailto:riseingcarol@gmail.com)
- May 27** Pub Night – 6:30 p.m., Cat's Caboose Billiard Rm.,  
Glenridge Avenue
- May 29** Flower Communion – Julianne Momirov

### June 2016

- June 5** Picnic at Queenston

# Unitarian Congregation of Niagara



## Religion for Atheists (YouTube)

– Alain de Botton

**May 8, 2016**

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### FRAGRANCE-FREE POLICY

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, May 8, 2016**

Service Leader: Karen Stovell  
Musician: Theresa Pothier

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Prelude: **Piano Selection – Theresa Pothier**

Welcome:

Welcome to our liberal religious community, dedicated to humanitarian ideals and to individual freedom of belief. We are open to people of all races, cultures, spiritual backgrounds and sexual orientations. Here you are welcome, whether theist, atheist or agnostic. Here you are welcome, whether gay, lesbian, bisexual or straight. Here we strive to honour each person with dignity and respect.

*The Unitarian Church of Montreal*

Announcements

Chalice Lighting:

This chalice is a frail thing.  
It can be snuffed out by winds of cynicism  
and apathy.  
May its little flame be a reminder of the power  
of the spirit.  
Let us rededicate ourselves to providing light  
That lifts our hearts and increases the world's joy.

Hymn: **#1058 Be Ours a Religion**

Joys and Concerns

Offertory

Address: **Religion for Atheists** (YouTube)  
*This is 41 minutes long.*  
– Alain de Botton

*Discussion and Comments*

Hymn: **#1024 When the Spirit Says Do  
(think, laugh)**

Closing Words: **May Love Be Our Path**  
May compassion be our mosque  
May faith be our prayer rug,  
May an honest life be our Koran  
And may love be our path.

*Guru Nanak*

Extinguishing the Chalice: **#456**

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

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