

Announcements

Postlude: Piano Selection – Theresa Pothier
(Please remain seated.)

If you are able, please stack your own chair.

Dates to Remember...

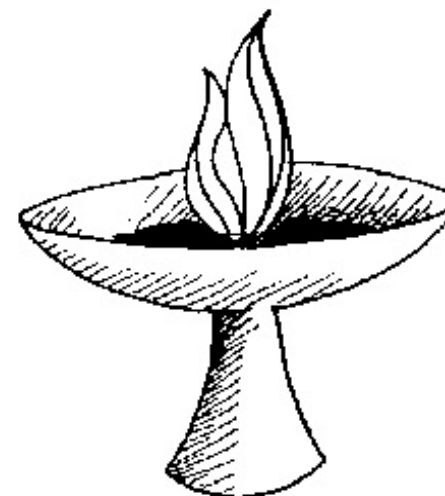
January 2018

- Jan. 9 (Tues.) UCN Board Meeting – 1:30 p.m. all welcome
Jan. 14 Supporting Sex Workers at the YWCA
– Krystal Snider
Jan. 17 (Wed.) February Newsletter Submission Deadline
– riseingcarol@gmail.com
Jan. 19 (Fri.) UCN Film Night – 7:00 p.m. at the UCN
Jan. 21 Now is the Winter of Our Discontent
– Karen Stovell
Jan. 21 Building Your Own Theology I – 12:30 p.m.
Jan. 22 (Mon.) UCN Book Club
– 7:30 p.m., at the home of Joan Rothman
Jan. 26 (Fri.) Pub Night – 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Cat's Caboose
billiards room
Jan. 28 Art-Gazer 101 – Valerie Martin
Jan. 28 Building Your Own Theology I – 12:30 p.m.
Jan. 28 Annual General Meeting Reports – Due from Board
Members and Committee Coordinators to Karen Stovell.
Thank you for your prompt attention to the reports.

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.

Unitarian Congregation of Niagara



Unitarian Christianity
– William Ellery Channing

January 7, 2018

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Order of Service
Sunday, January 7, 2018

Service Leader: Julianne Momirov
Musician: Theresa Pothier

Prelude Piano selection – Theresa Pothier

Welcome

Opening Words: We are able to discern not only what we already are, but what we may become, to see in ourselves germs and promises of a growth to which no bounds can be set, to dart beyond what we have actually gained to the idea of perfection as the end of our being. It is by this self-comprehending power that we are distinguished from the brutes, which give no signs of looking into themselves. Without this there would be no self-culture, for we should not know the work to be done; and one reason why self-culture is so little proposed is, that so few penetrate into their own nature. To most men, their own spirits are shadowy, unreal, compared with what is outward. When they happen to cast a glance inward, they see there only a dark, vague chaos. They distinguish, perhaps, some violent passion, which has driven them to injurious excess; but their highest powers hardly attract a thought; and thus multitudes live and die as truly strangers to themselves as to countries of which they have heard the name, but which human foot has never trodden. – William Ellery Channing

Chalice Lighting: **#449**

Story for All Ages: **Theodore Parker’s Loaded Pistol**

Hymn #1: **#1008 When Our Heart Is In a Holy Place**

Joys and Concerns

Responsive Reading: **#444 This House**

Offering

Sermon: **William Ellery Channing: *Unitarian Christianity***

Discussion and Comments

Hymn #2: **#6 Just As Long As I Have Breath**

Closing Words:

I call that mind free, which masters the senses, which protects itself against animal appetites, which contemns pleasure and pain in comparison to its own energy, which penetrates beneath the body and recognises its own reality and greatness, which passes life, not in asking what it shall eat or drink, but in hungering, thirsting, and seeking after righteousness. ...

I call that mind free, which jealously guards its intellectual rights and powers, which calls no man master, which does not content itself with a passive or hereditary faith, which opens itself to light whencesoever it may come, which receives new truth as an angel from heaven.

I call that mind free, which sets no bounds to its love, which is not imprisoned in itself or in a sect, which recognises in all human beings the image of God and the rights of his children, which delights in virtue and sympathizes with suffering wherever they are seen, which conquers pride, anger, and sloth, and offers itself up a willing victim to the cause of mankind.

– William Ellery Channing: *Spiritual Freedom* (1830)

Extinguishing the Chalice:

Daring Vision by Maureen Killoran
We extinguish this chalice flame,
daring to carry forward the vision of this free faith,
that freedom, reason and justice
will one day prevail in this nation and across the earth.

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