# Dates to Remember...

## September 2018

All events are at the UCN unless otherwise noted.

- Sept.11 (Tues. 1:30 pm) UCN Board Meeting
- Sept.16 (Sun. 11:00 am) Unitarian Services Committee (USC) Bangladesh Slide Show
- Sept.19 (Wed.) October Newsletter Submission Deadline larganturmel@gmail.com & riseingcarol@gmail.com
- Sept.21 (Fri. 7:00 pm) UCN Film Night "Come Sunday"
- Sept.22 (Sat. 5:30 pm) Potluck Circle Dinner
- Sept.23 (Sun. 9:55 am) First Choir Rehearsal
- Sept.23 (Sun. 11:00 am) My Descent into Neo-Nazism and How I got Out YouTube Presentation Christian Picciolini
- Sept.24 (Mon. 7:30 pm) Book Club at the home of Joan Rothman, "Careless in Red" by Elizabeth George
- Sept.28 (Fri.) Pub Night 6:30 8:30 p.m., Cat's Caboose, billiards room, 224 Glenridge Ave., St. Catharines. Topic, Play: play as a child and play as an adult
- Sept.30 (Sun. 11:00 am) Surviving and Thriving Bi-Polar Disorder Emely Nicolaidi

### October 2018

Oct.11 (Thurs. 7:00 pm) Meet and Greet Regional Council 2018 Candidates

#### FRAGRANCE-FREE POLICY

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# Unitarian Congregation of Niagara



# Water Communion and the Turning of the Year - Penny Blake

September 9, 2018

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# Order of Service Sunday, September 9, 2018

Service Leader: Penny Blake
Musician: Theresa Pothier

Prelude Piano Selection – Theresa Pothier

Welcome

**Chalice Lighting:** 

We light this chalice on the brink of a new year
Letting go of what has been
Open and hopeful for what may come
Renewed, restored, ready
To live Life fully anew
May we move forward with intention. – Lois Van Leer

Hymn: All Rivers, insert — Penny Blake

Joys and Concerns

Offering

Address: Water Communion and the Turning of the Year

Responsive Reading:

The Days of Awe begin with us tonight. May the next ten days be days of reflection, introspection, and peace.

May we prepare ourselves for the changes in the year to come.

May it be a good year.

May it be a healthy year.

May it be a year of peace for all of us, all around the globe.

May it be a year of peace within ourselves.

May we live our lives with integrity, service, and love.

May we be blessed with the strength of this community, of our families, of our friends.

May we remember what is truly important in life and may we remember to be grateful every day.

May we all be inscribed another year in the Book of Life.

By Debra Haffner

**Sharing our Water and Stories:** 

Each of us comes to dip into the well that nourishes our hungry spirits.

Each of us comes with our own cup of goodness to pour into the well.

May we be strengthened in our bonds of love and peace.

Hymn: #1007 There's a River

Extinguishing the Chalice:

We extinguish the chalice here that it might glow gently in our hearts. May it light your path as you leave this place. May it guide your way until we are together again.

**Announcements** 

<u>Postlude</u>: Please remain seated for the piano selection.

Please put your chair away if able and join us

for drinks and conversation.