

Dates to Remember...

September 2019

- Sept. 10** (Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.) **UCN Board Meeting**
All UCN members welcome.
- Sept. 15** (Sun. 9:55 a.m.) **First Choir Rehearsal for the season** – new choir members always welcome
- Sept. 15** (Sun.) **How to Have a Good Conversation** - video presentation by Celeste Headlee
- Sept. 16** (Mon. 2:00 p.m.) **UCN Book Club** – at the home of Karen Stovell, please let her know you are coming. All welcome, no charge. This month's book is *A Gentleman in Moscow*, by Amor Towles.
- Sept. 18** (Wed.) **Oct. Newsletter Deadline** – LesLee Turmel
- Sept. 20** (Fri. 7:00 p.m.) **UCN Film Night** – This month's film is *Anthropocene: The Human Epoch*.
- Sept. 22** (Sun.) **The Art of Letting Go** – Joshua Fields Milburn
- Sept. 22** (Sun. 12:30 after service) **Theme - Based class for adults**. This month's topic is *Abundance*. Contact Karen Stovell for more information and to register.
- Sept. 27** (Fri. 6:00 p.m.) **UCN Pub Night** – Fresco's Restaurant, 100 Fourth Avenue at Louth St. (Ridley Heights Plaza), St. Catharines. Please note the change in venue. All welcome, just pay the restaurant for whatever you order. This month's topic is *Relationships and Connectedness*
- Sept. 28** (Sat. 5:30 p.m.) **UCN Potluck Circle Dinner** - see newsletter
- Sept. 29** (Sun.) **Helping Others Makes Us Happier but it Matters How We Do It** - Elizabeth Dunn
- Sept. 29** (Sun. 12:30 p.m.) **Discussion group**—Concepts of Soul

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Unitarian Congregation of Niagara



Water Communion and the Ripple Effect

– Penny Blake

September 8, 2019

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Order of Celebration
Sunday, September 8, 2019

Service Leader: Penny Blake
Pianist: Peter Shea

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Words: **#417**

Chalice Lighting: by Janet Parsons

The flame of our chalice this morning
is a symbol of the warmth and brightness of our connections.
The flame lights our way back together again
From our separate summer lives,
and it lights our way forward
Into this new church year of promise and renewal.

Joys and Concerns

Hymn: **Let it Flow** Emily Joy Goldberg (insert)

Responsive Reading: **#550**

Offering

Address: **The Ripple Effect**

Water Ceremony:

Blessing: **May The Waters Gathered Here**
By [Susan Karlson](#)

May the Waters gathered here remind us
of what each of us brings to this community and
of the waters that nourished us before we were even
born,
that continue to give us sustenance and energy for our
life journeys,
and for all creatures on this earth

Hymn: **#1007** **There's a River Flowin' in
my Soul**

Extinguishing the Chalice: by Robin F. Gray

The flame is extinguished, but not our hope for the
future, our courage in the face of crisis, or the love we
share in all the world.

Announcements

Postlude

Please put your chair away if able,
and join us for refreshments and conversation.