



## UNITARIAN CONGREGATION OF NIAGARA

A church for people  
with enquiring minds

### November 2006

#### Sunday Services

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- Nov 5 **The Ardent Bibliophile**  
– Hannelore Headley
- Nov 12 **Brandon Hughey – U.S. War Resister**
- Nov 19 **Do science, spirituality and religion cause problems for Unitarian Universalists?**  
– Jim Glassford
- Nov 26 **Four Attributes of the Christian God**  
– John Northover

##### December 2006

- Dec 3 **Doing the Impossible (John Langdon)**  
– John Mayer
- Dec 10 **Our Work in Brazil**  
– Allan and Delphine Dick
- Dec 17 **Mind, Body and Spirit** – Roseann Waters
- Dec 24 **“Peace on Earth, Good Will to All”**  
– Julianne Momirov
- Dec 31 **Where are we going and what are we doing in this handbasket?** – George Addison

##### January 2007

- Jan 7 **The Limits of Spirituality in Religion**  
– Brock Shaver
- Jan 14 **Your God is Too Classical**  
– Herb Gruning
- Jan 21 **Vivianne LaRiviere** – Topic to be advised
- Jan 28 **Black History** – Rick Bell

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## All Things Bright and Beautiful

Our first annual craft fair was a wonderful success. We made a profit of over \$700.00 and had a good time as well.

Thank you to all those volunteers who baked, moved furniture on Friday and Saturday night, sold tickets or worked on coffee detail. Also, thanks to volunteers for blowing up balloons and making sandwiches for the crafters as well supervising the sales. The list goes on. Big kudos go to the church members who purchased some lovely crafts.

The ad hoc fundraising committee consisted of Doreen Peever, Julianne Momirov and Pamela Spear-Wilson. We appreciated all the member support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela



**\*\* Note Time Change\*\***

#### November Canvass Dinner

We will have an *early dinner*

Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Ingathering

5:30 p.m. Dinner

Let's celebrate another successful canvass.  
**Great Entertainment and good cheer!**

**\*\*Sign up sheet is at the back of the Church\*\***



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**Executive Council  
for 2006/2007**

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## Budget Drive List

The 2007 Budget Drive List below is to inform you who will be calling on you beginning October 15 - November 18, 2006. If you are not contacted please speak to your Congregational Volunteer about an appointment time convenient for you. The Co-Chairs for 2007 Budget Drive Campaign are Shari Virtue and Marie Belliveau, they will be pleased to assist you at any time.

### 2007 BUDGET DRIVE LIST

<b><u>Doreen:</u></b>	Jenny Leach Walter Jutting Rosemarie Lein Lorraine Westhouse Jane Morris Rose Furness	Jim Mazeau John Inglis Mary-Jane Bell John Northover Larry Day Mills/Donovan
<b><u>John Mayer:</u></b>	Gracia Janes David Griffiths Skeltons George Spencer Lemons	Charles Sankey Westlakes Bannisters Hoods
<b><u>Shari:</u></b>	Phillip Curtis Judith Barker Spear/Wilsons Julianne Momirov Boltons Wil DeClerq Lisa Laughton	Wiley/Storms Jaeger/Petrocci Vuorinens Charles McLaren Sara Jordan Glassfords
<b><u>Marie:</u></b>	Don Herne Sally Tremain Gloria Anderson June Corman Betty Beam Matthias Toepp Selina van Kooten	Betty Kossivas John Barry Merelie Scott-Armstrong Stahl-Smiths Erika Cronin Sarah Nyman & Luke Kwiatkowski

### **Socrates Café**

Sunday, November 12th, 1:00 - ??

Unitarian Church located at 223 Church Street, St. Catharines

#### **CONVERSATION WHICH QUESTIONS THE NORM**

Coffee, tea, juice and snacks will be available! Bottomless cup for \$2.00

#### **TOPIC OF DISCUSSION:**

Please email Marie if you have any suggestions. Keep in mind that we hope to have a diverse group not just people from the UCN.

Contact Marie: [weemb@sympatico.ca](mailto:weemb@sympatico.ca) 905-704-0189

## "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

was indeed that. There was a good variety of crafts for sale, mostly by artists of The St. Catharines Craft Guild of which I am a member. In addition, there were two people from our congregation, Julianne Momirov (beaded jewellery) and Sofia Vuorinen (grape vine baskets and wreaths) who took part, as well as two painters. The response from crafters was very positive and they congratulated us on a well-run show. I think they will join us again for the second annual show next year. Julianne, Pam and I were the show committee.

Financially, the show was also a success. Cash and credit card sales came to \$1523 (of which 25%, \$380.75) goes to the church. The bake table brought in \$188.30 and the door receipts were \$168.05. So altogether this fund raiser brought in \$737.10 for the church coffers (minus some expenses which I don't yet have). The Craft Guild will buy the tissue and flat bags which we didn't use. The Local Council of Women had a display of art, of which they sold \$288.04 as a fund raiser for their organization. PALS displayed quilts and sold raffle tickets. Both these organizations supplied door prizes for the privilege of being part of our show.

There were lots of donations for door prizes, which we drew every hour. Recognition and thanks go to these donors: Vine Floral, Rona Hardware, Swiss Chalet and to church members Valerie Jaeger, Jenny Leach, Gloria Anderson, Marguerite Bastarache, Joan Rothman and Andrea Gravelle.

Many thanks to the people who

made the wonderful baked goods which sold like the proverbial hot cakes. Several of these were the same people who worked all day in the kitchen and who supplied lunch to the crafters. There were shifts of people on the tables at the doors. There were volunteers setting up tables on Friday night and taking them down on Saturday. Very special thanks goes to Bill Martin (Craft Guild member) who lent us his bank machine so that we could accept credit and debit cards. He also operated the machine all day. More than half of our sales went through that machine. Bill also designed the cards on which crafters recorded their sales and printed them at no cost to us. Marie Belliveau handled the cash sales. Many members of the congregation came out to support the sale and buy beautiful things. **Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!** It was a lot of work but was great success. Ready for next year? *Doreen M. Peever*

## Regional CUC Conference

Please inform a board member if you would like to attend the Regional Conference in Toronto on Saturday, November 11.

Some board members will be attending and we are hoping to arrange a car pool.

## Membership . . .

Two name tag holders have been constructed and will be placed at two locations for members to store their name tags before they leave the Church building. One is already in place on an easel opposite the side where our coats are hung. See Jim Glassford or Doreen Peever at the

## Coffee Support

**Help Wanted!** Experience not required. Willing to train! Great hours. Great rewards... the contented smiles of your fellow members!

The sign-up list is posted. Please pick your dates.

Limited time offer...  
**don't let the pot go empty!!!!**



welcoming desk to receive a Velcro disc to stick to the back of your plastic name tag holder. When you leave, all you need to do is to wrap the string around or stick the string inside the plastic holder and place your name tag holder's back (where the Velcro disc is) against the Velcro on the large name tag holder. Voila! Name tag without strings dangling will be ready for you when you return next time to Church.

The second holder will be placed by the Church Board somewhere near the alternative entrance and should be handy for those in wheelchairs, with disabilities, etc.

On Sunday, November 19, there will be a reception of new members during our Sunday Service. Sarah Nyman, Luke Kwiatkowski, and Gloria Anderson have indicated their intention to become members and have been approved by the Church Board. If anyone else wishes to join, please see Jim Glassford as soon as possible so that your name can be submitted to the Board.

I am interested in conducting “**Building Your Own Theology 1**”. This will be the revised edition (2000) by **Richard S. Gilbert** as distributed by the Unitarian Universalist Association. The basic model consists of 10 sessions which will be held **on Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**, before the Church service. Readings will be distributed for study before the next week’s session. Although intended for new members, anyone interested may attend.

Some of the aims of the sessions are:

- helping to clarify for yourself your own spiritual journey

- looking at what is Religious for you

- examining your thoughts on Ultimate Reality, human nature, on what your sense of ethics is based

- helping you build your own Credo-what you believe or value

The course will be held in January and February, 2007. Please let Jim Glassford know if you are interested in participating or for further information.

*Jim Glassford*

Membership Co-ordinator



## Jordin

**McCloy** is our new person “tickling the ivories” to our great pleasure every Sunday. Her interest in music began at the age of four when her mother sent her for piano lessons. Even though at times, she felt like giving up, she persevered. As she says “practice has paid off” and she now is enrolled in her third year at Brock in the Honours Music program. Jordin is planning to attend York University after graduation to obtain her teacher's certificate so that she can become a music teacher.

She is involved in an in-school mentoring program through Big Sisters which is a mentoring program where she goes to a school and works with the same child for one hour a week doing some form of crafts or activities with this child.

As part of her music program she has been yearly involved in the Brock University Chamber choir. This involves practices twice a week, a winter and spring concert, and a yearly festival where the Universities of Brock, Guelph, Redeemer, and McMaster all take part.

Jordin says that she enjoys hearing our different services. We are so pleased that we were able to find somebody of her musical talent to be with us every Sunday 🎵

## The Ray of Hope Project

Everything is going very well here in Mozambique. There are so many exciting things going on with The Ray of Hope Project! We finally raised enough funds to get things started... first the Orphan Meal Program and AIDS Education Program in April . . . and this quarter the Orphan Sponsorship Program, Agriculture Program, and construction. A very exciting time!

Many of you have been asking how to donate money to The Ray of Hope Project or how to go about sponsoring an orphan. Thank you! Thank you! Please make cheques payable to “The Caia Connection”, P.O. Box 21082, Orchard Park Postal Outlet, Kelowna, BC, V1Y 9N8.

The Caia Connection Committee has created their first newsletter. A copy is posted on your bulletin board.

If anyone would like to contact me directly, my email address here in Mozambique is [jillclaus@teledata.mz](mailto:jillclaus@teledata.mz) (very very very slow connection, so no attachments please!)

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments! I'm looking forward to hearing from everyone!

All the best,  
*Jill Claus*

### Service Leaders:

Please submit a completed Order of Service with hymns to Darcy and Jordin by the Wednesday prior to your service.

Thank you,  
*Fred Bolton*

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