

Sharing Our Faith Collection

Each year the C.U.C. asks that U.U. Congregations across Canada take up a special collection. This offering will be used to support the work of our U.U. communities across Canada, most of whom also contribute as they are able to the Sharing Our Faith Fund. The offerings collected will be given back to the congregations who apply and are approved for funding to “Grow Vital Religious Communities.”

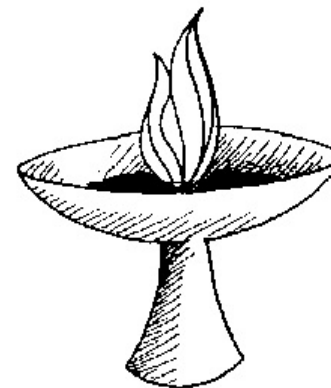
May 2009

- May 3** **Sharing the Faith**
- May 10** **Choir** – possible solo, please enquire
- May 10** **Janis Alton** – *Making History: The Global Women’s Peace Movement* S.L. J. Momirov
- May 17** **Barbara Warner** – *Live, Love, Laugh and Remember, Everyone is Equal in the Grand Scheme of Things* S.L. E. Gilbert
- May 24** **Brian Arthur Brown** – *Noah’s Other Son* S.L. D. Peever
- May 24** Newsletter Submissions to Sofia please
- May 26** **UCN Book Club** – 7:00 p.m. at the home of Karen & Paul Golden, 127A Lakeshore Rd., St. Catharines **905-935-0200**
“Bloodletting and Miraculous Cures”
by Vincent Lam
- May 31** **Dr. Bruce Walton** – *Unitunz – Unitarian Congregation of Guelph* S.L. E. Gilbert

June 2009

June 7 **Picnic**

Unitarian Congregation of Niagara



“Backyard Farming”
Vivek Rajakumar

April 26, 2009

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Order of Service
Sunday, April 26, 2009

Service Leader *Marie Belliveau*
Speaker *Vivek Rajakumar*
Pianist *Theresa Pothier*

Prelude: Terri Pothier

Announcements:

Welcome: __ Welcome to all visitors, those with familiar faces and the not so familiar faces that may be new or returning to our gathering. All of our visitors add to and brighten this assembly.

Opening Words: *Mother Earth Prayer*

Chalice Lighting:

As the earth provides sustenance for its creatures

As the fellowship provides a refuge for its members

So the chalice denotes the faith that is our sustenance and refuge

As the fire has drawn the ancients to their gods

As the flame soars towards the heavens

So the spirit of our congregation lights the chalice of our community together.

Joys & Concerns:

This is the moment that we share our joys and concerns with each other to brighten the day or to lighten the load of sorrows for each other. Come forward to the microphone if you wish to share or just come forward and drop a stone in the water or light a candle to privately acknowledge your joy and concern.

Hymn: *Lean on Me (Choir & Congregation) – On Screen*

Offertory:

If you are a new visitor to our gathering, please be our guest and let the plate pass you by. This congregation operates on the monies donated by our members and friends, please give with your hearts.

Story for All Ages: *Mother Earth*

Guest Speaker: *Vivek Rajakumar*

–Topic: Backyard Farming

Introduction of Vivek: Vivek, a member of this congregation, is an avid reader of books on organic farming and soil culture. In fact, Vivek reads a lot, he reads books on banking, and even on learning other languages and can speak Spanish fluently. Vivek and his partner, Alex are happy to announce that they are expecting a baby this July! Both Vivek and Alex are very happy and looking forward to what promises to be a very exciting year. Please welcome Vivek.

Hymn: #174 “*O Earth, You Are Surpassing Fair*”

Closing Words: by Gary Kowalski

Go in peace, speak the truth, give thanks each day.

Respect the earth and her creatures, for they are alive like you.

Care for your body; it is a wondrous gift.

Live simply. Be of service.

Be guided by your faith and not your fear.

Go lightly on your path. Walk in a sacred manner.

Postlude: Terri Pothier

Please join us for conversation and refreshments after the service. This is a good opportunity to chat with our Guest Speaker.

Have a Great Week!