#### Dates to Remember...

#### April 2013

- Apr 14 Photography of the Spirit Cameron Linton
- Apr 21 The Importance of the Individual

   Jim Glassford
- Apr 21 \*\* Newsletter Deadline \*\* submissions to riseingcarol@gmail.com & sofia.vuorinen@3web.net
- Apr 26 Film Night The Lady 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 28 On the Importance of Being a Jester

   Harrison Wheeler

## May 2013

- May 5 Label Me, Lose Me Michael Battenberg
- May 12 Sharing Our Faith Vyda Ng
- May 19 Panel Discussion The Office of Religious Freedom
- May 26 Flower Communion Valerie Jaeger

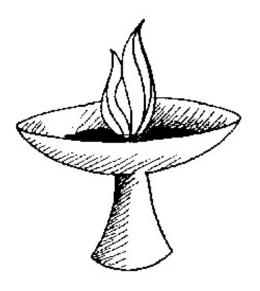
#### June 2013

- June 2 The Mahila Shanti Sena or Women's Peace Brigade Movement in India – Anne Pearson
- June 9 Picnic
- June 16 Service to be held at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls

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# Unitarian Congregation of Niagara



My Spiritual Journey

- Desmond Sequeira

**April 7, 2013** 

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### Order of Service Sunday, April 7, 2013

Speaker: Desmond Sequeira
Service Leader: Karen Johnson-Hosein

Musician: Theresa Pothier

<u>Prelude</u> Piano Selection – Theresa Pothier

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Words: On Dragon's Back by Marie Pacha

On dragon's back, I fly away. Beginning flight, to unborn day.

Now take me high. where winds blow loud.

That I might reach, and touch a cloud.

I pull its fragile beauty near.

And falls to earth, a dragon's tear.

Above these clouds, a magic rules.

Scorned by closed hearts, call them fools.

To them, it's not, if they can't see.

They lose all life's mystery.

But I, through dragon's vantage high.

Can now ken, the reason why.

The dragons live, to keep us whole.

They see the love, within our souls.

They see, the passions that we hide.

They see it all, from whence they glide.

And so, on dragon's back I fly,

Within the clouds, that paint the sky.

And somewhere, in this mortal quest.

I share with dragon, all the best.

#### **Chalice Lighting:**

We come together every week Bound not by a creed,

Or a mutual desire to please one God

Or many Gods

Yet we are drawn together

By a belief, that how we are in the world,

Who we are together

Matters.

We light this chalice, Together in the knowledge

That love, not fear, can change this world

Jennifer Leota Gray

Hymn #1: #196 Singer of Life

Joys and Concerns

Offertory

Address: My Spiritual Journey

(Overcoming my Dragons)

– Desmond Sequeira

Discussion and Questions

Hymn: #347 Gather the Spirit

Closing Words: #692

Extinguishing the Chalice: #456

Postlude: (Please remain seated for the piano selection, then join

us for coffee and conversation)