Dates to Remember...

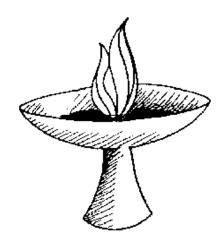
January 2017

- **Jan. 8 Annual Curry Lunch** 12:30 after service. Please bring \$5.00 and enjoy chicken curry, dhal, rice with various toppings and a dessert!
- **Jan. 12** UCN Board Meeting -2:00 p.m. All UCN members welcome.
- Jan. 15 Local Faith Communities Working Together for Social Justice Rev. Laura Marie Piotrowicz, rector of St. John's Anglican Church in Port Dalhousie
- **Jan. 20 UCN Film Night** 7:00 p.m. "Mr. Pip"
- Jan. 22 Our Obsession with the Future Jim Glassford
- Jan. 22 Newsletter Submission Deadline
 riseingcarol@gmail.com
- **Jan. 23 UCN Book Club** -7:30, at the home of Karen Stovell This month's book is *A Fair Country*, by John Ralston Saul.
- **Jan. 27 Pub Night (Friday)** 6:30 8:30 p.m., Billiard room of Cat's Caboose Topic: What is "home" for you?
- Jan. 29 A Just Solution for the West Bank Ineke Medcalf
- Jan. 29 AGM Board & Committee Reports to Karen Stovell

FRAGRANCE-FREE POLICY

The Unitarian Congregation of Niagara is a fragrance-free zone. Fragrance may be distressful and threaten the well-being of those around you. In order to make this a safe and welcoming environment for everyone who comes here, we ask that you refrain from wearing fragrances. Your understanding and co-operation is appreciated.

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I'm Grateful for the Grid

Roy Blake

January 8, 2017

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Order of Service Sunday, January 8, 2017

Speaker & Service Leader:

Roy Blake

Musician:

Theresa Pothier

Prelude

Piano selection - Theresa Pothier

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Words: John Donne (1624) — slightly edited No-one is an island entire of itself; everyone is a piece of the continent, a part of the main.

If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as

well as if a manor of thy friend's or of thine own were: anyone's death diminishes me, because I am involved in humankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.

Chalice Lighting: Margaret Keip,

adapted by Jorge Espinel

As surely as we belong to the universe, we belong together. We gather here to move beyond our isolated selves as we connect and reconnect with others.

It is good to be together, for it is in our connections with each other that we come to know ourselves more fully, and in that way to be more at home here on Earth, more open to the gifts each day brings.

Joys and Concerns:

Hymn:

Offering

Responsive Reading: #550

Address: I'm Grateful for the Grid

- Roy Blake

#320

Discussion and Comments

Hymn: #345

Closing Words: (Red Green)

Remember, I'm pulling for you. We're all in this together.

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.

Postlude: (Please remain seated for the piano selection.)

Please join us for lunch.