

## Dates to Remember...

### January 2017

- 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

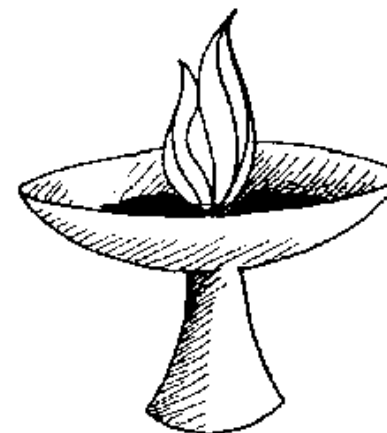
### February 2017

- Feb. 4 Memorial Service for Paavo Vuorinen – 2:00 p.m. at  
UCN Church  
Feb. 5 Celebrating Black History Month – Julianne Momirov  
Feb. 12 Travelling Together – Rev. Linda Thompson  
Feb. 19 The Power of Music – Sue Velkers  
Feb. 26 Annual General Meeting

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# Unitarian Congregation of Niagara



## Local Faith Communities Working Together for Social Justice

– Rev. Laura Marie Piotrowicz

**January 15, 2017**

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***Order of Service***  
**Sunday, January 15, 2017**

Speaker: Rev. Laura Marie Piotrowicz  
Service Leader: Desmond Sequeira  
Musician: Theresa Pothier

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Prelude                      **Piano selection – Theresa Pothier**

Welcome

Opening Words:        **Canada's top CEOs earn 193 times the average worker's salary** (Article in cbc.ca on 3 Jan. 2017)

**I think the first duty of Society is Justice** (Alexander Hamilton, Founding Father of the USA)

Chalice Lighting:

**“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its savor, how can it be made salty again? You are the Light of the world....People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they set it on a lampstand, and it gives light to everyone in the room” (Mt. 5:13-14)**

Hymn:                      **We are the Sunshine in the Streets – Choir**  
   **Congregation joins in chorus (see insert)**

Joys and Concerns

Offertory:        **(Visitors, please let the plate pass you by)**

Responsive Reading:

**SL: Today, social justice represents one of the most serious challenges to the conscience of the world.**

**Congr: The abyss between those who are within the world 'order' and those who are excluded is widening day by day.**

**SL: The use of leading-edge technologies has made it possible to accumulate wealth in a way that is fantastic but perverse because it is unjustly distributed.**

**Congr: Twenty-percent of humankind controls eighty percent of all means of life.**

**All: That fact creates a dangerous imbalance in the movement of history.**

– Leonardo Boff (Brazilian theologian and writer)

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– (The Rev. Laura Marie Piotrowicz)

Discussion and Comments

Hymn:                      **#1028                      The Fire of Commitment**

Closing Words:        **“It is not enough to be compassionate. You must act” – Dalai Lama**

Extinguishing the Chalice:

**“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has” (Margaret Mead, Cultural Anthropologist)**

Announcements

Postlude:    Concerto Pour Une Jeune Fille by Paul de Senneville  
**Please remain seated.**

***If you are able, please stack your own chair before getting coffee.***

**Please join together now for some light refreshment and further conversation.**