



May 2015 **POWERLINE**  
First Unitarian Universalist Church of Niagara  
**Sunday Services (11:00am)**

**May 3:** “To Rest and Be Thankful”

Do not take this advice lightly. SLOW DOWN AND ENJOY.

As we begin to approach the end of the church year, the traditional break, it is time to be restored.

—Rev Donald Reidell

**May 10:** “Redefining Mother's Day”

For many Mother's Day does not fit the Hallmark card description. By putting Mother's Day into a different context, I hope to offer an alternative way to celebrate motherhood.

— Will Crago

**May 17:** “When Justice, Equity and Compassion Meet Escalating Inequalities”

The American dream: “If you work hard and stay in school” you can do better than your parents and achieve your ambitions. Since the economic crash in 2009, more and more people are discovering this truism is not always true. In 2014 the UU General Assembly voted to spend the next 4 years studying this trend of escalating inequalities and discerning together how we can create a more just world where equal opportunity is more than just a dream.

If anyone is interested, they might wish to watch Robert Reich’s “Inequality for all” <http://inequalityforall.com/> on Netflix.

—Darcey Laine

**May 24:** I believe that we the living have a duty to remember those who have died, not only in war but also in illness or in old age. And by so doing we give them their immortality.

—Rev Donald Reidell

**May 31:** “What's in *your* Spiritual Toolbox?”

Every day brings it's challenges, some small, some large. We all deal with these challenges in different ways, but we all require tools to get us through -- tools that need to be maintained. What are some of the tools we need? How do you maintain those tools?

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## **TABOO TOPICS**

Our next TABOO TOPICS will be held on Wed., May 6, from 6 to 8 PM. The topic is "Trans\*" The panel will discuss transgender people and other behaviors which are extending our norms. We've spread the word among young people in the community and hope to have a large audience. Please plan to join us.

## **Annual Meeting**

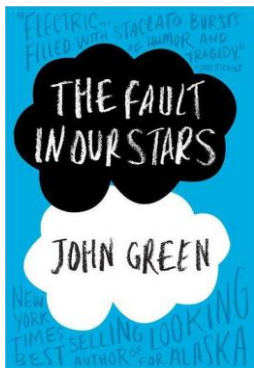
Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2015 at 12:30pm. Please plan to attend. Everyone's input is important as we move forward.,

## **Website**

Have a look at the new website <http://firstuunf.org/>

It still needs some changes. Please email Erica with any thoughts or suggestions: [ericakopp@yahoo.com](mailto:ericakopp@yahoo.com)

## **Book Club Wednesday May 29:**



At 7PM the book club will meet to discuss the book, Fault in our Stars,, regardless if you have read it all. Come and join the lively discussions.

## **New Members**

Anyone wanting to join the church should talk to Bill Lisk, President, or other Board members. We'll plan a welcoming ceremony later in the spring at everyone's convenience.

## **Pledge Drive**

Last CALL. The pedge drive is closing and we need everyone's pledges in order to create budget for 2015-2016

*If you have comments or articles you may submit them to [ericakopp@yahoo.com](mailto:ericakopp@yahoo.com) with the subject "Powerline"*





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**UU Niagara Activities – May 2015**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 Don Reidell	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 Don Reidell	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Will Crago	11	12	13	14	15	16 3pm - wedding-S.
17 Rev. Darcey Laine 12:30pm - Board	18	19	20 7pm - Book Group @	21	22	23
24 Don Reidell 12:30pm - Annual	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Donna Evans	1	2	3	4	5	6