

**First Unitarian Universalist  
Church of Niagara  
Powerline**



**September 2015**

*Learn, Love, Build a Better World*

**Sunday Services (11:00am)**

**September 6:** Water Ceremony

Our opening service is a time to bring us together by sharing our summer events. Bring a bit of water which represents one of your summer experiences to be added to our shared life from over many years.

**September 13:** Human Nature by John Snodgrass

Why should the expression "Human Nature" bring to mind only the worst things we do? How and when did we develop such a low opinion of our species? Should we really let our collective identity be defined by genocidal warfare and environmental destruction? What other choices do we have?

John Snodgrass studies and teaches comparative religion. Bicycling, long walks in the woods and magnificent sunsets couldn't be further from his mind as he reads and writes scholarly volumes about ancient societies. He recently moved to Buffalo with his wife and three children.

**September 20:** Fall Equinox with Sunnie Thomas

Sunnie was with us last year presenting a program for the December Solstice. The September Equinox isn't until Sept. 23 but this service will prepare us to understand the circular, seasonal nature of each year.

**September 27:** Oh My, Not in Church! by Rev. Donald J. Reidell

Maybe what is needed more in all churches is an invigorating injection of these two ingredients.

## Presidents Message Written 8/6/15

The summer has had some activity for FUUN.

The Board had a productive retreat. One direct result was the scheduled showing of the movie "Selma". This could lead to showing movies on a regular basis. Anyone interested in having a particular movie shown is encouraged to suggest it. A volunteer to develop a schedule of movies would be welcome.

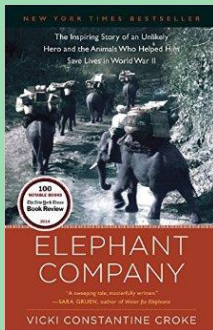
The previous fiscal Church year closed this week. We had a healthy financial year actually generating a small surplus. The financial books are now closed for the year and a final report should be available soon.

Considerable effort is being expended on the building this summer. Several purely maintenance projects are being worked upon and some long term alternatives for the exterior masonry and the roof are being explored.

Some committees have been working this summer, planning and preparing for the Fall Sunday programs and other activities of that season.

We have continued Summer Sunday Programs with lay led topics and discussions which have been attended by those who choose to participate. We are pleased to have welcomed a few summer visitors. Our first regular Sunday Program will be on September 6 which will be our Water Ceremony, perhaps with a new twist. The line up of Sunday speakers starting this September looks very promising with some new and some familiar voices.

### **Book Club Wednesday** **September 16:**



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

### **HABITAT for Humanity**

Niagara Area Habitat for Humanity is looking for non-construction volunteers to serve on committees, do office work, etc. If you are interested please speak to Betsy Diachun

*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 - September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Recycle	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Recycle	14	15	16 7pm - Book Group @	17	18	19
20 12:30pm - Board	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Recycle	28	29	30	1	2	3