

# Powerline

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*Learn, Love, Build a Better World*

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## Sunday Programs

### **November 5:** “Radical Welcoming”

In these times of trouble and fear, how do we reach out to one another instead of closing down? A story of one ordinary person who changed the world can inspire us to discover our own unique gifts. How will each of us hear and answer the call to love, today and every day?

**Kristina Church**

*Coffee hour: Stephen Wittkowski*

*Usher: Patty Lisk*

### **November 12:** “SOME GUY”

Celebrating the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's rebellion against the Roman Empire, and the lasting legacy of a man who radically redefined our concepts of liberty, protest, and change.

**John Snodgrass**

*Coffee hour: Paul Brundage*

*Usher: Van Dee*

### **November 19:** "Pilgrims for Peace"

Celebrating the journey for freedom which was inspired by religious intolerance. UU's have a sacred legacy with our forbearers who were part of that voyage. Peace is still an elusive goal and is even harder to create today. How can we walk as pilgrims in a land that yearns for peace? What does being a pilgrim mean? What do UU's and the early pilgrims have in common? How can peace be found today by those who seek it? Come and travel with us on a voyage to new lands of peace.

**Susan Frawley**

*Coffee hour: Pat Velky*

*Usher: Jesse Higuera*

### **November 26:** “Is Anybody Home?”

What do we do without our easy GOD?

**Rev. Donald Reidell**

*Coffee hour: Teresa Labuszewski*

*Usher: Joy Rowlinson*

## President's Message

This Fall it seems as if our church attendance has been dropping more and more. So I started to wonder why I go to church. Here are some of the reasons:

1. I like the speaker and what they have to say.
2. I like the camaraderie of the congregation.
3. I look forward to learning something from the service.
4. The music adds another dimension to my life.
5. It gives me a place to think and contemplate the upcoming week.
6. Habit: I've gone to church at 11 AM on Sundays from childhood.
7. I need to see a member for some reason.
8. I have flowers for people to enjoy.
9. I have a meeting to attend afterward.
10. I support the organization and I want it to last.

Obviously I don't attend every service but I don't just stay home and not attend – even when I might not be in the mood; the other reasons kick in. I hope you'll take a few minutes to think about why you come to church – or don't. Many people have worked to create a meaningful service on Sunday mornings in the hopes that YOU'll be in the audience. But, if you want changes, you have to let us know and take part in making them happen.

We LOVE UU and YOU!

## UU Announcements

### Interviews

In order to learn more about each other, the Membership Committee is planning short interviews about members of the congregation within our church services. These would only be about 3 minutes in length with an interviewer asking about a significant event in one's life.

### 1 Act Plays

Also, during Sunday Services, John Snodgrass has written a proposal for local college students to put on 1 act plays about “Justice, Equality and compassion” when he is in the pulpit. The idea has been presented to NU and NCCC.

## **Narcan**

We are planning a program for late in November to teach people how to use Narcan to save the lives of those who might experience an opioid overdose. Some of us have had the training for using a nasal spray for this purpose. This has become such a big problem we hope to attract the general public to this program.

So stay tuned for all these possible happenings.

## **The Niagara's Treasures Tour**

Co-sponsored by the Niagara Falls Historic Preservation Society & the NACC will be held on Saturday, November 18th from 11 am to 5 pm.

Ten sites to visit include the new Courtyard by Marriott, the Red Coach Inn & Suites, the Woodcrest Inn, Holy Trinity, the Tatler (Porter Mansion), Power City Lofts and the former residence of Max Oppenheimer, and 411 Ferry Avenue.

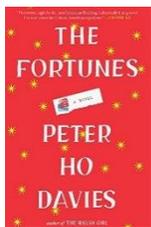
A highlight of the tour is a presentation by the new owner of the Hotel Niagara at 2 pm. The presentation will be in the chapel at St. Peter's next to the hotel. Reception to follow at the Tatler.

Tickets available online or from the NACC for \$25 and \$30 for late registrants. See Marge Gillies for more information.

## **Heart, Love, and Soul**

BASKETS are back in Narthex for small personal hygiene items to be given to Heart, Love and Soul for their clients. Don't forget to share shampoo, deodorant, soap etc. which you might get in your travels and don't plan to use.

## **Book Discussion Group**



Our readers and talkers will meet November at 7pm in Unity Hall. We will be discussing *The Fortunes* by Peter Ho Davies.

Our group tends to talk about ideas presented in our books so it is not necessary to have read the book to attend and share your opinions (although it helps). Everyone is welcome so join us for a chat

## **Public Movies**

We're looking for someone to find and present socially conscious movies. We were thinking once a month to open the program to the public. Is anyone interested? Help will be provided if someone will be the chair. Let Betsy D. know.

## **Visual Art**



*Pastel, Off the Beaten Track*

Bonnie Soley

## Community

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## UU Niagara Activities November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Free Thinker Sunday	30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4
5 Krishna Church 8 Recycle	6	7	8	9 6:30p ■ Pride Unity Hall	10	11
12 John Snodgrass	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Susan Frawley 8 Recycle	20	21 7p Book Group	22	23	24	25
26 Don Reidel	27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2