



The Leaf

The Monthly Newsletter of the First Universalist Church

April 2004

April Services

4: Union service with Eldorado at New Madison. Derek Parker and Paul Britner will share the pulpit. A carry-in luncheon follows the service.

11: (Easter) Paul Britner

18: Jessica Morgan

25: Leslie Woodward

Don't forget the time change!

For Buckeyes:
move your
clock *ahead*
one hour on
April 4.



For Hoosiers: beginning
April 4, New Madison ser-
vices begin at 9:00 a.m. Indi-
ana time.

Search Committee Begins Work, Church Surveys Due Back by April 4

By Christel Brooks

As the Ministerial Search Committee, we acknowledge that the congregation has entrusted us with an important and challenging mission, that of recommending a new minister. The committee pledges to hold an open search process. It is our goal to afford both the candidates and ourselves the opportunity to explore the best in each other, while also addressing the particular challenges that exist in ministering to any congregation.

The search process still is in the early stages but is accelerating rapidly. The congregational survey has been distributed, with completed surveys due in by April 4th. The committee officially has notified the Heartland District that we are seeking a new part-time minister. Dede Wissman also is representing our congregation at the Heartland Annual meeting. Dede is going to

the meeting, at least in part, to do some networking regarding our candidate search.

By April 18th, the committee will have compiled the results of the recent congregational survey and will share the summary of the results with the congregation. Also by April 18th, we hope to have completed a candidate package to share with interested candidates and the district office. The candidate package will include a cover letter, a description of our congregation, the survey results and some information about the Darke County-Richmond area. Shortly after April 18th, we would hope to begin interviewing candidates.

The members of the Ministerial Search Committee are Debra Bright, Dick and Christel Brooks, Fred Meyer, and Dede Wissman.

News from your Board of Trustees:

Church members and friends pledged over \$22,000 in the just-completed pledge drive, almost \$5000 more than the amount projected in this year's budget. The information was reported by Finance Committee chairperson Dick Brooks at the March Board meeting. Dick also expressed his appreciation to all those who returned letters and who made such generous commitments to the church. Letters were mailed to 50 homes, and 23 persons responded.

In other Board business, Treasurer Lloyd Ketring reported that he had paid \$500 to the Unitarian Universalist Association for our annual contribution. In other financial news, Lloyd projected that that the church will finish the fis-

cal year with a much smaller deficit than projected when the church adopted the budget last summer.

The Public Relations Committee (Paula Godsey, Kris Rantz, Claire Brooks Williams, and Dede Wissman) reported that the church website (www.firstuniversalistchurch.org) has been revamped. Kris designed the site with committee input. Kris and Claire will be responsible for keeping the site up-to-date. The committee encourages people to view the Leaf online to decrease printing and postage costs. People who now get the Leaf can get an email notification when a new Leaf is posted on the website by notifying the committee by email at info@firstuniversalistchurch.org. The committee will send emails to all church friends and members with email addresses asking them if they want to take advantage of this opportunity.

The committee also is creating a password-protected members-only section that will include the by-laws, Board minutes, budget, directory and more. A mailing will be sent to all church members with more information about this feature.

Just because you asked for it . . .
Della Cassity's Butterscotch Pie

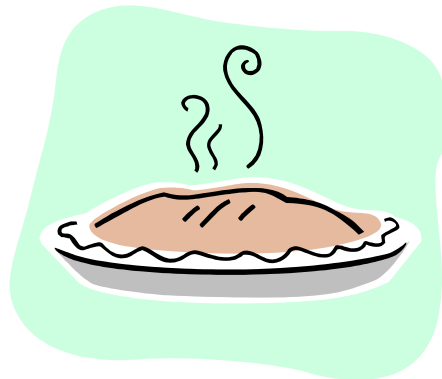
Filling:

2c white sugar
2 tbsp cream or milk
8 tbsp butter
4 c milk
8 tbsp flour
4 egg yolks

Meringue:

4 egg whites
pinch of cream of Tarter
8 tbsp sugar
pinch of salt
1 tsp vanilla

Prepare 2 baked pie shells. Place sugar, cream and butter in a saucepan and brown. Mix together milk, flour and egg yolks; slowly add these ingredients to the browned mixture, stirring constantly, and cook until thick. Pour into 2 baked pie shells. Meringue: beat egg whites with cream of tarter until they are stiff. Add 4 tbsp. sugar and beat about one minute. Add remaining sugar, vanilla, and salt; beat again about one minute. Top pie and brown.





Concert Raises Over \$600

As all the people who were there know, we hosted another wonderful benefit concert at the church on March 28, raising over \$600 for the Cancer Association of Darke County. The concert featured performances by the Dixie Rhythm Kings, shown above, and Bantry Bay, shown below. Between performances, Nancy Miller, left, shared several readings from cancer survivors.





APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

- 4 Joe Worz
- 8 Ginnie McNeil
- 10 Rich Fritsche
- 17 Jon Ketring
- 22 Gretchen Price
- 28 Doug Baker
- 28 Mary Evelyn Geeting

COFFEE HOUR:

- Apr. 4 Union Service - Carry in following Church services
- Apr. 11 Easter - Everyone brings cookies
- Apr. 18 Janet & Kenny Baker
- Apr. 25 Della Cassity

LOTTERY: * Denotes winner present

- Jan. 25 Bonnie Behee*
- Feb. 1 Bonnie Behee
- Feb. 8 Kenny Baker*
- Feb. 15 Dick Brooks
- Feb. 22 Paula Godsey
- Feb. 29 Lori Rantz
- Mar. 7 Roberta Feltman*
- Mar. 14 Chas Godsey
- Mar. 21 Janet Baker*

Kenny Baker worked hard to get last month's information ready before leaving for a month in Florida. Unfortunately, he overlooked the fact that he did not "attach" the information to his e-mail to Paul. Therefore, the following concerns are a month late. Kenny apologizes for his error!!!

CONCERNS:

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Joe West upon the passing of his sister Ruth West. Our sympathy is also extended to Sue & John Searls upon the passing of Sue's Uncle, Robert Hoover.

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