



# The Leaf

The Monthly Newsletter of the First Universalist Church

December 2003

## December Sunday Services:

**7: Leslie Woodward**

**14: Paul Britner**

**21: Special Music by Eric  
Loy. Worship Leader: Dede  
Wissman**

**24: Special Christmas Eve  
service at 6:00 p.m.**

**28: Paul Britner**

## Benefit Concert Raises Over \$1000 For Habitat for Humanity

The benefit concert hosted by First Universalist members and friends generated \$1015 in donations for the Darke County chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Over 70 persons attended the November 2 concert, which featured

performances by Joseph Helfrich, Eric Loy, and Phil 'n the Blanks (Stuart Schlotterbeck and Wanda and Dennis Schwallie).

The event showed how much leverage can be achieved by a few determined people.

The concert turned into the catalyst for a full-scale fundraising drive. Publicity for the concert helped to generate hundreds of dollars from Habitat supporters who could not attend.

Habitat's Darke County

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Dear Friends,

All members and friends of the First Universalist Church are invited to give generously this year to our annual Christmas fund special collection. Members receiving this newsletter by mail will find an envelope inside for making a donation. Please bring the envelope to church and place it in the regular offering or place the envelope in a mailing envelope addressed to First



Universalist Church,  
P. O. Box 315,  
New Madison,  
OH, 45346-0315.

This past year, we invested substantial funds to maintain and improve our building. We generously supported our community, too, with our monthly FISH contributions and our benefit concerts. We did a lot inside

the church as well, including our most recent Introduction to UU program with our District Executive.

This year, we ask that you give as generously as you are able so that may continue to care for our building and improve our programming and community outreach.

Thank you,  
Fred Meyer  
Board President

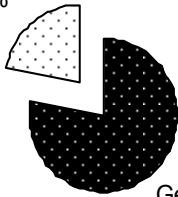
## October Financial Summary

### Income

General Fund: \$1987

Building Fund: \$563

Building and Property Fund  
22%



General Fund  
78%

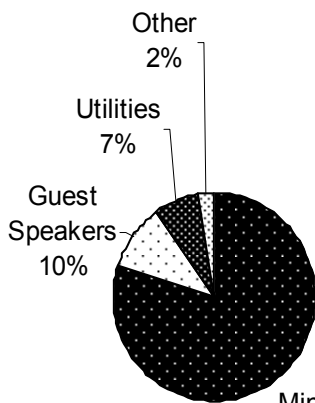
### Expenses

Minister: \$1929

Speakers \$250

Utilities: \$176

Other: \$60



Minister Related  
81%

**For comments or questions, see Lloyd Ketring or Dick Brooks.**

## Wells Behee's Ordination Commemorated During Church Ceremony



District Executive Mary Andrus-Overly presented a congratulatory letter to Wells Behee on the 50th anniversary of his ordination by the Universalist Church of America during our November 9 worship service, which was attended by all five of the Behee children!

## Muncie Members Share Finance, Pledge Experiences

Nan Barber (left) and Kay Barber came to New Madison to share their training and experiences as members of the UU Church of Muncie's Finance Committee.



Participants at the meeting discussed several ideas for fundraising, the budget process and pledge drives. No decisions were

made. The results of the meeting will be discussed by the full Board at its next meeting.

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Chapter President, David Feltman, noted, "One of the benefits of the concert was to demonstrate how churches and others can get involved in helping to provide funds necessary to build much needed additional Habitat homes in Darke County. We're very grateful for the push First Universalist gave to our fundraising."

This was third concert at the church., and church members now are in the process of selecting a beneficiary for a spring concert.

"These concerts are good for our church," Board President Fred Meyer said, "and they are good for our community. It's a win-win event for everyone!"

Special thanks also go to Roberta Feltman and to Amanda Behee for the extra work on behalf of the event.



Clockwise from top left: Joseph Helfrich sets up his equipment; Eric Loy adjusts the controls on his speakers; Phil 'n the Blanks (Stuart Schlotterbeck (left) and Dennis and Wanda Schwallie make final preparations, and Habitat for Humanity Executive Director, Starla Ross, talks with Eric Loy.



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**



1 Danielle Fritsche  
6 John Price  
10 Steven Jenny  
11 Wilma Rutan  
14 Courtney Searls  
16 Phyllis Dubbs  
25 Jesus Christ  
25 Lloyd Ketring  
27 Megan Cass  
29 Mark Searls

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:**

8 Charles & Paula Godsey  
14 Roberta & Dave Feltman  
30 Ginnie McNeil & Paul Winchester

**COFFEE HOUR**



Dec. 7 Janet & Kenny Baker  
Dec. 14 Pat & Joe Lipps  
Dec. 21 Everyone  
Dec. 28 Dee & Bill Lengyel

**LOTTERY**

\* Denotes winner present

Oct. 26 Amamda Behee  
Nov. 2 Kenny Baker\*  
Nov. 9 Emerson Behee  
Nov. 16 John Searls  
Nov. 23 No Lottery - Union Service



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