



The Leaf

The Monthly Newsletter of the First Universalist Church

January 2004

January Worship Services

4: Mike Short

11: Christel Brooks. There will be a special congregational meeting following the worship service to consider options for ministry after Paul's service to the church ends next June.

18: Leslie Woodward

25: Aaron Nell

Concert To Benefit Cancer Society

By Paula Godsey

The Cancer Association of Darke County will be the beneficiary of our next concert on March 28, 2004. The Cancer Association began in 1995 when a group of concerned citizens felt there should be some help available for Darke County cancer patients. The Association's 23 board members volunteer many hours to help with fundraisers. Nancy Miller has been the director since October 1999. During this time the patient load has increased from an average of eleven patients served per month to 50 patients served per month.

The main purpose of the organization is to help cancer patients with some of the expenses associated with their disease and to educate the public about the treatment and early detection of cancer. Anyone with a diagnosis of cancer residing in Darke County can sign up for

services. Some of the services include help with transportation expenses incurred while traveling for treatment or appointments and volunteer drivers to drive patients to their appointments. They can also help with the cost of cancer related prescriptions not covered by insurance. Patients receiving chemotherapy may need a wig or turban, and these are available, through the Association's office, free of charge.

Education about the early detection of cancer is another way the organization helps our community, through health fairs, as well as speaking personally to groups through out the county. The Association sponsors a support group that meets the first Thursday night of each month at Wayne Hospital.

We are very excited to help out this organization with our next Benefit Concert in March.

Mark your Calendars:



January 3,
1:00 p.m.:
"Un-decorate"
the church

January 11, Congregational meeting, after an abbreviated worship service

January 20, 7:00 p.m., Board meeting

November Financial Summary

Income:

General fund: \$2018.40
Building/Property: \$75.00
Total: \$2093.40

Building &
Property
4%



General
Fund
96%

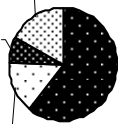
Expenses:

Minister: \$1408.24
Speakers: \$350.00
Utilities: \$174.74
Other: \$390.89
Total: \$2323.87

Other
17%

Utilities
8%

Guest
Speakers
15%



Minister
Related
60%



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Holiday Party





JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

- 2 Steve Moeckel
- 8 Maureen Wissman
- 9 Chelsea Lucas
- 10 David Grimm
- 14 Nicole Thomas
- 15 Norma Kuhnle
- 15 Lyle Baker
- 18 Roger Cassity
- 19 Derek Lucas
- 24 Whitney Soares

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

4 Steve & Marion Moeckel

COFFEE HOUR

- Jan. 4 Christel & Dick Brooks
- Jan. 11 Janet & Kenny Baker
- Jan. 18 Fred Meyer
- Jan. 25 Della Cassity

LOTTTERY: * Denotes winner present

- Nov. 30 John Searls*
- Dec. 7 Mary Behee
- Dec. 14 Pat Lipps*
- Dec. 21 Christel Brooks*

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Sharon Staub is recovering from surgery to remove a tumor from her brain. During her recovery she experienced blood clots in her legs She has since completed her chemotherapy treatments and is feeling better every day. Ron and Sharon expressed their gratitude for all the cards and well wishes they have received.

Our sympathy is extended to Doug Baker upon the passing of his grandmother, Betty Hall on November 24, 2003.

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