



# The Leaf

The Monthly Newsletter of the First Universalist Church

Summer 2004

## Summer Services

**June 27: Paul Britner**

**July 4: Eric Loy**

**July 11: Jim Gish**

**July 18: Nancy Bowen**

**July 25: Mike Short**

**August 1: Roberta Feltman**

**August 8: Mike Short**

**August 15: Lori Rantz**

**August 22: TBA**

**Aug. 29: Leslie Woodward**

## Upcoming Events

**June 27:  
Paul's Farewell Service and  
Picnic**

**July 18, 2004  
Annual  
Congregational Meeting**  
The agenda includes the election of Board members and officers and revisions to the bylaws.

*Dear Friends,*

*With all its ups and downs and admitted shortcomings, I know that I had a successful ministry at New Madison because of how saddened I am at leaving. Of course, it's a bittersweet feeling. I am excited to be starting my clinical pastoral education residency program this September at AnMed Health in Anderson, South Carolina. I'm especially looking forward, finally, to living under the same roof with my fiancée, Karen. No sane couple would choose to change cities, jobs, and the nature of the relationship all at once. Yet, that is what we are doing, and I can't wait.*

*This is not the end of my relationship with First Universalist. We'll be staying in touch wherever my ministry takes me, which might very well be the Heartland District after my residency. I hope, too, to see some of you at future General Assemblies and other UUA events.*

*From my first sermon as a guest speaker in Octo-*

*ber, 2001, you have welcomed me as a friend and supported me in my growth as a minister. You willingly and enthusiastically embraced the role of a teaching congregation, nurturing me along my own learning curve, gently correcting me when corrections needed to be made—and there were many. Yet, I am a much better minister because of my work here than I ever could have been simply studying the subject in seminary. I have much for which to be grateful, and I thank all of you for everything you have done for me.*

*So, for the record, here is my new address and telephone number. I'll continue to use my Earlham email address, [britnpa@earlham.edu](mailto:britnpa@earlham.edu).*

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*Farewell and Blessings to  
you all,  
Paul*

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS:**

1 Bill Lengyel  
7 Paula Godsey  
8 Joe West  
16 Kimberly Searls  
18 Martha Andrews  
19 Becky Grimm

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES:**

2 Tye & Vickie McMahon  
10 Shawn & Deetra Huntington  
20 Claire & Rob Williams  
21 Dick & Christel Brooks  
28 Lori & Dan Lucas

**JULY BIRTHDAYS:**

2 Pat Lipps  
2 Barbara Hamelberg  
13 Chris Price  
17 Roberta Feltman  
20 Janet Cassity  
22 Nanette Fritsche  
25 Dee Lengyel  
29 Emerson Behee  
31 Dick Brooks

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES:**

3 Wayne & Mary Evelyn  
Geeting  
7 David & Becky Grimm

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:**

1 Dave Feltman  
10 Jeanette Burns  
15 Rachel Buccicone  
18 Joe Lipps  
23 Byron Rutan  
26 Jahn Price  
29 Vicki McMahon  
31 Kris Rantz

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:**

5 John & Sue Searls  
19 Wells & Mary Behee  
25 Fred & Margaret Meyer  
30 Mike & Margaret Buccicone

**COFFEE HOUR:**

June 6 Linda & Mike Short  
June 13 Janet & Kenny Baker  
June 20 Christel & Dick Brooks  
June 27 Dinner for Paul's  
Graduation

**LOTTERY:** \* Denotes winner  
present

May 2 Bonnie Behee  
May 9 Roberta Feltman\*  
May 16 Bonnie Behee\*  
May 23 Pat Lipps\*  
May 30 No Lottery  
June 6 Della Cassity\*  
June 13 Kris Rantz  
June 20 Kris Rantz\*

**Cares:**

Please keep Sue & John Searls and Joe Lipps in your thoughts as they recover from recent surgeries. Sue is undergoing therapy as she recovers from shoulder surgery while John is recovering from heart by-pass surgery. Joe recently had a stint installed during a heart catheterization to remove an artery blockage.

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