



# The Leaf

*The Newsletter of the First Universalist*

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## Sunday Services 10AM

**June 19: Ray Michel**

**June 26: Richard Venus**—  
Congregational vote on Ministerial Candidate after services

**July 3: TBA**—FISH Sunday

**July 10: TBA**

**July 17: Christel Brooks**—  
Annual Congregational Meeting after services

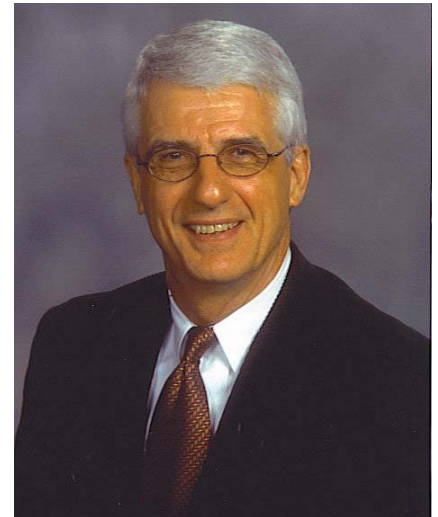
Speakers may be found in the weekly bulletin and on the website

## Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 28 at 7 PM

## Candidating Week Scheduled!

The Ministerial Search Committee is pleased to announce the selection of Reverend Richard Venus as the Ministerial Candidate. Candidating week will consist of meetings and dinners with Rev. Venus starting June 20th. Rev. Venus will give the Sunday sermon on June 26th and the Congregation will vote on the Ministerial Candidate afterwards. Church members and friends will be contacted to arrange a chance to meet Rev. Venus. Please feel free to call Christel Brooks, 996-0834, to learn more.



## About Reverend Richard Venus...

Rev. Venus has more than 30 years experience as a Unitarian Universalist and United Methodist minister. He is currently the full-time minister with the Miami Valley UU Fellowship in Dayton. Rev. Venus's first ministerial position was in a small Universalist-heritage church in Michigan. He has taught courses in theology, men's studies, religion, and journalism. He serves on the Planned Parenthood of Southwest Ohio Region Board of Trustees and is a co-creator and secretary of the Interfaith Ministers for Reconciliation. Awards given to Rev. Venus include the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee Sermon Award and Faithful Courage Award. Rev. Venus holds a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary as well as Masters of Arts in Journalism and Counseling & Guidance.

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS:**

1 Rob Williams  
7 Paula Godsey  
8 Joe West  
16 Kimberly Searls  
18 Martha Andrews  
19 Becky Grimm  
20 Tammy Ketring

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES:**

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

**JULY BIRTHDAYS:**

2 Pat Lipps  
2 Barbara Hamelberg  
9 Leo Williams  
13 Chris Price  
17 Roberta Feltman  
20 Janet Cassity  
22 Nanette Fritsche  
29 Emerson Behee  
31 Dick Brooks

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES:**

3 Wayne & Mary Evelyn  
Geeting  
7 David & Becky Grimm

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**Paul Britner Called To  
Montgomery Pulpit**

In a unanimous vote, our former minister, Paul Britner, has been called to serve as the next settled minister of the UU Fellowship of Montgomery, effective September 1. Planning already is underway for an ordination/installation ceremony in the Fall. Until then, he will continue his chaplain residency in Anderson, SC. For more information about UUFM go to the church website at [uumontgomery.org](http://uumontgomery.org). Paul may be reached at [britnpa@earlham.edu](mailto:britnpa@earlham.edu).

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