



The Leaf

The Newsletter of the First Universalist Church

March 2005

Sunday Services 10AM

**Mar. 6: Christel Brooks,
FISH Sunday**

Mar. 13: Leslie Woodward

**Mar. 20: Mike Short,
Union Service**

Mar. 27: Robert Thurston

Mar. 15: Board Meeting

6 Month Year to Date Financial Summary

The Church's operations balance saw an increase of \$16,849 from July to December 2004. This was due in large part to the \$10,000 Russell C. Wilt memorial contribution and postponing building and property maintenance. The balance is expected to drop in the next six months with the anticipated calling of a minister and necessary building and property improvements.

<u>Income—Actual (Budgeted):</u>		<u>Expenses—Actual (Budgeted):</u>	
Pledges	10,565 (11,680)	Guest	
Plate	2,450 (1,650)	Speakers	2,600 (2,850)
Building &		Utilities	1,046 (1,272)
Property	382 (2,413)	Building &	
Memorial Fund	10,000 (0)	Property	1,555 (4,000)
Other	421 (816)	Other	1,768 (2,954)
Total	23,818 (16,559)	Total	6,969 (11,076)

For comments or questions please see Lloyd Ketring.

Dear Members and Friends of the First Universalist Church of New Madison,

This promises to be an eventful year for the church. The ministerial search process is in a very active phase, with two additional candidates having come forward. As a result the search committee continues to interview pre-candidates and schedule opportunities to hear them speak. The good news is that the committee expects to have a strong candidate to put before the congregation in the near future.

Improvements need to be made to our building and bills need to be paid. So that we might continue to engage in more social justice activities and take care of our building, all members and friends of the First Universalist Church are invited to give generously to our annual Spring 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 donation envelope in a mailing envelope addressed to First Universalist Church, P. O. Box 315, New Madison, OH, 45346-0315.

We make only two special appeals each year, one at Christmas time and another in the spring. Your generous response to these appeals is an important part of our budget and planning, and your support is greatly appreciated!

*Yours in Faith,
Fred Meyer
Board President*



MARCH BIRTH- DAYS:

- 1 Mary Behee
- 1 Dede Wissman
- 5 Bea Lawrence
- 6 Kenny Baker
- 16 Marion Moeckel
- 18 Miranda Hamelberg
- 23 Scott Wert
- 29 Matt Searls
- 31 Deetra Huntington

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:

- 7 Doyle & Jeannette Burns
- 20 Joe & Pat Lipps
- 22 Richard & Nanette
Fritsche
- 26 Jeff & Karyl Parks

COFFEE HOUR:

- Mar. 6 Roberta & David
Feltman
- Mar. 13 Fred Meyer
- Mar. 20 Carry-in – Palm Sun-
day Union Service
- Mar. 27 Easter – Everyone
bring cookies

LOTTTERY:

- Jan. 2 Jeanette Burns*
 - Jan. 9 Roberta Feltman
 - Jan. 16 Chas Godsey*
 - Jan. 23 Dede Wissman
 - Jan. 30 Dick Brooks
 - Feb. 6 Lloyd Ketring*
 - Feb. 13 Lloyd Ketring*
 - Feb. 20 Wells Behee
- *Denotes winner present

IN OUR THOUGHTS

Dick Brook is recuperating from back surgery for a herniated disk.

Mary Draper Feltman, daughter-in-law of David and Roberta Feltman, is undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer and will be having surgery in March.

Jan Price Searls, grandson of John and Sue Searls, is serving in Iraq and is scheduled to come home soon.

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