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The Leaf

The Newsletter of the First Universalist Church
of New Madison, Ohio, a Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Sunday Services 10 AM

Mar. 5: Richard Venus

Mar. 12: Shelley Newby

Mar. 19: Jeannelle Benek

**Mar. 26: Richard Venus—
Justice Sunday**

Youth RE & Childcare
start at 10 AM

Upcoming Events

First Thursday Theological Society

March 2, 7 PM ***new time***

April 6, 7 PM

Advance reading is available at
the church

FISH Offering Sundays

March 5 & April 2

Board of Directors Meetings

Everyone is welcome!

March 28, 7 PM

April 25, 7 PM

Church Clean-up

April 1, 10 AM

Union Service with Eldorado

April 9

Pitch-in brunch following ser-
vice

Richard's Reflections

I find it hard to ask people for money. I am not sure why. I suspect it has to do with my feeling that it is self-serving because, in the case of the church budget, much of the money raised goes to pay my salary and expenses. Yet I regularly remind myself, and I am now reminding you the reader, that the liberal religion that is offered at the New Madison church brings understanding, caring, and fellowship to those within and without the walls of the building. Few other places in this and the surrounding community offer what we do in the way we do it.

A pledge to the church is a gift on behalf of those the First Universalist Church of New Madison serves. In most cases your donations to the church amount to much more than you give to any other voluntary associations or organizations. For your generosity I am most grateful, selfishly in part, because I benefit directly from your generosity, but even more because with your gifts you are reaching out to care for one another and the needs of those in the larger community.

We have just begun a new religious education program for the children. They are the hope for liberal religion and they too deserve our support. This program will not survive without dedicated teachers and your financial aid.

The New Madison church is unique and special. It stands for openness, honesty, and integrity in religious thinking and spiritual life. Every gift you offer, each service you render, helps greatly in the church's mission.

In Our Thoughts

Jonathan Hauberg, son of Betty Lou & John Johansen and nephew of Roberta & David Feltman, will be undergoing major surgery for an acoustic neuroma at the House Ear Institute in Los Angeles on March 9. An acoustic neuroma

is a benign brain tumor centered on the hearing, balance and facial nerves, against the brain stem. He will lose his hearing and balance nerves on his left side, and the hope is for no facial nerve damage.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

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



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:

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

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New Youth Religious Education Program

We are pleased to announce a youth religious education (RE) program began in February. Each week's lesson is a self contained unit and does not require previous attendance. RE starts each Sunday at 10 AM. Childcare will continue to be provided during the service for children not attending RE. Please contact RE Director Carrie Nichols, cjnichols2004@yahoo.com, if you have any questions. Your contributions to the RE program are welcome.

Wish List:

- volunteers – lesson plan and supplies will be provided prior to the program.
- apple juice in quart bottles
- crackers
- 8 ½" X 11" white paper
- pads of 8 ½" X 11" lined paper
- construction paper, assorted colors
- pencils and small pencil sharpener
- large box of crayons
- watercolor markers
- scissors, small, medium, and left-hand
- white glue
- masking tape
- paper punch
- yarn

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