



The Leaf

The Monthly Newsletter of the First Universalist Church

May 2004

Sunday Services

May 2: Paul Britner

May 9: Christel Brooks

May 16: Jessica Schaffer

May 23: Leslie Woodward

May 30: Paul Britner

Mark Your Calendars Road Clean-Up Dates

Sat. May 22 @ 1:00 pm

Wed. Jul. 7 @ 7:00 pm

Wed. Aug. 11 @ 7:00 pm

Wed. Oct. 6 @ 7:00 pm

Board News: search committee and website updates; reallocation of funds and new music fund

At its April meeting, the Board of Trustees heard an extensive report from the Ministerial Search Committee. The committee is making great progress in preparing the materials that will go to prospective candidates. The committee will share this information with the whole congregation in a special mailing.

Claire reported that ten people have signed up to receive the Leaf online instead of a paper copy, so only 55 people are receiving paper copies, meaning that fewer copies need to be printed. New updates to the website include: Our Social Justice Actions, Mike Short's

bio and sermons, the April Leaf, and Calendar of Events. A letter will be mailed out to all members and friends with the username and password for the secure section and a release form for the directory.

The Board also voted to consolidate and reallocate several memorial funds. As a result, the Board approved \$400 for landscaping improvements to the front sign area and created the Harriette West Music Fund of \$1,000 for the upkeep of the piano and other music items. The remaining \$1,103 will go to the Building and Property Fund.

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

This promises to be an eventful year for the church, starting of course with the transition to a new minister. The work of the church, though won't stop during the search process. Improvements need to be made to our building and bills need to be paid. So that we might continue to offer exciting programs to our members, 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



MAY BIRTHDAYS:

28 Barbara Moore
28 Lori Rantz
31 Amanda Behee

MAY ANNIVERSARIES:

10 Byron & Wilma Rutan
26 John & Gretchen Price
30 Mark & Linda Searls

COFFEE HOUR:

May 2 Carry in luncheon preceding History Program
May 9 DedeWissman
May 16 Roberta & Dave Feltman
May 23 Mary Evelyn & Wayne Geeting
May 30 Open for volunteers

LOTTERY: * Denotes winner present

Mar. 28 Tye McMahan
Apr. 4 Amanda Behee*
Apr. 11 Shannon McMahan*
Apr. 18 Dolly Lewis*
Apr. 25 Tye McMahan*

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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*

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