



The Leaf

Oct/Nov 2007

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

Sunday Services 10 AM

- Oct. 7: Richard Venus**
Oct. 14: Nancy Bowen
Oct. 21: Richard Venus
Oct. 28: John Johansen
Nov. 4: Judith Martin
Nov. 11: Richard Venus
Nov. 18: Union Service at Eldorado, followed by lunch
Nov. 25: Richard Venus
Youth RE & Childcare start at 10 AM

Upcoming Events

- 1st Thursday Theological Society**
7 PM Oct. 4 & Nov. 1
FISH Offering Sundays
Oct. 7 & Nov. 4
Choir Sunday
Oct. 21, rehearsal 9:15
Board Meetings
Everyone is welcome
7 PM Oct. 23 & Nov. 27
Harvest Sounds Concert
3 PM Nov. 4
Guest at Your Table Collection
Nov. 11

Richard's Reflections

In several parts of India, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) and the UUA Holdeen India Program partners are working with the most oppressed and marginalized groups in India. In addition to fisher folk, the survivors of recent flooding included hundreds of thousands of agricultural and daily-wage laborers and small vendors, mostly women and Dalits ("untouchables"), who are being ignored or excluded from the major relief projects of government and large nongovernmental organizations. The Service Committee is working closely with indigenous groups to assist those most in need. This is one example of the many ways the Service Committee supports local groups and individuals to restore, rebuild and transform not only buildings but lives as well. There were several other examples reported in last month's Leaf.

The UUSC is the social justice arm of the Unitarian Universalist Association and represents UUA congregations in aid projects throughout the world, and in particular brings disaster relief to people devastated by hurricanes, floods, and civil strife.

The New Madison church's *Guest at Your Table* project invites every member to collect money in a special gift box distributed Sunday, October 21. You are invited to make a daily contribution to the box, perhaps sitting on your dining room table, and return it to church on Sunday, November 11.

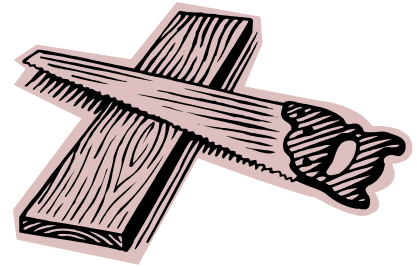
Last year we raised almost \$700 for which we received a special letter of thanks and a display banner from the Service Committee.

Harvest Sounds November 4

The Harvest Sounds concert benefiting Arts In Education will be held at First Universalist Church, 331 East Washington St., New Madison, on Sunday, November 4 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8, and will be available from church members, Darke County Center for the Arts, or at the door the day of performance. Featured artists at this year's concert will be Betty Lou Johansen, Margaret Schryver, Lloyd Ketring, Keith Rawlins, and Suni McGrath. Following the concert, there will be a reception honoring the performers. For information you may call 937-548-2480 or 937-547-0908.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 7 John Searls
- 11 Jennifer Hamelberg
- 12 Linda Searls
- 18 Ray Michel
- 22 Wells Behee
- 26 Sara Hamelberg



OCT. ANNIVERSARIES:

- 3 Janet & Kenny Baker

The President's Column

NOV. BIRTHDAYS:

- 2 Tye McMahan
- 3 Melissa Buccicone
- 4 Andy Willis
- 10 Charles Godsey
- 13 Janet Baker
- 13 Marcia Swartz
- 15 Daniel Willis
- 23 Ron Staub
- 25 Christel Brooks
- 29 Ash Williams

After a decade or so, the Board of Directors has voted to have a capital improvement fund drive. The dollar amounts will not be huge and it will be over a three year period. \$5,000.00 has already been set aside for the fund; this was the donation from Debra Bright's father. I hope everyone realizes that the church needs continued upkeep.

-Fred Meyer



NOV. ANNIVERSARIES:

- 6 Emerson & Bonnie Behee

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