



The Leaf

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

Sunday Services 10 AM

Oct. 5: Richard Venus

Oct. 12: Valerie Ackerman

Oct. 19: Richard Venus

Oct. 26: Chuck Thomas

Youth RE & Childcare
start at 10 AM

Upcoming Events

FISH Offering Sunday

Oct. 5

Food and Fellowship

Oct. 5

Lunch at Ft. Black Buffet
after Sunday services! All are
invited.

Board Meeting

Everyone is welcome
7 PM Oct. 28

Richard's Reflections

Hot, Flat and Crowded

Hot, flat, and crowded is the way New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman says describes the fundamental issue facing planet Earth today. As it is for human beings, a change of only two degrees in body temperature can mean we are quite sick, and so it is for the globe. A flat Earth means there are now nine parts of the globe with a middle class of 300 million or more who produce and consume at a rate where only 20 years ago only two places on Earth did so. By crowded he means that by the year 2020 there will be one billion more people on the planet and by 2050 the population will triple to somewhere around 9.5 billion.

"We are the last generation to have to think like Noah," Friedman said in a recent lecture at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. We are the ones who are going to save the planet by finding a way to fuel our way of life that uses abundant, cheap, clean reliable electrons.

Unfortunately, global warming is far down on the list of concerns of the US electorate and therefore the candidates running for office. I suggest that we Unitarian Universalists become part of the growing numbers creating solutions to a warming Earth.

Autumn Is Harvest Sounds Time

Fall is here, and you know what THAT means! Another HARVEST SOUNDS CONCERT featuring wonderful musicians donating their time and talents to benefit a local non-profit charity or organization. This year's event will be 3:00 p.m., Nov. 2 at First Universalist Church. The artists will be Zeta Chi Flute Ensemble, featuring Margaret Schryver and eight other flutists accompanied on piano. The Melody Line Singers, a group of ten women accompanied by pianist Terri Fryman will also be performing. 100% of the proceeds from the concert will be given to SafeHaven, Inc. SafeHaven is a Mental Health Support Center, offering adults no-cost support and opportunities toward mental health recovery.

Tickets for the concert are \$8 all ages, and are available from church members, SafeHaven, and at the door the day of performance. Following the concert, there will be a reception thanking and honoring the musicians and audience. For information you may call 937-548-2480 or 548-7233.

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

A "Spectacular" Concert

Sunday, October 19 at 4:00 p.m., Greenville will be a part of the American Guild of Organists' Organ Spectacular. This event is part of AGO's International Year of the Organ, a celebration that promotes the use of the organ within the church and beyond. Concerts throughout the United States, Europe, China, Russia, and Africa will take place on October 19, and Greenville will be included in this event. Musicians performing on the Schlicker pipe organ at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Greenville will be Priscilla Acuff, David Neff, Marvin Dalton, Terri Fryman, and Melinda Wissel on flute. (You will remember Terri Fryman from a past Harvest Sounds Concert. She will be accompanying the Melody Line Singers at this year's November 2 Harvest Sounds Concert.)

Following the concert there will be a reception, and the organ loft will be open to those who wish to see the organ console and pipes.

St. Paul Lutheran is located at 131 East Fourth St., Greenville. Everyone is invited to this free concert celebrating one of Greenville's beautiful pipe organs and the International Year of the Organ.

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