FEBRUARY EVENTS

Every week
Tuesdays @ 11:15 exercise in choir room
Tuesdays @ noon golden agers in fireside room:
Fridays @10:00 Bible Study in fr. Bring a bible.
See Sheryl Meadows for details. Fun for all!

Feb. 3: Paper Drive @ 8:30 & Workday
Feb. 4: Trustees in lounge @ 11:30
Feb. 8: UMW unit meeting @ 10:00 in FH
Feb. 10: UMM Sweetheart Breakfast @8:00
Feb. 11: Scouting Sunday
Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday
Feb. 17: UMM breakfast @7:30 in FH
Feb. 25 umw exec board @11:30 in lounge

Upcoming in March:
Mar. 1: UMW Unit Meeting @ 10:00 in FH
Mar. 3: paper drive @8:30

In 1349 she had a vision that she should go to Rome and remain there until she saw “the supreme pontiff and the emperor there at the same time in Rome, and you shall announce my words to them.”¹ This was at a time when the pope was not residing in Rome. She worked towards this goal throughout her life, even though she did not live to see it happen.

She served during her life as a prophetic visionary and as a political and social emissary. What is more important is that she never waivered in her faith and trust in the Lord. She was eventually canonized.

Bridget of Sweden reminds us that while we may not always see God’s promises fulfilled, our contributions help to make them come true.

¹ From the book “50 Women every Christian should know”
St. Birgette (Bridget) of Sweden (1303-1373)

She came into the world already well known, as her mother was rescued from a shipwreck while pregnant with her. The mother then had a vision about her unborn child, where she was told she had been saved because of the “good” she was carrying, a gift from God. An elderly priest had a similar vision on the night of Birgitta’s birth, where Mary appeared, telling him a girl had been born “whose voice will be heard throughout the world with admiration.”

Bridget aspired to lead the life of a holy woman, however circumstances of the time dictated she be married. She was, at age 13. Based upon the views of that time, she and her husband lived chastely for at least a year after their marriage and then engaged in sexual activity solely for the purpose of procreation. She had 8 children, all of whom lived past infancy, which was rare for that time. She remained married for 28 years, a loving relationship, until her husband died. She was then free to pursue the holy life and path to sainthood of which she had always dreamed.

In 1346 she founded the Order of the Brigittines, an order that still exists. She was related to the King of Sweden through her mother, and King Magnus donated a castle as a residence for her nuns.

February Birthdays

3 Harry Ault
7 Jasmine Durrani
Eva Hermosura
9 Alexis Necesito
15 Jennifer Fornadley
John Fornadley
17 Mason Keefe
23 Daniel Velasquez
27 Dee Cirino

Anniversaries

None this month, but it is Valentine’s Day this month!
CAL-PAC RESPONDS TO FIRES AND MUDSLIDES

Our Cal-Pac conference has been meeting with organizations near areas that were impacted by the fires, both in Santa Barbara and San Diego counties, as well as the mudslides. Here are some results of those meetings:

- Donations can now be made to the Cal-Pac Disaster Response Advance #24000 either online or by check.
- Churches in both the North and South Districts volunteered to house Early Response and UMVIM team members.
- Translators may be needed to help folks in completing the FEMA forms.

A quote from our DS Rev. Jim Powell says “The love of God through Christ’s body was displayed in a he way through the North District congregations. We are the people who are “the first in and the last out” when rebuilding communities. My heart is moved by the generous people who are called United Methodists.”

UMW SUNDAY

Our local UMW unit celebrated UMW Sunday on January 28th. It was a huge success! Our guest speaker was Heather Wilson, who described herself as wife, mother, pastor’s wife, and sister in Christ. Her talk was “Be Bold at the Throne, about empowering everyone, not just women, to dare to do to believe in yourself.”
Thursday, February 8th, will be a program presented by Donna Edmundson. It promises to be a good one. All women are welcome to any of the UMW meetings, either the unit meetings or the Maggie Lu meetings. Call if you need a ride to or from. Sheryl Meadows 818-521-2032 or the church office 818-344-7035.

The executive team has been very busy in the planning stages for their Salad Bar Luncheon. This year’s theme is “Come to Our Tea Party.” We are looking for dolls and doll collectors as we will be displaying dolls and their stories at the tea party. If you are willing to share your dolls and their stories, please see Elane Pierce or Sheryl Meadows for further information.

She’s moved! Lelia Read now has a new residence. Her new address is Meadowbrook Senior Center, 5217 Chesebro Road, Room 159, Agoura Hills 91301. Her temporary phone is 818-309-3519. She will have her old number back mid-February! Cards and visits are appreciated!

Food Pantry News

Looking for a few good helpers. Long time worker Joe left to move up north, closer to family. He has left a big hole in the workforce. Fran is looking for people willing to help pick up bread and other items. She also needs help on Wednesdays, as Joe used to keep an eye on things, help check folks in, and help to maintain order. Interested? See Fran Wildroudt after church on Sunday or call her at 818-342-6368.

Fran has also indicated that yes, she can use food donations, but it must be boxed goods or canned goods, NOTHING HOME-MADE!

In addition, please try not to leave clothing as the food pantry has no practical way to store it. The church office can point you in the direction of other places to donate.
JOYS AND CONCERNS

I am sad to report that Bill Calkins passed away on January 13th. A memorial service will be held for him at 1 p.m. on February 24th at the church, with a gathering afterwards in the Friendship Hall. Cards only to Helen. Her address is 6225 Shirley Avenue, Tarzana, CA 91335-3733.

Please provide the church office (or Sheryl) with your joys and concerns to be included in the next Circuit Rider. If we do not hear about them, we cannot include them.

HELP WANTED

Are you willing to be an usher or as greeter? Talk to Sheryl Meadows or Jerry Gable to find out more and to volunteer. NOT a fulltime job.

IMPORTANT!

Do you have suggestions for articles for the Circuit Rider? Please let Sheryl Meadows or the office know.

If you do not want your birthday or anniversary to be published, please call the office or let Sheryl Meadows know.

The same holds true if you are unsure if we have the correct dates and you wish them to appear.

COSTA RICA

Have you ever thought about going on a mission trip to Costa Rica, but wanted to learn more? Well, here is your chance.

Costa Rica missionary Wil Bailey will be attending a potluck at our church, which is being hosted by Reseda along with Northridge. The potluck is scheduled for Saturday, April 14th. All are welcome. Northridge will be providing the appetizers and dessert. Our church will provide the main dish and salads.

See Shirley Malorzo for further details.