MARCH 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!

March 1: UMW unit meeting @ 10:00 in FH
March 3: Paper Drive @ 8:30
March 4: Trustees in lounge @ 11:30
March 10: All Church Workday 8:30 - Noon
March 11: SPRC Meeting @ 11:30 in Lounge
March 15: Maggie Lu Fellowship in FR @ 10:00
March 17: UMM breakfast @7:30 in FH
March 25 Finance Com. Mtg. @11:30 in lounge

Upcoming in April:
April 1: Trustee Meeting @ 11:30 in Lounge
April 7: paper drive @8:30
April 7: UMW Unit Meeting @ 10:00 in FH

Some of her writings were considered very controversial for that time. Her status as an anchoress protected her from claims of heresy.

Another of the texts that she wrote is one titled The Revelations of Divine Love, which was her attempt to share God’s message to her fellow Christians.

Although many questions remain unanswered, Julian’s final words in The Revelations offer light and hope.

* From the book “50 Women every Christian should know”

Answers to Quiz: 1-c, 2-c, 3-d, 4-b, 5-a, 6-a, 7-b, 8-b, 9-true, 10-d
Julian of Norwich (1342-1416)

Julian is known as a medieval anchoress, a holy woman who sequesters herself so that she can devote her entire life to God. Little is known about her personal life. Her birth and death dates are estimates and it is unknown as to why she became an anchoress, although it is believed that she may have been a widow whose husband and children did not survive the Black Plague.

Although sequestered, never to leave until her death, she was not completely secluded. Her room would have 2 windows, one that opened to the chapel so that she could attend Mass, and one that opened to either the outside or to a parlor area so that she could counsel and advise visitors. The door would open to an outer room so that her servant could come and go, cook, clean, shop and the like.

Julian suffered some visions in her early life that helped to determine her future. She prayed mightily about those visions. Her prayers were answered in the spring of 1373, when she lay on her deathbed for 7 days. A priest laid a crucifix on her chest so that he could administer last rites and as she lay there, she could feel the pain lift from her body. Instead of dying, she instead experienced a series of 16 visions, which led her to write such books as The Short Text and The Long Text.

March Birthdays

1 Victorina Cortado
2 Luis Tamayo, Jr.
4 Bette Couturier
8 Tom Keefe
13 Rhetta Alexander
13 Rheva Nickols
15 Max Martinez
17 Jamie Tamayo
23 Lee Lonctot
25 Sakura Long
31 Julianna Langinger

Anniversaries

8 Trey and Judyth Courtney (50)
**The United Methodist Lent Quiz**

1. What does the term ‘Lent,’ which comes from ‘lencten,’ mean?
   a) Sacrifice  
   b) Time  
   c) Spring  
   d) March Madness

2. How were ashes imposed in the early church?
   a) The shape of a cross was drawn on the forehead.  
   b) Ashes were smeared across closed eyelids.  
   c) Ashes were poured or sprinkled over the head.

3. Why do people give things up for Lent?
   a) To follow the example of Jesus’ 40-day fast in the wilderness.  
   b) To help us focus on prayer and devotions.  
   c) To give the acquired savings to the poor.  
   d) All of the above.

4. What snack food has significance during Lent?
   a) Chocolate  
   b) Pretzels  
   c) Popcorn  
   d) All of the above.

5. Many people fast during Lent. How often did John Wesley fast?
   a) Twice a week  
   b) Twice a month  
   c) Twice a year  
   d) Rarely  
   e) He did not fast.

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**UMW MID-WINTER EVENT**

Members of our local UMW unit celebrated the conference Mid-Winter Ubuntu workday event at the David & Margaret Home in La Verne. We were joined by women from the east, west, and south districts. We did things like scrub desks and chairs in the classrooms, wash the vans, and help straighten items in their thrift shop.

Below is a photo of all the North district women who helped make this day a success!
Saturday, April 7th, the UMW will have a program presented by Barbara Harris. 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 came to a very difficult decision. The Annual Salad Bar Luncheon for this year has been cancelled. Instead, the UMW will be sponsoring other events to raise their mission funds.

The first such event has been scheduled for Sunday, June 10th, after church. This event is the All-American Bake Sale! We are hoping that all women will make contributions to this event. We will be checking in late May and early June for donations of baked goods. Please say Yes!

6. Why does Lent last 40 days?
A) To represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, tempted by Satan.
B) To recall the 40 days and nights the earth was flooded in the Old Testament.
C) To remind us of the 40 fast years the Israelites wandered in the desert.

7. What do some United Methodists not sing at Lent?
A) Doxologies
B) Alleluia
C) “In the Garden”
D) The communion liturgy

8. Which hymn, based upon St. Patrick’s prayer, would be a good Lenten devotion?
A) “Jesus Walked This Lonely Valley”
B) “Christ Beside Me”
C) “O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice”
D) “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

9. True or false? Sundays are not counted in the 40 days of Lent.

10. When early Methodists in America sat in a church on a mourner’s bench, they would:
A) Repent their sins
B) Experience a new birth
C) Rededicate themselves to Jesus
D) All of the above

(Answers elsewhere in this issue)
**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Mary Lou Downey tripped and fell after her house was burglarized. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues to recover.

Nancy Stevens suffered a stroke. If you wish to send her a card, her address is:

Nancy Stevens  
2025 Cove Lane  
Roseville, CA 95747-8835

Please contact 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.

**UNITED METHODIST MEN**

The UMM sponsored their annual (3rd or 4th?) Sweetheart Breakfast on February 10th. This breakfast is for the widows, the widowers, and their caregivers. A great time was had by all, as evidenced by the photos on this page.