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APRIL 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!

April 7: Paper Drive @ 8:30
April 7: UMW unit meeting @ 10:00 in FH
April 8: SPRC Meeting @ 11:30 in Lounge
April 14: All Church Workday 8:30 - Noon
April 14: Costa Rica Brunch in FH@ 9:30
April 19: Maggie Lu Fellowship in FR @ 10:00
April 21: UMM breakfast @7:30 in FH
April 22 Finance Com. Mtg. @11:30 in lounge

Upcoming in May:

May 3: UMW Unit Meeting @ 10:00 in FH
May 5: paper drive @8:30
May 6: Trustee Meeting @ 11:30 in Lounge

When Pope Urban VI succeeded Pope Gregory, he also became dependent on her negotiating and peacemaking skills. Catherine dedicated the remainder of her life to work with the Pope for reformation of the church.

She only lived 33 years, but is today honored as a saint of the Roman Catholic church. She is remembered for her many contributions to Christianity, which include the numerous articulate letters she wrote, her mystical revelations from God, and her quite unique ability to influence the most powerful political and religious men of her time.

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

Answers to Quiz: 1-a, 2-c, 3-b, 4-c, 5-b, 6-c, 7-d, 8-d, 9-b, 10-d
Catherine of Siena (1347-1380)

Carherine’s parents tried to arrange a marriage for her when she was twelve. She had other plans. She had already taken a vow of chastity when she was 7 and she planned to devote her life to Christ and become a nun. Her parents were devastated but her father finally realized her dedication to Christ and said “Keep your promise and live as the Holy Spirit tells you to live. We shall never disturb you again.”*

Three years later she joined the Third Order of Saint Dominic, while living at home. She spent much of this time caring for victims of the Black Plague, while losing a brother and sister to it. She also was known to visit the local prisons and public executions, consoling the accused with prayer.

Catherine communicated with God continually and in her late twenties began to hear His command to serve the greater public. She then dedicated the rest of her life to relocating the papacy from Avignon, where it had been for almost seventy-five years, and restoring it to Rome. In 1376 she traveled to Avignon to meet with Pope Gregory. Although uneducated, without wealth or rank, she met with him, speaking through an interpreter. Since he moved, first to Genoa, then to Rome, it is apparent that she was successful.

April Birthdays

1 Noah Loza
2 Martha Aboulafia
   Anna Collins
   Gloria Park
   Lelia Read
4 Julia Langinger
7 Cheryl Presser
   Betty Von
8 Jane Pugh
   Camille Punzalan
16 Maryam Asgari
17 Tom Tamayo
18 Molly Ling
22 Kwong Ling
25 Ted Smith
30 John Forbes

Anniversaries

1 Ron & Donna Edmundson (21)
14 Tom & Sharon Renta (39)
The United Methodist Holy Week Quiz

1. **What do palm branches symbolize on Palm Sunday?**
   a) They symbolize victory in the Roman Empire
   b) Palm is the Latin word for ‘return’
   c) Hearts of Palm were considered kingly food
   d) All of the above

2. **What was Judas paid for identifying Jesus to the Roman soldier?**
   a) 20 pieces of gold
   b) 20 pieces of silver
   c) 30 pieces of gold
   d) 30 pieces of silver

3. **The Upper Room Chapel in Nashville displays a wooden representation of...**
   a) The Nativity Scene
   b) The Last Supper
   c) Christ’s Crucifixion
   d) Christ’s Resurrection

4. **What was not said by Jesus the night before he died?**
   a) “All those who use the sword will die by the sword”
   b) “The spirit is eager but the flesh is weak”
   c) “Physician, heal thyself”
   d) “Friend, do what you came to do”

5. **What are the Stations of the Cross?**
   a) Place in Jerusalem where prisoners were sentenced
   b) Moments in Jesus’ journey from His trial to the tomb
   c) Officially approved places for crosses in churches

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**FOOD PANTRY**

The food pantry are asking that no clothing be left for the pantry. It is a food pantry, not a drop-off for clothing pantry. They end up having to deliver the clothing to other places, which takes up their time. Food Yes, clothing NO.

Thank You!!

**CALL FOR JARS**

8 oz (1 cup) jam jars with labels removed are needed this summer. If you have them please bring to Elaine Pierce or Donna Edmundson at church. Thank you!
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. What does a Tenebrae service consist of?
A) A drama about the last seven words of Jesus
B) A reenactment of the Last Supper
C) Extinguishing of candles
D) The receiving of ashes

7. What does INRI mean on a crucifix?
A) Pontius Pilate, Prefect of Rome
B) Nazareth, Kingdom of Jerusalem
C) Sign of the Cross
D) Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews

8. Why are eggs associated with Easter?
A) They symbolize new life
B) They have a shell around the body inside, like the tomb of Jesus
C) They can be dyed pretty colors to represent the joy of Easter
D) All of the above

9. Which of these Easter hymns did Charles Wesley write?
A) “Because He Lives”
B) “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”
C) “Lift High the Cross”
D) “Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

10. Why do some churches hold Easter sunrise service?
A) Easter prayer vigils often ended as the sun rose
B) Three women visited the tomb early in the morning
C) Jesus is often called the light of the world
D) All of the above

(Answers: elsewhere in this issue)
JOYS AND CONCERNS

The office received a call that Onilee Kilpatrick, a long time attendee of our church, passed away on March 23rd. A memorial service for her will be held on Saturday, April 14th, at 1 p.m. It will be held at the Rose Family Funeral Home, 4444 Cochran Street, in Simi Valley.

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 a 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.

Reseda First United Methodist Church & Northridge United Methodist Church are co-hosting an event, with special guest WIL BAILEY, a Costa Rica Missionary

We would like to invite you to both events

Welcoming Brunch
Saturday, April 14 @ 9:30 a.m.
Friendship Hall, Reseda FUMC

Costa Rica Mission Message
Sunday, April 15 at 10:00 a.m.
Northridge UMC

Invite friends & family
RSVP to Shirley Malorzo
@ 818-581-8583