MAY EVENTS

**Weekly:**
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!

May 3: UMW unit meeting @ 10:00 in FH
May 5: Paper Drive @ 8:30
May 6: Trustees in lounge @ 11:30
May 12: All Church Workday 8:30 - Noon
May 17: Maggie Lu Fellowship in FR @ 10:00
May 19: UMM breakfast @7:30 in FH
May 20: SPRC Mtg. @11:30 in Room 7
May 20: Hospitality Mtg @11:30 in Lounge
May 27: Finance Committee Mtg @ 11:30 in Lounge

**Upcoming in June:**
June 2: paper drive @8:30
June 2: UMW Unit Meeting @ 10:00 in FH
June 3: Trustee Meeting @ 11:30 in Lounge

And shrines.

She still had visions and these scared her neighbors, and the whole village where she lived. Finally, one of her visions helped to save her village, so they forgave her.

She was never canonized by the church and she is not considered a saint. However, the people of today can relate to her because she is human and real. She was not wealthy or educated, but that is what makes her real to the people of today.

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

Answers to Quiz: 1-a, 2-b, 3-a, 4-b, 5-a, 6-a, 7-b, 8-b, 9-a, 10-c
Margery Kempe (c. 1373 - c.1438)

Margery is known as a medieval memoirist, based on the original manuscript that was discovered in 1934, by Colonel William Butler Bowdon. This manuscript is considered the first autobiography written in the English language. The book titled “the Book of Margery Kempe” was dictated to two scribes in the early 15th century, as Margery herself was illiterate. Margery was the daughter of an English mayor & Parliament member, a wife of a medieval merchant, and the mother to 14 children.

Margery considered herself a mystic above being a mother and wife. She tried to model her life after the lives of Bridget of Sweden and Julian of Norwich. She frequently wore a haircloth, made of goat’s hair, under her gown, as a daily penance.

As she entered middle age, she entered into an agreement with her husband. She would pay off his debts from her inheritance and he would give her a ‘chaste’ marriage and also permission to travel to Jerusalem. She faced extreme peril to make this journey when she travelled it by herself.

She finally made it to the Holy Land. She played tourist, visiting dozens of sacred sites

**May Birthdays**

1 Johnson Waller  
2 Joshua Tamayo  
3 James Skipper  
5 Mikey Martinez  
7 Sterling Baker  
10 Crystal & Ulysses Martinez (3)  
15 Cecile Hwang  
16 Katie Wildroud  
19 Scott Davis  
21 June Altamirano  
Jaiwanti Singh

**Anniversaries**

10 Crystal & Ulysses Martinez (3)  
16 Gordon & Aleta Marchant (37)
The United Methodist Numbers Quiz

1. How many United Methodist churches are there around the world?
   a) 42,779
   b) 27,479
   c) 24,779
   d) To infinity and beyond

2. How many hospitals in the United States are affiliated with The United Methodist Church?
   a) 84
   b) 52
   c) 25
   d) Not sure, but the cafeteria food is strangely warmed

3. In how many countries does The United Methodist Church have a mission presence?
   a) 120+
   b) 75 - 120
   c) Under 75
   d) Every country and six other planets

4. What is the ratio of women to men in The United Methodist Church (in 2016)?
   a) 42% female, 58% male
   b) 58% female, 42% male
   c) 52% female, 48% male
   d) Too close to call

5. In 2016, how much did U.S. United Methodist churches give to missions?
   a) $937,675,776
   b) $739,675,776
   c) $397,675,776
   d) A ginormous amount

All American Bake Sale

When: Sunday, June 10th
Where: East Patio, 1st UMC Reseda
Time: 11:30 until sold out (or 1:30)

Free Will Offering. All funds raised go to Mission work. Come support our United Methodist Women in their mission effort.

All are invited to donate baked goods to the Bake Sale. Contact Sheryl Meadows or Elane Pierce if you have any questions.
Thursday, May 3rd, the UMW will be having a program presented by members of the unit. 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. Call the church office 818-344-7035, and Cecile will refer to a driver.

This year the United Methodist Women will be gathering in Columbus, Ohio for their Assembly meeting. We at Reseda are lucky enough to have a member attending this year and look forward to having a report on everything that is covered at this exciting event. We will let you know when we plan on having that report. 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. How many members did churches outside the U.S. report in 2016?
   a) 5,652,388
   b) 5,526,388
   c) 2,655,388
   d) A BUNCH

7. How many members did U.S. United Methodist churches claim in 2016?
   a) 15,691,278
   b) 6,951,278
   c) 5,691,278
   d) So many!

8. At 18,402, what United Methodist church lists the largest membership?
   a) Church of the Resurrection - Leawood, Kansas
   b) Windsor Village United Methodist Church - Houston, Texas
   c) Christ Church - Fairview Heights, Illinois

9. At 9,071, what United Methodist church currently lists the largest attendance?
   a) Church of the Resurrection - Leawood, Kansas
   b) Windsor Village United Methodist Church - Houston, Texas
   c) Christ Church - Fairview Heights, Illinois

10. How many U.S. United Methodist churches reported more than 3,000 members in 2016?
    a. 613
    b. 361
    c. 136

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

Linda Christensen on the passing of her mother. Please keep her in your prayers.

Ray Paul’s twin brother is going through chemotherapy. Prayers for the entire family.

Mickie Fornadley’s mother has recently had hip surgery. She is 97 years young. Please keep her in your prayers for a painless, full recovery.

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, I repeat 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.

**FOOD PANTRY**

The Food Pantry continues to need donations of non-perishable food items (cans or packages). Please no expired items.

For clothes donations, please contact:
THE RESCUE MISSION ALLIANCE
You can donate your clothing, shoes, or household items by simply calling: (800) 417-5678 and they will schedule a pick-up.

Thank You.

Elane Pierce would like to thank all the helpers for coffee hour. They make it great!

She is planning on having a meeting of all the hospitality committee members and anyone who is interested on Sunday, May 20th at 11:30 in the lounge. All are welcome!