



NORTHRIDGE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

February 2023
Newsletter

For your reflection

Happy Valentine’s Day! A month of the new year has already quickly gone by. Did you make resolutions for 2023? Are they broken already? That’s okay—the most important thing to remember is that God loves you with an everlasting love.

Part of God’s love for us is that he sent us something that we could not do without—God sent us a Savior. Also this month, Lent will start with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. Our Ash Wednesday service will be held at 7PM.

Ashes will be placed on foreheads with the following words proclaimed, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Lent is a time to acknowledge our need for repentance and our need for the love and forgiveness shown to us in Jesus Christ. Many people observe Lent by self-examination, penitence (the action of feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong), prayer, fasting, by practicing words of love, and by reading and reflecting on God’s Holy Word.

There are 40 days of Lent leading to the observation of Easter. Jesus, as part of his spiritual preparation (in Matthew 4), went into the wilderness and fasted 40 days and 40 nights, according to the Gospels. Moses also fasted on Mt. Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights (Exodus 34). The Israelites also wandered in the desert for 40 years (also in Exodus).

Regardless if one fasts or gives up a habit during Lent, know that God is pursuing each of us with an everlasting love. God will meet us where we are and will walk with us every step, every day.

Remember God loves you and so does NUMC!

Karen Grube, Lay Leader



NUMC Missions Team Needs Your Help!

Since COVID, we have not been helping with Central Community Kitchen, but would like to partner with them again. They serve meals on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:30pm at High Street United Methodist Church.

They are looking to NUMC to donate the following items:

- Rice
- Egg Noodles
- Large packages of Jello
- Aluminum foil sheets for wrapping sandwiches
- #10 cans— mixed veggies, green beans, carrots
- Large boxes of Biscuit Mix
- Large boxes of Cornbread Mix
- To-go containers
- Brown sugar
- White sugar

Missions asks for your help by placing these items in the donation tubs in the Fellowship Hall. If you would prefer to donate money, the mission team can shop for you. Please mark the donation “Community Kitchen” on your offering envelope.

Missions will be collecting these items throughout February. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Hinkle at (937) 207-2370.



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WORSHIP SERVICE: 10AM Sunday—in person & online

Our Newsletter Editor, and often the Church Mouse, Karen Boysel passed away on January 15, 2023. This was just one month shy of the death of her husband, Don. Karen's funeral was held at the church on January 21, 2023.

Rest in peace our good and faithful servant.

The Baby Has Arrived

Congratulations to Rebecca and TJ Floyd on the birth of their daughter, Leah Grace, on January 12, 2023. Leah was born at 1:07AM, weighing 8 lbs., 2 oz., and was 21" long. Leah spent some time "under the lights" but is home and doing well. Grandpa Ken and Grandma Carol were able to visit after they disembarked from their Jazz Cruise.

Congratulation also to Pastor Ken and Carol on their first grandchild.



A Taste of Italy

Ladies Luncheon

When: Saturday, February 18th

Time: 12:00 Noon

Cost: \$10.00 each

Reservations and pay in advance.

Sign-up after worship January 29th, February 5, February 11th or call the church office (937 399 1909).

Sign-up no later than February 16, 2023.

Please join us for a fun-filled time with good food, entertainment, catch-up time and good fellowship.



Dates to Remember

February 4—Men's Breakfast at Studebaker Restaurant. 8:30 AM

February 14—Valentines Day

February 15—Church Council

February 16—Deadline for Luncheon Reservations

February 18—Ladies Luncheon

February 20—Presidents Day (office closed)

February 22—Ash Wednesday—This starts Lent and ends on Easter Sunday, April 9th. Holy Week starts on April 2nd, Palm Sunday.

Planning Ahead

The Trustees will be having their Annual Garage Sale. The date is yet to be determined. In the meantime, remember this when you are doing some cleaning and want to discard that "treasure" you no longer want.

Trustees Needing Help

Each Sunday a member of the Security Team comes to the church before services and goes through the facility just to make sure everything is in okay. More people to do this ministry is needed. If you would be willing to help, please call Bob Jacobs. (937 408 2536)