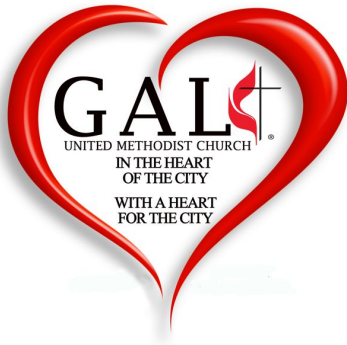


Galt UMC This Week



Galt UMC is a warm welcoming family who worship, pray, learn, and love one another by serving our community so that everyone can encounter the Risen Lord and experience transformation through God's Grace.



April 10, 2023

Let's Talk – A Word from Pastor Mary Maaga mjzmaaga@yahoo.com 530-417-6584



Happy Easter!! ALLELUIA! Christ is Risen! What powerful services we had this past week. I want to give a huge shout out to Earl Arrants for always being willing to play organ for us. Papa Earl you give so much to your Church family to keep our faith growing, whether it is your organ playing, your newsletter producing, or your lunch bunch organizing. We love you dearly and are so grateful. Also want to give a huge thank you to Brian King who is stepping up on a volunteer basis to run sound during Worship. Doing visuals and sound both was a lot to ask our beloved Sabrina Curlee, so it's wonderful to have Brian sharing his expertise. Brian is looking for a back-up on Sunday mornings, for those weekends when he is away. Please let him know if you would like to learn how to run sound. Speaking of backups, Leesa Klotz has been there for our Galt UMC family in a hundred different ways this Lent. Thank you, Leesa, for running sound on Easter, for the wonderful altar during Lent, for ordering the inserts for those Easter eggs (not to mention the eggs themselves), and for the wonderful transformation from Good Friday to Easter morning! No thank you list for Easter is complete without mentioning the huge bailout I got from our Lay Leader Mona Stratton. I honestly had not thought the details through – AT ALL – about the Easter morning potluck breakfast. Mona to the rescue! And did you notice how good our front court yard looked? Thank you Rob Seibel and Ed Delgado! Last but not least, thank you to all our wonderful musicians. In addition to Papa Earl, we were blessed with Mattie Shepherd, John Miller, Dennis Yoder, and Betty Metzger.

Resurrection Joy, Pastor Mary



p.s. This coming week I will be off Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. If you have a care need, please contact Colleen Hurley at 209-712-1541. I will be back in the office on Saturday and for Worship on Sunday!



Upcoming Worship this Week:
Bright Sunday, also known as Holy Humor Sunday

The Sunday after Easter has traditionally been a day to PARTY in response to Christ's Resurrection! Let's wear all different shades of blue to reflect blue skies, the bluebird of happiness, blue bells, and the blue of the oceanic depths of God's love! Instead of a typical sermon, Earl Arrants will read a funny story about a Palm Sunday Pageant gone horribly awry at both Galt and Bruceville Point. Pastor Mary will be Worship leader. Scripture: Zephaniah 3:14-20



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Fifth Sunday Potluck

and TOWN HALL MEETING

April 30

April is a busy month. What with Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday with it's Potluck Breakfast and Easter Egg hunt, whew!! Let's add some more fun. How about a Fifth Sunday Potluck? Theme? A Spring Picnic.

What would you take to a picnic? Keep it simple. If your last name starts with A, B or C, please bring hoagie style sandwiches. You know, those long loaves of bread filled with meats, cheeses, greens, whatever. Then cut into 3 or 4 inch sections.

Those with last names starting with D—L Please bring sides and salads like cole slaw, potato salad, fruit and veggie trays, eggs , even bags of chips.

The rest of the alphabet can bring SIMPLE finger food type desserts like cookies, brownies, cupcakes rice crispy treats. Let's have a large family style picnic.

- -Mona Stratton
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The Town Hall will focus on programs at Galt UMC. What is missing from what we offer our Church family? What has served its purpose and needs to be let go? What will be attractive to the community and grow our Church?



Pastor Mary is taking her once a month renewal day for March and April back to back and combining it with her day off so she can take three days off in a row this week from Wednesday April 12 through

Friday April 14. Colleen Hurley, Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee, will cover any care needs that arise on those three days. Colleen can be reached at 209-712-1541. Pastor Mary looks forward to being back for the Women's Meeting on Saturday, April 15 and for leading Worship on Bright Sunday, April 16th. Also, she wants you to know that Zola and she are car sharing, so sometimes Pastor Mary will be in the office when her car is not in the driveway. When in doubt, call or text and she will let you know if she is there in the office.

NEWS & Notes



Face Book Live: Eight Days That Changed the World

1222 views so far of the Eight Days That Changed the World! How wonderful that our ministry at Galt UMC is having such a reach. You can still watch these videos on Mary Maaga's Facebook page.

Please share our website with family and friends! It is a peak into who our Church family is and what we believe!

GaltUMC.org

Dion Jergo's Gospel Sounds in Worship, April 23 and April 30!

How blessed we are that Mattie Shepherd's "baby brother" Dion Jergo – noted Gospel singer and pianist -- will be helping lead Worship two Sundays in a row at Galt UMC! While Pastor Mary is on vacation April 23, Colleen Hurley will be preaching on Peter walking on the water, a favorite Scripture of Mary!

Hospitality Host



April 16

David & Debra
Herburger

April 23

GREETERS SCHEDULE

April 16

Judy King
Anne Albrecht

April 23

John & Cindy
Borgording



The Work of the Church – How Our Church Works

by Pastor Mary

I am grateful to have heard from several of you who appreciate these theological reflections. While I am not in exact alignment with some of you on my conclusions, it is good to know that we are unified in our faith. On Sunday, May 21st, following Worship, we will have a round table conversation facilitated by our Lay Member to Annual Conference Mercedes Diego, and myself, to give space to broaden our discussion of this topic for those who are interested in doing so. For the theologically conservative point of view on full inclusion of lesbian, gay, and bisexual people, please visit the website of the Global Methodist Church at globalmethodist.org

Applied Christian ethics is challenging. How do we honor and love God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind AND our neighbor as ourselves? Jesus Christ taught us that this Greatest Commandment fulfills the law and the prophets. The work of faith in any Church family is the living out of this commandment from Christ. Let us love one another as the Lord has loved us.

Holy Humor Sunday

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Sunday, April 16

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Jesus is risen indeed and our Sunday school will be celebrating that Resurrection this coming Sunday, April 16, during the 10:00 worship service at Galt UMC.

The lesson will be centered around how we can follow the teachings of Jesus who returned to us from the tomb. Our decorated bulletin boards tell the story.

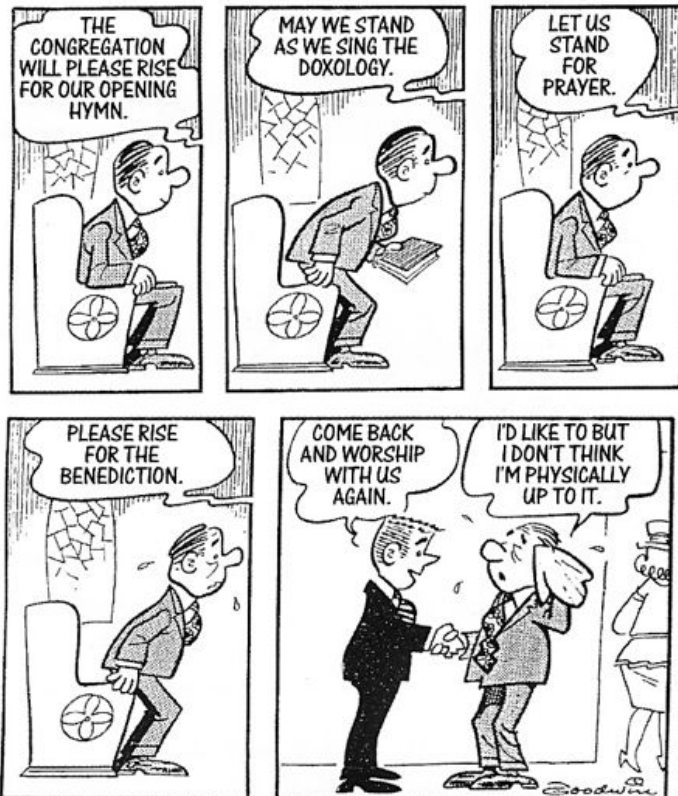
We have three teachers now including Mary Blackwell whom we are so glad to welcome! New, bright valence curtains are up and we look forward to seeing you for music and painted wooden crafts as well. Please dress the children in clothes that will not be ruined by a washable paint activity.

Twice-a-month Sunday school is very close to being a reality. Please bring your little ones this Sunday to learn more about Jesus.

In His love,
Mary Blackwell, Michele Weinel, and
Madeline Powell, teachers

PHILLIP'S FLOCK

By Doc Goodwin



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Resurrection: Chuck's second short film! Perfect for Easter or anytime, the film illustrates how we need to remember we are living on this side of Easter. "How do we live like we are Easter People." Perfect for Holy Week, Easter, or anytime during the church year. Produced by the Emmy winning Chuck Knows Church team.

To see Chuck's video - - [Click Here](#) 4:57



This week at our Church

WEEKLY Sneak Peek



Tuesday, April 11, 11:00am Bible Study in person: THE LETTER OF JAMES BEGINS.



Quilt & Handiwork Club @ 11am on Mondays

What joy to sit in the company of talented people and soak up the practice and legacy of making something wonderful out of scraps! Please join us even if you are not “quilty” or “handy” – the conversation is lovely and your idle hands will be given something simple to do.



Tuesday, April 11, 4:30pm: Trustees meet in person and on ZOOM. Mary Maaga is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Trustees Meeting Time: Apr 11, 2023 04:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82121889651>



Tuesday April 11, 6:30pm: Building Committee for Sunshine Food Pantry.



Bible Study in person @ 11am on Tuesdays JAMES

This is a great week to jump on board the in-person Bible Study train! We are starting the Letter of James this week, which Pastor Mary will be teaching before she runs off to have some renewal time for a few days.



Wednesday, April 12, 8am - 11:30am Sunshine Food Pantry prepares food boxes for delivery to seniors



Bible Study on ZOOM @ 4pm on Sundays ROMANS

The ZOOM Bible Study on Sundays at 4 will take a break in April and resume on May 7th and run weekly through the summer. New link will be published in May.

Thursday, April 13: 7:30-10:00am:Sunshine Food Pantry Food Distribution.



Saturday, April 15, 10:00am - United Women in Faith meet in Social Hall.



Sunday, April 16, 10:00am at Galt UMC: **1:30pm** - at Bruceville Point.



Monday, April 17, 11am Quilt & Handiwork Club

Our District Prayer focus this week:

April 16: Pray for ministry at UOP.

April 23: Pray for ministries of the Central Valley District and our superintendent, the Rev. David Niu.

On Easter Sunday our church welcomed 120 worshipers, each worshiper counted only once for our three services: Sunrise, Galt worship, and Bruceville worship!

Bloopers that gnash the teeth

A pastor in an Anchorage, AK, church welcomed his congregation to the Easter Sunday service and said, “This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Johnson to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.”



Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am – 1pm

THANK YOU CHARLES WESLEY FOR ONE OF OUR FAVORITE EASTER HYMNS



Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

For many in the English-speaking world, Easter Day is inextricably associated with singing “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” by Charles Wesley (1707-1788).

Of the original eleven stanzas published under the title “Hymn fo Easter Day” in *Hymns and Sacred Poems* (1739), most hymnals use only four, or sometimes as many as seven. This hymn is a *tour de force* of exuberant, expressive, and ecstatic language on the Resurrection. Wesley will not allow us to relegate the Resurrection to a mere historical recollection. Thus in verse 5: *Thee we greet triumphant now; Hail the Resurrection Thou!* Rather, it is a seismic occurrence at one time for all times. Each Easter, we retell the story and re-remember the experience of the Resurrection as if we were actually present. This kind of memory is known as anamnesis, a living memory with much more depth than a reminiscence.



Excerpts from an article by E. Michael
Hawn from umcdiscipleship.org

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