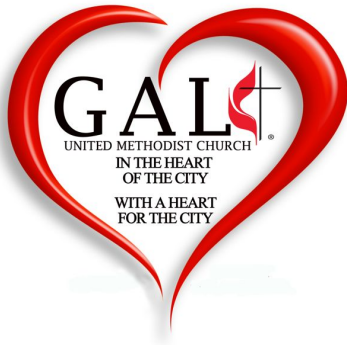


Galt UMC This Week



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 24, 2023

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



What a wonderful time I had on vacation. Many thanks to Colleen Hurley for covering for me – knowing that you would receive compassionate care in my absence allowed me to turn my phone off and enjoy playing with Freya, as well as have meals and coffee with friends, stay up way too late watching the basketball play offs, as well as go out of town. I also got time doing things we enjoy with John and Zola. It touches my heart deeply that though they are in their mid-twenties, they still enjoy time with their Mom! The most powerful thing I did this past week was visit two of my Professors from Seminary. I attended San Francisco Theological Seminary and had the privilege of learning from the best of the best. If you love my Bible Studies or my preaching, it is in large part to the instruction and encouragement I received from Professors Robert and Polly Coote, a married couple, who taught Old Testament and Greek. I have not seen them in over 15 years. Yet, when I walked through their door it was as if no time had passed at all. They live less than two hours away and I plan to dedicate future renewal days to continuing to learn from them. Meantime, I am delighted to continue being in ministry with all of you!



Blessings in Christ's Resurrection Spirit, Pastor Mary

Easter-tide Sermon Series: **RESURRECTION LIVING**

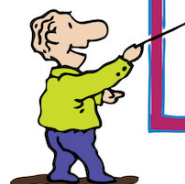
Easter-tide is the 50 day season between Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday and the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. For the next several weeks we will be celebrating "Resurrection Living" as we explore a few of the Scriptures from Jesus's resurrection appearances.



Living" as we explore a few of the Scriptures from Jesus's resurrection appearances.

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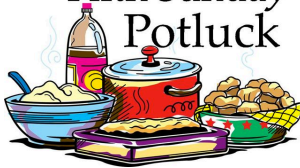
NEWS & Notes

Upcoming Worship this Week, April 30

Pastor Mary is back in the pulpit and Dion Jergo is back at the keyboard and microphone! Scripture: John 21:1-13 Sermon: "Resurrection Living: Discipleship and Self-Care"



Fifth Sunday Potluck



April 30

and TOWN HALL MEETING

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
Lay Leader
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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?

Coming in May



Bible Study of ROMANS on ZOOM every Sunday at 4pm starting May 7 through August 13

Fieldtrip to the Isleton Museum, Saturday, May 20, meet at the Church 9am to car pool – buy your own lunch follows at Manny's Barzzeria, Isleton

Lord's Lambs Sunday School during Worship on May 21

Round Table to discuss the split of the United Methodist Church, Sunday, May 21 after Galt UMC Worship

STONE SOUP/PENTECOST Celebration, Sunday, May 28 following Galt UMC Worship.



News

Mark your calendars now for upcoming Building Project Fundraising Events:

Sunshine in the Vineyard, Saturday, June 24, Valensin Vineyard \$75 a ticket: gourmet nibbles, wine & beer, live auction. Tickets go on sale next month.

Farm to Food Pantry Barbecue, Saturday, August 5th in the Galt UMC Parking Lot: more details soon!

We sincerely appreciate your financial support for the Sunshine Food Pantry. **If you are writing a check to the Pantry, Please make the check directly to: Sunshine Food Pantry** -not to Galt UMC with Sunshine Food Pantry in the memo line. The finances of the Pantry have their own bank accounts.



The Work of the Church – How Our Church Works by Pastor Mary

Every year all the pastors in our California-Nevada Conference of the United Methodist Church, as well as elected Lay Members to Annual Conference, meet for several days at Annual Conference Session (ACS). It is always held mid-June as a time for spiritual refreshment, connection, legislation, and (drum roll please) THE SETTING OF APPOINTMENTS. The appointment year in the UMC is July 1 – June 30. By the time of ACS all clergy have been informed whether they are staying at their current appointments, or moving, still it is not official until your name and the name of your Church is read aloud at ACS. It is always a powerful moment following the setting of appointments for each District when the Bishop asks the ACS delegates to lay their hands in prayer on the appointed pastors, that we might be spiritually blessed for the coming appointment year. Our Lay Member to Annual Conference is Mercedes Diego. The dates of ACS are June 15 – June 18, and will be held once again at the Sacramento Convention Center, which is very convenient for us. Our ACS theme is “Witnesses of a New Thing” based on Isaiah 43:19. Over the next several weeks I will share more about this year’s ACS.

Our District Prayer focus this week:

April 30: Pray over highlights of ministries in each place so far this year.

Hospitality Host



April 30
Fifth Sunday
Potluck

May 7
Don & Faith
Ross

GREETERS  **SCHEDULE**

April 30
Ricky & Candy
Toynbee

May 7
Eva Roach
Sharon Drake



Hello, dear loving members of this wonderful congregation:

I have a request that border-lines a need. I am in need of list of cooks willing to make bowls



of soups stews, or casseroles that can be frozen, then given to our shut-ins, or those in need.



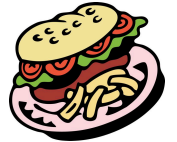
It would be great if we could deliver one meal a week. It would be wonderful if there were enough cooks might be asked to



make a dish one every several weeks (8). I don't want to over work or over burden anyone.



If you would be interested in helping make this mini-ministry a success, please contact me, Mona Stratton (334-235-1467) Lay Leader. Thank you.



**After the Winter,
God sends the
Spring**



*Springtime is a season
Of hope and joy and cheer.
There's beauty all around us
To see and touch and hear.
So, no matter how downhearted
And discouraged we may be,
New hope is born when we behold
Leaves on a budding tree,
Or when we see a timid flower
Push through the frozen sod
And open wide in glad surprise
It's petaled eyes to God,
For this is just God saying:
"Lift up your eyes to Me,
And the bleakness of your spirit,
Like the budding Springtime tree,
Will lose its wintry darkness
And your heavy heart will sing"
For God never sends the Winter
Without the joy of Spring.*



—Helen Steiner Rice





Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
WEEKLY
Sneak Peek



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 25, 11:00am Bible Study in person: LETTER OF JAMES.



Tuesday, April 25: 6:30pm: Building Committee for Food Pantry.



Wednesday, April 26, 8am – 11:30am Sunshine Food Pantry prepares food boxes for delivery to seniors

Thursday, April 27, 7:30am – 10:00am Sunshine Food Pantry food distribution to public clients.

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, April 30: 10:00am: . Worship at Galt UMC & **1:30pm** at Bruceville Point. PASTOR MARY PREACHING on Resurrection Living; Dion Jergo & Mattie Shepherd music.



Sunday, April 30: Sunday, April 30, POTLUCK AND TOWN HALL following Worship at Galt UMC



Monday, May 1, 11am Quilt & Handiwork Club

A little boy was in a relative's wedding. As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd. While facing the crowd he would put his hands up like claws and roar. So it went, step, step, ROAR, step, step, ROAR, all the way down the aisle. As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the pulpit. When asked what he was doing, the child sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear."



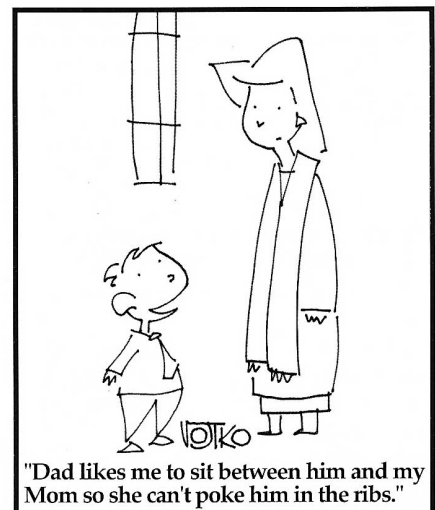
Bible Study in person @ 11am on Tuesdays JAMES

Pastor Mary is back and we are in Chapter 1 of the Letter of James! Great time to try this Bible Study out. No long term commitment needed, just come as you can. On average there are 20 people who attend.



Bible Study on ZOOM @ 4pm on Sundays ROMANS

The ZOOM Bible Study on Sundays at 4 will start up again on May 7. Next week a link for the Bible Study will be published. We are studying Romans, and Pastor Mary will give a recap of what we have studied so far, so please consider joining us for the first time in May.



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Ministry/Activity Survey

Current

Participated? Please Keep Comment

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| Bible Study in person (weekly) | | | |
| Bible Study on Zoom (weekly) | | | |
| Sunday School (Monthly) | | | |
| Bruceville Fellowship (weekly) | | | |
| Quilt and Handiwork Club (weekly) | | | |
| United Women in Faith | | | |
| Newsletter | | | |

Short Term Past

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| Weekly early morning prayer during Lent | | | |
| Facebook Live Bible Study during Advent and Holy Week | | | |
| “Good End” workshop | | | |

Long Term Past

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| Online Worship | | | |
| Facebook Live Bible Study (weekly) | | | |
| Caring and Sharing (monthly) | | | |
| Men’s Breakfast (monthly) | | | |
| Book Club | | | |

Future Program Possibilities

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| Prayer Workshop (Colleen Hurley) | | | |
| Men’s Faith and Fellowship Group; | | | |
| Music Program: Adult choir, children’s choir, Hand Chimes | | | |
| Youth Program | | | |

Other Ministries/Activities you would like

see:

Other

Comments:

Please return by Sunday April 30 at our Potluck Town Hall, or in the basket by the collection plate

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