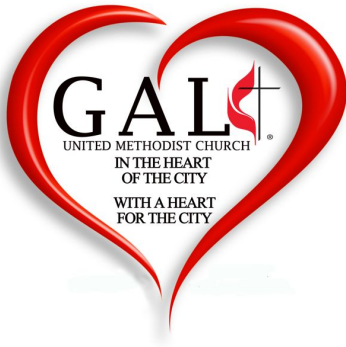


Galt UMC This Week



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.



February 27, 2023

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

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When I was traveling in West Africa visiting the homes of Christians from various Churches, the one thing they all had in common were family “altars.” Some of these altars were on shelves, other on small tables, yet others on a pillar of bricks or stones especially constructed for such a purpose. Every altar had a cross. Otherwise they were individual in nature, depending on the religious season of the year or the particular prayer needs of the family. Why have a family altar?

For some it was because their Church was too far away to make Sunday worship every week, so family worship focused on the home altar. For others, it gave a place where mid-week prayers and devotions could be focused. When I returned from my travels, I set up a home altar in a corner of my bedroom. It became an important touchstone for my faith, reminding me at a glance of my identity as a follower of Christ. On my altar I had several crosses that had been given to me by beloved friends over the years. I had a special vase, and I would change out cut flowers every few days to honor the Lord. An open Bible and a candle completed my “home sacred space.”

This year during Lent I want to invite you to create your own home altar by designating a spot where you can place a cross, a candle, your Bible, and the various objects you will receive every Sunday during Lent. Each object you will receive during Worship has been selected to remind you of an important lesson given to us by the Lord Jesus Christ during Holy Week. The more you pray about and ponder the Eight Days That Changed the World, the more deeply you will be changed into the person Christ has called each of us to be. There is no more important journey in the world, than the one that brings you the gift of God's salvation. Come to worship and receive.

Blessings in the Living Spirit of Christ, Pastor Mary



p.s. Those who came to worship on Ash Wednesday have begun their collection of objects with a bit of rough fabric that represents sackcloth. Sackcloth and ashes are the Scriptural representations of grief over having broken the heart of God with our disobedience. If you were not able to be at Ash Wednesday, I invite you to acquire your own bit of burlap or scratchy fabric to represent sackcloth for your first home altar item.

Second Sunday in



Next Sunday

March 5 Holy Communion and music by John Miller

Sermon: “Holy

Tuesday: Disciples Encouraged” Scripture: Matthew 25:31-40 *Christ's teachings on Holy Tuesday can be found in Matthew's Gospel Chapter 24:3 – Chapter 26:2*

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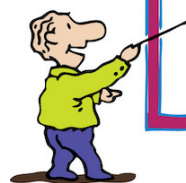
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In-person worship: 10am Sunday

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NEWS & Notes



Prayer Class Rescheduled

People who were interested were not able to make a four-week commitment. Instead, Colleen Hurley will plan to offer a 90 minute workshop on prayer sometime in the future.



Preparing for Easter

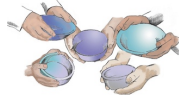
Eight Days That Changed the World – THEY CAN CHANGE YOU TOO!

This year our Lenten journey will take us into the EIGHT DAYS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD by following Matthew's Gospel from Chapter 21 through Chapter 28. *Each Sunday of Lent you will receive a plastic Easter egg with a symbolic item inside to remind you of what happened that day that changed the world!*



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Empty Bowls Fundraiser for the Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center, Inc. Building Fund! Food, Music, Artisans, Auction, and more! \$20 adult ticket, \$5 child ticket. Saturday, March 25, 6pm – 9pm at the Littleton Center. For more information, contact Faye Gaines at 209-200-2628. Tickets for sale after Worship from Mark King. Buy now! They are going fast. No tickets sold at the door.



Lunch Bunch this Thursday, 11:30am, Full Moon Palace, Galt

What is Lunch Bunch? Once a month anyone who wants to eat together for fellowship and enjoying one another's company, gathers at a Galt restaurant. This month it is our favorite Chinese restaurant in the shopping center across from SaveMart. We all pay our own way, but if for any reason you can't afford it this month, just say the word to Pastor Mary and she will discretely cover you.



How grateful we are for the worship leadership of Mark King, David Herburger, and Debra Herburger, when Pastor Jola Bortner filled our pulpit and Pastor Mary was at Central UMC in Stockton.

Our Bible Study Hospitality Team does a wonderful job of greeting our friends from Bruceville Point and getting all of us coffee and goodies to enjoy along with Pastor Mary's teaching. Thank you Marina Bruns, Judy King, and Sharon Hebein!

Leesa Klotz has organized thought provoking visuals for us on our altar and chancel area for Lent. Zola Maaga has been filling Easter Eggs with Lenten gifts. Thank you for helping make our Lenten journey special.



Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am – 1pm

Hospitality Host



March 5

Pearl Silva
Faye Gaines

March 12

Eva Roach

GREETERS SCHEDULE

March 5

Ed & Freddie
Delgado

March 12

Sharon Drake
Dottie & Kim Farhat



Quilt Club @ 11am on Mondays



Our Quilt Club is a gentle loving atmosphere of women working on handicrafts to bless and benefit others. Men are also welcome. Maybe you have a quilt you would like to share with the group? Drop on by for show and tell. You will have many admirers, to be sure!



Tuesday, February 28, 11am BIBLE STUDY in person: THE BOOK OF RUTH



Wednesday, March 1, 8am – 11:30am Sunshine Food Pantry prepares food boxes for delivery to seniors



Thursday, March 2, 11:30am: Lunch Bunch at Full Moon Palace, 1000 C St. #50

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, March 4, 10am Second Sunday of Lent "Holy Tuesday: Disciples Encouraged" *Holy Communion.*



Sunday, March 5, 1:30pm Bruceville Point Worship *Holy Communion*



Sunday March 4: 4:00pm Bible Study on Romans on ZOOM.



Monday, March 6, 11am Quilt Club

Margaret Luginbill's Celebration of Life

Saturday, June 3, 12 noon at 11810 Rising Road, Wilton Margaret asked that all those attending her celebration of life wear clothes with Mickey Mouse, Peanut's Characters, NFL Jerseys, or Hawaiiin.

In the early days of television, the popular Jewish comedian Milton Berle was considered "Mr. Television." Bishop Fulton Sheen also had a popular television show called "Life for Worth Living." When Bishop Sheen won an Emmy Award for "the most outstanding television personality, Berle graciously congratulated him.

Sheen just as graciously, gave credit to his writers, saying, "I just have better than you do, Milton - all nice Jewish boys - Matthew, Mark, Paul and John."



Bible Study on ZOOM @ 4pm on Sundays ROMANS

Many aha moments were had in the past week as we together began to understand more deeply the revolutionary nature of Paul's teachings on justification/grace! Please join us! The conversations are deep and impactful, and many people just listen and follow along. Doesn't matter that you have missed classes – anywhere you jump in will be a blessing to you and to the 15 of us who gather.

Mary Maaga is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Bible Study: Romans

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84535159630>



Bible Study in person @ 11am on Tuesdays RUTH

This past week we learned about Bethlehem in Scripture before and after the time of Ruth. This week we will look at famine in the ancient world, as well as what a generous harvest of wheat or barley would have meant to a community dependent on crop success. Ruth and Naomi arrive in time for a celebration of a successful harvest. What will happen next? Come and find out! No long-term commitment needed. Last week we had 22 people in attendance, including three newcomers.

Our District Prayer focus this week:

March 5: Pray for all the churches/ministries.

March 12: Pray for Cambodian Ministry at Central UMC, Stockton.



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

Methodism is the Christianity of GRACE. Every kind of Christianity has its own particular emphasis, and GRACE is ours! John Wesley, our founder, believed that God’s grace expresses itself in three ways: 1) before salvation as “the divine love that surrounds all humanity” – this grace is called Prevenient Grace; 2) in salvation as “a decisive change in the human heart” brought about through the prompting of grace and the guidance of the Holy Spirit – this grace is variously called Born Again, Saved, Conversion, or Justification – it is a new beginning marked by the inward assurance that our sins are forgiven; 3) after salvation as we grow in grace and through the power of the Holy Spirit are “enabled to increased in the knowledge and love of God and in the love for our neighbor” – this grace is called Sanctification or Perfection or Holiness. For Wesley, the gift of Christian “perfection” is “having the mind of Christ and walking as He walked.” In living lives of holiness we offer hope to the world and can work toward transforming our communities. As The Book of Discipline states: “This gracious gift of God’s power and love, the hope and expectation of the faithful, is neither warranted by our efforts nor limited by our frailties.” Being complete, whole, and perfected in grace is the desire of every Christian’s heart, according to Wesley, and while we can only ever approximate it this side of heaven, it is because of this desire in response to God’s grace that we, in partnership with the Holy Spirit, may transform the world. (All quotes are from The Book of Discipline 2016, pages 52 & 53.)



By officially joining Galt UMC you are saying “these are the flawed and fantastic human beings that I want to grow in Christ with!” The next opportunity to take

membership vows is on March 26. If you would like to join, please let Pastor Mary know so she can plan to meet with you and answer any questions you might have. Membership vows can be taken at either Galt UMC or Bruceville Point on March 26.

Sign outside Lititz (PA) Moravian Church:
“GODISNOWHERE”
Now read it again.
“GOD IS NOW HERE.”



Ever heard, I’m giving up sweets for Lent”? Why does Lent make people want to give up something? And how do you calculate the 40 days of Lent?

To see Chuck’s video - - [Click Here](#)
2:36



Are you interested in starting a Men’s Group at Galt UMC? The monthly men’s breakfast has taken a break for lack of participation. Is it possible that God is calling our men to create something new? Please let Pastor Mary know if you are interested in exploring this idea .further.

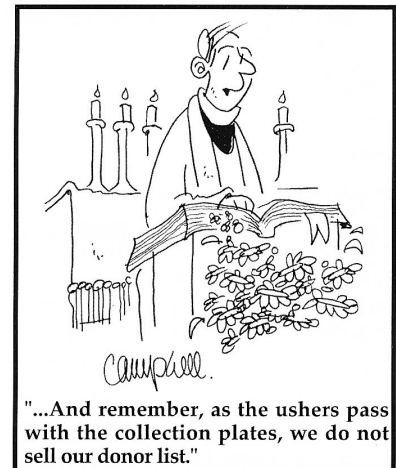


Pictorial Directory or Photo Board?

With so many new people – and so many beautiful faces – wouldn’t it be lovely to have a pictorial directory or at least a photo board on Sunday mornings? Anyone interested in taking on this project, please see Pastor Mary



2:00AM - Sunday,
March 12



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March



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>For more info on any activity, please contact Pastor Mary at 530-417-6584 mjzmaage@yahoo.com</p> <p>For Bible Study link on Sundays, please contact Pastor Mary</p>			<p>1</p> <p>NA group meets at 6:00pm</p> <p>AA group meets at 6:00pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Lunch Bunch 11:30am at Full Moon Palace, 1000 C Street #50</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>4</p> <p>AA group meets at 8:00am</p> <p>Nor anon meets at 9:15am</p>
<p>Worship 10:00 Holy Communion</p> <p>Second Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Bruceville Worship 1:30pm</p> <p>Bible Study on ZOOM 4:00pm-5:00</p> <p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Quilt Club 11:00am</p> <p>AA group meets at 7:00pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Bible Study in person 11:00am</p> <p>Building Committee 6:30pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Set-up for Sunshine Pantry 8:30-10:30am</p> <p>NA group meets at 6:00pm</p> <p>AA group meets at 6:00pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Sunshine Pantry distribution 7:30-10:00am</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>11</p> <p>AA group meets at 8:00am</p> <p>Nor anon meets at 9:15am</p>
<p>Lord's Lambs 12</p> <p>Worship 10:00am</p> <p>Third Sunday of Lent Daylight Savings Time begins</p> <p>Bruceville Worship 1:30pm</p> <p>Bible Study on ZOOM 4:00-5:00pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Quilt Club 11:00am</p> <p>AA group meets at 7:00pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Bible Study in person 11:00am</p> <p>Building Committee 6:30pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Trustees meet 4:30pm</p> <p>NA group meets at 6:00pm</p> <p>AA group meets at 6:00pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Finance Committee in-person & ZOOM 11:15am</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Women's meeting 10:00am at the church</p> <p>AA group meets at 8:00am</p>
<p>Worship 10:00am</p> <p>Fourth Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Bruceville Worship 1:30pm</p> <p>Bible Study on ZOOM 4:00-5:00pm</p> <p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Quilt Club 11:00am</p> <p>AA group meets at 7:00pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Bible Study in person 11:00am</p> <p>Building Committee 6:30pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Set-up for Sunshine Pantry 8:00-10:30am</p> <p>NA group meets at 6:00pm</p> <p>AA group meets at 6:00pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Sunshine Pantry distribution 7:30-10:00am</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Empty Bowls Soup Fundraiser 6:00-9:00pm Littleton Center Galt</p> <p>AA group meets at 8:00am</p> <p>Nor anon meets at 9:15am</p>
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