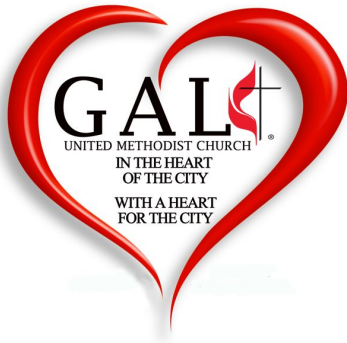


Galt UMC This Week



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.



January 16, 2023

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



Music touches the human soul in ways that words alone can fail to reach. I think that is why the angels sing about the birth of Christ. Some news is SO big that only music can carry the message to the depth of our beings. Most of us have a song or two that completely captures a certain time in our life, when we hear it all the memories come flooding back. Maybe it was a song popular at the time when you fell in love; or a Disney sound track that you listened to hundreds of times when your children or grandchildren were little; or maybe it was a hymn played at the funeral of a loved one. When I was living in New Jersey, serving a Church and thinking about where I wanted to raise my children -- my husband Boikanyo was open to anywhere, which left the final decision to me – the Mamas and the Papas song “California Dreamin’” would bring me to tears every time and was a sign that I needed to come home to northern California where I was born and raised. “California Dreamin’” still has the capacity to make me teary, evoking a time when my husband and I were planning for a future that did not end up unfolding in the way that we hoped. Yet, I love that song still as a reminder that there are still futures worth hoping for. It is in my list of personal sacred songs, though it doesn't once mention God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit. Do you have a song that is a secular or worldly song that feels significant, even holy? Or a hymn that has great meaning for you? If you are willing to name the song/hymn and the reason it is important to you, I would love to have a column in future newsletters that shares your song and story with our Church family.



Blessings, Pastor Mary

Jesus as Storyteller Worship Series



Our altar looks like a warm and inviting library as a reminder of how the stories told by Jesus are an invitation to enter His imagination. The stories Jesus told were designed to shape the way we think about our relationship with God, neighbor, and ourselves. Last week we heard how Jesus described the Kingdom of Heaven so that people from all walks of life would understand His message. This week we will explore Jesus's stories about finding the lost, with readings from Luke, Chapter 15, including the story of the Prodigal Son. Sermon: “Lost & Found”

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Fifth Sunday Potluck

January 29

It's that time again! Time for our first fifth Sunday potluck of the new year. New year, new divisions of the alphabet. In the first group, with the last names starting with A thru C, please bring a dessert (something simple). The next grouping will be D thru L, please bring a 'side dish' of biscuits, cornbread (butter, anyone?), vegetable or fruit platter. The final group will be M thru Z. This group gets all the fun. Since its cold, wet and stormy out, let's bring some 'body and soul' warming chili, soups or stews. Any questions? Call me, Mona Stratton at 334-235-1467. The fifth is our first. Can't wait.

NEWS & Notes



United Women in Faith meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 21st 2023 in the church Fellowship hall.

- *Program: Planning for the year!
- *Meeting will start at 10 am with a devotion and prayer.
- *We will finish with a light salad lunch and dessert provided by the Kumars!
- *Any female member of our church is welcome to attend and be part of our group even if you can join us once in a while.

Thank you
Rosie Kumar

Heifer Project Special Christmas Offering



\$2000 was raised for our special Heifer Project offering! It was decided at Worship this past Sunday to purchase biogas stoves and a solar powered well for a village, plus a water buffalo. We don't choose which country receives what animals – it depends on which communities are ready. Thank you for your amazing generosity in making this possible.

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Mary works six days a week – her day off is Friday. If it's not an emergency, please wait until Saturday to reach out to her.



Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am – 1pm



Trustees

Trustees Elect Officers

At their first meeting of 2023, the Galt UMC Board of Trustees re-elected Rob Seibel as Chair, Jim Parrish as Vice-Chair, and Pearl Silva as Treasurer – Rosie Kumar was elected as Secretary to replace our beloved Candy Marhefka who stepped down from Trustees because of health challenges. We are grateful to these hard working servants for taking such good care of our Church properties! These four are joined on the Board of Trustees by Richard Farhat. We can have up to 9 people on the Trustees. If you are willing to serve God in this way, please let Pastor Mary or Rob Seibel know.

Hospitality Host



January 22

Mercedis & Mariah
Diego

January 29

5th Sunday
Potluck

GREETERS SCHEDULE

January 22

Jessie & Tammy
Dennison

January 29

Evan & Mary
Sullivan

Our District Prayer focus this week:

January 22: Pray for Salem UMC, Lodi

January 29: Pray over highlights of ministries in each place so far this year



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
WEEKLY
Sneak Peek



Bruceville Point Ministry every Sunday at 1:30pm at Bruceville Point Senior Living in Elk Grove

Pastor Mary welcomes anyone from Galt UMC who might want to come and read Scripture, or just come and be in fellowship with our friends there.



Tuesday, January 17, 11:00am- In person Bible Study: Scripture 101.



Tuesday, January 17, 6:30pm. in church office.



Wednesday, January 18, 8:00 to 11:30am: Sunshine Food Pantry prepares food boxes for delivery to seniors.



Thursday, January 19, 9:30am: in person and ZOOM.



United Women in Faith

Saturday, January 21, 10:00am in church fellowship hall. Meeting and lunch.

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, January 22, 10:00am, Galt UMC morning worship.



Sunday, January 22, 1:30pm, Bruceville Point in person worship.



Sunday, January 22, 4:00pm, Bible Study on ZOOM: Romans



Monday, January 23, 11:00am, Quilt Club.



On ZOOM @ 4pm on Sundays "Romans"

We have begun our study of Romans! Ten of us logged on to begin a powerful journey into the faith, the heart, and the mind of Paul. It is not too late to join. Even if you can only attend on occasion, you will always get something out of the conversation. And you're not forced to share or make any comments whatsoever.



January 29

Topic: Bible Study: Romans

Time: Jan 15, 2023 04:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sun

Join Zoom Meeting

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



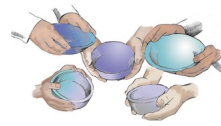
The Work of the Church – How Our Church Works by Pastor Mary

At a Special Church Conference on May 12, 2022 the Building Committee for the Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center, Inc. was established with David Herburger as its chair. What is a Special Church Conference, you ask?

It is a meeting called by the District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church, at our request, to make decisions that will have a big impact on future mission and ministries. At this same meeting the by-laws that established the Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center, Inc. as its own 501(c)3 non-profit charity were also adopted. One of the things about being United Methodist is that we are a “connectional” system, which means Galt UMC functions as one part of a whole. In other words, we have to keep the whole Methodist hierarchy in the loop when big decisions get made. These decisions were made last year so that American Rescue Plan Act monies that were designated for community non-profits, but not Churches, could be accessed by our food pantry. And, guess what, this effort paid off! We received a \$200,000 grant from Sacramento County, advocated for by Supervisor Don Nottoli, toward the construction of our food pantry building. The Building Committee estimates that we will need a million dollars to build a state of the art building that will minimize the wear and tear on volunteers, create a place out of the elements for our patrons, and include solar panels, food recovery capability, and a space where our patrons can be connected up with other agencies that can help with resources and services. Right here! Right next to our Galt UMC parking lot! We are nearly halfway there, with our goal being to complete fundraising by October of this year. How is that possible? PRAYER, of course! Also, grant writing, fundraisers, and generous individual donors. If you have questions about any of this, feel free to ask me, or David Herburger (916-712-2815), or any of the other members of the Building Committee: Faye Gaines, Sandie Benadum, Leesa Klotz, Alan Weinel. Recently Mark King, our fundraising chair, and Pearl Silva, Chief Financial Officer for the Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center, Inc. have also been attending the Building Committee since we can't build anything until we have all the money to spend! We are determined to build this debt free with all money raised up front. Did I mention we need prayer???



Shared by Betty Yoder



Family Game Night! Back by popular demand! Saturday, February 18, 5-7pm, finger food potluck and games. For more info or to volunteer to help set up and clean up, contact Abigail Curlee at 916-595-2822.

Empty Bowls Fundraiser for the Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center, Inc. Building Fund! All you can eat soup, and more! \$20 adult ticket, \$5 child ticket. Saturday, March 25, 6pm at the Littleton Center. For more information, contact Faye Gaines at 209-200-2628.



Many thanks to Pearl Silva and Mercedes Diego who struggled to resuscitate our deteriorating copy machine in the Church Office. Thank you, Pearl and Earl Arrants, for driving to Best Buy to purchase our new one. Your Finance and Office teams are very careful with your money, but at some point you can't get water from a rock, or copies from a dead printer!



Due to weather concerns, last Sunday Lord's Lambs Sunday School was cancelled for Sunday, January 15. The Sunday School program will be held **NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 22.**



Lord's Lambs Sunday School
We are continuing to offer Sunday School for our children once a month for the foreseeable future. The dates for the coming months are: February 12, March 12, April 16. Of course, children are welcome in worship on all Sundays! We are grateful to have parents and grandparents of young children in our midst. We want to support you in raising your little ones by helping them to know the love of Jesus.

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