



# 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

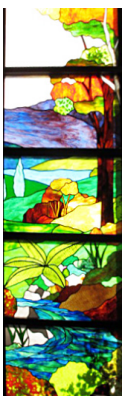
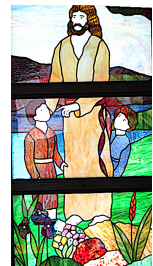
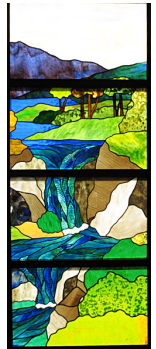
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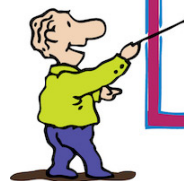
Lately, when I know I'm going to be on the phone for an extended time of pastoral care or mentoring, I have been doing these phone calls in the Sanctuary. I have been picking a new spot every time where I can focus my attention on one panel of stained glass. The stained glass in our Sanctuary is amazing! Just when I think I have a favorite, I move spots and I have a new favorite! In the afternoons, when the delta breeze kicks up, the trees behind the Jesus panel move and it looks like the Lord is moving. In the mornings, the sun behind the living waters panel makes the water look like it is literally flowing into our Sanctuary. I invite you to come anytime I am here to let you into the Sanctuary, to spend an extended time with the Holy Spirit and sit or stand in wonderment. The art of stained glass has its beginnings in the 7<sup>th</sup> century as Christians gathered in dedicated places, as opposed to homes or public spaces. These larger Church spaces required natural light from windows, but the priests did not want the distractions of the world to detract from concentration on worship. Tada! Some unnamed and long forgotten individual came up with the idea for stained glass! And the art form took off. Soon abstract designs like the "rose window" were supplemented with "story windows" that were essential for people who were not permitted to read Scripture or, later, were not literate. So, the stories of Jesus and the children, the Good Shepherd and the sheep, the Living Waters, the dove of the Holy Spirit, that bless our Sanctuary tell the story of God's goodness. That's what stained glass does throughout the world: tells the story of God's goodness.

Sometimes I am accused of seeing the world through rose-colored glasses. It's true I am a hope-filled person. But the glasses I see through are not just rose colored, they are all the colors of stained glass. I see God's goodness everywhere.

Blessings, Pastor Mary



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# NEWS & Notes



## **NEW WORSHIP SERIES:** **Extraordinary Children of the Bible**

Jesus invited the children to come to Him. He taught that in order to inherit the Kingdom of God we need to be more like children: open-hearted, enthusiastic, curious, hopeful, active, imaginative, and aware of our dependence on those more powerful than us. In this series we will embrace the child within each one of us, as well as come to know the Extraordinary Children of the Bible, including the Prophet Samuel, Moses's sister Miriam, and the Boy with the Loaves & the Fishes. July 16 Sermon: "Change and Become" Scripture: Matthew 18:1-5 and Matthew 19:13-15



*New Members Are Joining*

## **MEMBERSHIP CLASS: July 16**

Whether you are planning to join Galt UMC on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, or just considering it, or have been a member for a while and just want a refresher course, all are welcome to attend an hour long class at 11:15 at Galt and a half hour long class at Bruceville at 2:30. If you would like an outline of the topics we will be covering just ask Pastor Mary.

## **Expanded Worship Service Area**

Have you stopped and spent time admiring the beautiful space that is the entrance way, sometimes called the "narthex" of the Church? The ceiling is vaulted and the stained glass is lovely. Spend some time on a folding chair, or sit on the stairs, and breathe in the Spirit of God. At the Church Council meeting on June 25 a proposal from the Worship Committee was adopted to expand the Worship experience in our main sanctuary to include this space. Curious what is planned?? Stay tuned for updates. In the meantime, spend a little time in the entrance/narthex and make it a destination, not just a pass-through.

## **Character Coalition**



Pastor Mary, Faye Gaines, and Leesa Klotz regularly attend the Galt Community of Character Coalition whose mission statement is "transforming a community by inspiring, motivating, and recognizing good character." Membership is open to ANYONE WHO WANTS TO ATTEND. The meeting this month is being held in our Galt UMC social hall on this Tuesday afternoon at 4:30pm. Please come if you are interested in attending. Six times a year the Character Coalition awards individuals and groups who are nominated for embodying the "Community of Character Traits" which include responsibility, caring/compassion, integrity, honesty, respect, and pride in community. The volunteers of the Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center, Inc. are receiving the Character Coalition award for RESPECT at the beginning of the Galt City Council meeting on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. All are welcome to attend and celebrate this much deserved award.

## **GREETERS** **SCHEDULE**

### **July 16**

Glenda Greathouse  
Mary Simmons

### **July 23**

Karen & Kristine  
Honer

## **Hospitality Host**



### **July 16**

Faye Gaines  
Pearl Silva

### **July 23**

Dottie & Kim  
Farhat

## **Our District Prayer focus this week:**

July 16: Pray for Linden UMC.

July 23: Pray for St. Paul's UMC, Stockton.



You know the saying "It takes a village..."? Well, we are going to need a village to create the Family Picnic in August. We are in need of several items BESIDES THE FOOD.

**Saturday, August 12**

We would love to NOT USE the 'grills' at the park. Does anyone have a grill we could borrow? We will arrange transportation if necessary. We really could use two. Grill Master Kristine Honer already has one but really needs another to make sure there is enough grilling space for all the hamburgers and hot dogs for your expanded church family. We will be borrowing large ice chests from the food pantry for drinks, salads, etc. So, don't be surprised if you are asked to donate a bag or two of ice. It will take a lot of ice!

Richard Farhat is the Game Master with Abigail Curlee as his assistant. He will need supplies and actual help at the picnic. Anyone have any safe multi-generational games we could borrow? Does anyone have a Corn Hole set? Contact Richard if you would like to help. His number is 209-429-0324.

Mary Simmons will be the Salad Master and Debra Herburger is the Dessert Master. These ladies will be reaching out, looking for salad and dessert prep and actual physical help at the picnic. They may need a long list of volunteers as we know not (yet) how many people will need to be fed. But we will work on that.

Please feel free to offer help or ask questions to Pastor Mary, myself (Mona Stratton 334-235-1467), or any of the Picnic masters.

Remember the village? We need a village. YOU are the village.

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bil and Jeff Keane



"Sorry, that doesn't apply to your mother."

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# BBBO FOR THE BUILD

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE BUILDING FUND

Hosted by **SUNSHINE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER INC**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 5** 2023

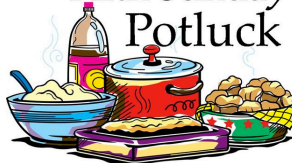
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5:00PM - 8:00PM

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**Fifth Sunday Potluck**



**Sunday, July 30**

Guess what month it is? It's JULY! Only 6 months to Christmas! My, how time flies! But closer than that is the Fifth Sunday Potluck. Theme? "Summer Salad Sunday."

If your last names starts with A-C, please bring THE SIDES. You know, fruit and veggie platters, fruit, cheese balls, crackers and/or chips. Those of you in the D-L section, please bring a salad (potato, macaroni, green, slaw, etc). And the M-Z group please bring FINGER desserts like cookies, cupcakes, brownies, crispies and the like. Just trying to keep prep doable with the raising daily temperatures and overheated kitchens. No transporting hot casseroles or keeping meals hot. If the heat is getting to you, then there is always Wal Mart, Raley's and Save Mart. Just saying. Any questions? I'm just a phone call away. Mona Stratton, Lay Leader, 334-235-1467. See you there.

*Friendly Reminder*

From the Financial Secretary: Our church bills continue to come in even though you may be on vacation or have missed a Sunday of worship.



**Tuesday, July 11, 11am BIBLE STUDY** in person: Revelation.

**Caring for the Community**

**Tuesday, July 11, 4:30pm** Character Coalition meets in Social Hall.



**Tuesday, July 11, 6:30pm Building Committee** meets in Church Office.

**Pastor Away Wednesday, July 12,** Pastor Mary away on Renewal Day.



**Wednesday, July 12, 8am – 11:30am** Sunshine Food Pantry prepares food boxes for delivery to seniors



**Wednesday, July 12, Trustees** at the parsonage during the day. 4:30pm meeting.



**Thursday, July 13, 7:30am-10:00am:** Sunshine Food Pantry open for public food distribution.

**Welcome to Worship**

**Sunday, July 16, 10am** Galt UMC & 1:30pm Bruceville Point: "Change and Become".



**Sunday, July 16, 11:15am; Galt: & 2:30pm: Bruceville:** Membership class, right after worship.



**Sunday July 16: 4:00pm** Bible Study on Romans on ZOOM.



**Monday, July 17, 11am** Quilt and Handiwork Club.



**Quilt & Handiwork Club @ 11am - 12:30 on Mondays**

There were 9 ladies last week who talked, crafted, shared our progress on projects, prayed, and got caught up with one another while keeping our hands busy. Don't know how to do things? You will be given something simple to do to support a larger project. It is so much fun!



**Bible Study in person @ 11am on Tuesdays Revelation**

Last week our beloved Bruceville friends were not able to join us, so the 16 of us from Galt talked about our own experiences with Bible Study in the past and what we are gaining from Bible Study now. It was a very rich experience of sharing, but we missed our Bruceville Buddies! This week we will address what Scripture means by SOON in relation to Christ's return.



**Bible Study on ZOOM @ 4pm on Sundays ROMANS**

Paul anticipated the immediate return of Christ and was plagued with what he called "great sorrow and unceasing anguish" that he wasn't able to call everyone to faith. Please join us as we decide what we will study next after Romans, and as we join Paul in the urgency that he reflects in Chapters 11 and 12 of Romans.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88085135477>

It's been HOT and DRY in Texas recently. It's so dry the Baptists started to baptize by sprinkling, the Methodists used wet-wipes, the Presbyterians were giving out rainchecks, and the Catholics were praying for the wine to turn back into water.

"A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures for anything." - Irish proverb



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

At Annual Conference there are always educational materials to inspire congregations to greater vitality. Over the next seven weeks I will share “a congregational assessment” from Rebekah Simon-Peter who was our main speaker. It is exciting to see how well Galt UMC is engaged in renewal! The first section asks the question HOW CLEAR ARE WE ABOUT OUR MISSION? The United Methodist Church mission is “To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.” Do you know what the Galt UMC mission is? Well, if you look at the very top of this newsletter – above the lovely boarder Papa Earl selects seasonally – you will see our Galt UMC version of this mission statement. To answer the question “how clear are we about our mission” you would want to ask yourself: *Are we 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?* If the answer is YES WE ARE, then our clarity will translate into enthusiasm for inviting others to experience what we have. If the answer is partially NO then we will want to make adjustments to our Church programs in order to become a YES. When we had a town hall meeting several months ago that was an effort to find ways to improve on our mission. What we learned is that you are mostly satisfied with worship – though there is desire for more frequent Holy Communion on the part of some – and you love the educational offerings and the chance to serve through the Sunshine Food Pantry. What you chiefly wanted was more time together to grow in love for one another. That is why our Lay Leader Mona Stratton has organized the Family Picnic. In the congregational assessment, a Church with a CLEAR MISSION says YES to three statements: 1) We know why we exist; 2) Our vision is a reflection of our mission; 3) We are excited and committed to our mission. Next week we will look at the BOLD VISION of Galt UMC.

### **God’s Kids Say and Do the Funniest Things**

- *Angels, as explained by children:*

—“I only know the names of two angels —

Hark and Harold.” Gregory, age 5

—“What I don’t get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them.”

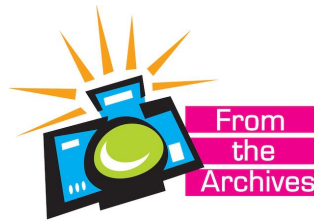
Sarah, age 7

—“My guardian angel helps me with math, but he’s not much good for science.” Henry, age 8

—“Some of the angels are in charge of helping heal sick animals and pets. And if they don’t make the animals get better, they help the child get over it.” Vicki, age 8

## The Roving Camera Eye

Activities from around Galt UMC



September  
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A Thursday morning Give-Away in 2015. You may notice some physical arrangement differences.



Some of our long time volunteers were around back then.

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