



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.



June 12, 2023

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



This past week in our study of the fifth chapter of James at our Tuesday morning Bible Study, we talked a lot about money. Jesus, Paul, James and the other early Church leaders understood how tempting it is to make money a focus over God. All warned of the dangers, with Jesus proclaiming, "You cannot serve God and wealth." (Matthew 6:24) When God is the center of our life and the building of God's kingdom our purpose, then our money can become an instrument of blessing for our neighbor, as well as a necessary vehicle for self-care. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, was concerned toward the end of his life that

Methodists were becoming more dependent on money for security than they were upon God. In a famous sermon preached in 1759 called "The Use of Money" Wesley encouraged Christians to "earn all we can" through diligent work; "save all we can" by giving up extravagant indulgences; and "give all we can" to those who have less. He wrote, *I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist.... But I am afraid, lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power.* Wesley believed that "the power" was based in total dependence on God over money, with our relationship with money reflecting that dependence on God. Thus, we have money to give away because we are disciplined in our employment and frugal in our expenditures.

But Pastor Mary, is Wesley saying we should never do anything fun or go on any adventures? Of course not! What he is saying is that money, like time, and like our very lives, belongs to God. All of it. Jesus Christ gave us the Great Commandment to love God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind, and our neighbor as ourselves. God, neighbor, self. It is up to each one of us to decide how much our neighbor gets and how much we keep for ourselves. Wesley considered how much Christians give our neighbor to be THE thing that sets us apart from the world. Lots to ponder and pray over, yes??

Blessings, Pastor Mary

p.s. We will begin our study of REVELATION on Tuesday, June 20 at our 11am Bible Study. This book of the Bible has been a source of much fear, misuse, and confusion. Come and learn together what these Scriptures have to teach us. I promise you will be happy you came.



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Office Hours: Tues. Wed. Thur.

9:00am - 1:00pm

NEWS & Notes



Upcoming Worship -

New Directory Available!



June 18, Father's Day: Guest Preacher Rosie Kumar, our Galt UMC Lay Servant Sermon: "Decluttering Your Souls" Scripture: Galatians 5:22-26 Special Music: John Miller *Pastor Mary is at Annual Conference and will return to our pulpit Sunday, June 25th.

Thank you Earl for all the hard work you put into keeping our directory current. If you don't have a printer to make yourself a copy at home, please let Mercedes know by calling the office during office hours, which are Tues, Wed, Thurs, from 9am - 1pm, and we will provide you with a printed copy. 209-745-4133

Stories Pastors Can Tell - -



Our United women in Faith will have their June meeting on June 17, @ 10 am in the Fellowship hall. The main program will be planning for the rest of the year! We hope to see you all there.

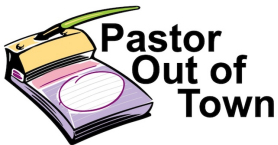
Thank you
Rosie Kumar

A man told his friend that he had been working to get rid of a lot of old "stuff" in the attic of his house. He said, "I was even able to throw out a large, old Bible that had been printed by some guy named Gooden...or Gutten..."

Not Guttenberg! his friend said, astounded. "Yeah, that's it."

"But don't you know that's a priceless, very rare Bible?"

"I don't think so," the man replied, "It had scribbles all in the margins by some guy named Martin Luther."



Pastor Mary will be out of town this week from Thursday through Sunday. She, along with Mercedes and Mariah Diego will be attending Annual Conference in Sacramento. She is available for emergency calls on her cell phone 530-417-6584.

"HERE'S A SHEKEL - AT LEAST GET ME AN HONORABLE MENTION IN THE BOOK OF JUDGES."

GREETERS SCHEDULE

June 18

Dave & Debbie Herburger

June 25

Sharon Drake
Jean Nelson

Hospitality Host



June 18

Sharon Hebein

June 25

Karen Honer
Kristine Honer





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

From Thursday afternoon through Sunday afternoon Mercedes Diego, Mariah Diego, and I will be attending Annual Conference Session (ACS) at the Convention Center in Sacramento. Mercedes is our Lay Member to Annual Conference and is a voting member of ACS for all legislation. I am also a voting member as clergy, but in addition to legislation I also attend a Clergy Session where we decide on recommendations regarding who to ordain or license for ministry. Mariah Diego is attending as a member of the Young Adult Caucus from the Central Valley District, and will have programs, meals, and discussions outside of the plenary sessions that Mercedes and I attend. Because some of the plenary sessions can be pretty boring (how many greetings from how many general conference boards really are necessary??), I have told Mercedes that she is free to go to the young adult sessions with Mariah if those are of more interest. Of course we will both be in our seats for all the legislative votes, including the vote on the disaffiliation of six Churches from our Conference. Once we return from Conference you can look forward to written reports in this column from all three of us. Meantime, please pray for our Conference. If you want to see any of it, it will be livestreamed at CNUMC.ORG

“Live neither in the past nor in the future, but let each day’s work absorb all your interest, energy, and enthusiasm. The best preparation for tomorrow is to do today’s work superbly well.”
- -Sir William Osler



This is a Sunshine Food Pantry Building Fund project.

SAVE THE DATE: “BBQ for the Build” Saturday, August 5, Galt UMC parking lot, \$50 tri tip & chicken – tickets on sale soon.



Many thanks to Rob Seibel, hard working Chair of the Board of Trustees, for mowing our lots on a hot afternoon! Rob, we appreciate all that you do to care for our property! (We need several more people on our Board of Trustees to lighten the load for Rob, Ed, Jim, Richard, and Rosie – please, pretty please, at least try it out for the balance of 2023??)

A waitress was serving a customer when a bald-headed gent entered and planted himself at a table near the rear. “That’s old Professor Snead,” the waitress said to a coworker. “He’s got a twin brother and they’re alike as peas in a pod, except this one’s stone deaf. Watch me have some fun with him.”

She walked over to the old gent, and, while smiling prettily the whole time, said, “Well, you old bald-headed baboon, what kind of food are you going to pour into that fat stomach of yours today?”

“The bald-headed gent answered softly, “I’ll have the ham and eggs, toast, and coffee. And, by the way, my brother is the deaf one.”

Our District Prayer focus this week:

June 18: Pray for Islander Ministry at Holy Cross, Stockton.

June 25: Pray for Central UMC, Stockton.

Last week to buy a brick!

Buy A Brick

Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center, Inc.

Our Buy-a-Brick Campaign will be closing on Father’s Day – June 18th. Please don’t miss out on a chance to recognize someone in your life and to leave a legacy in Galt. You will receive a certificate of appreciation as a keepsake for your purchase. Thank you for your support!!!

Please use the QR Code Below or navigate to:
<https://www.fundraisingbrick.com/online-orders/sunshinefoodpantry/>

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
WEEKLY
Sneak Peek



Tuesday, June 13, 11am
 BIBLE STUDY in person: THE LETTER OF JAMES.



Wednesday, June 14, 10:00am —
 Finance Committee in Church Office.



Wednesday, June 14, 8am –
 11:30am Sunshine Food Pantry prepares food boxes for delivery to seniors.



Thursday, June 15 – Sunday, June 18
 ANNUAL CONFERENCE CALIFORNIA-NEVADA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH –
 live stream at CNUMC.org



Saturday, June 17, 10:00am, Women's meeting in the Social Hall.

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, June 18, 10am Galt UMC & 1:30pm Bruceville Point Rosie Kumar, Guest Preacher and John Miller, Guest Musician



Sunday June 18: 4:00pm Bible Study on Romans on **ZOOM**. (Pastor Mary back from Conference in time for this!)



Monday, June 19, 11am Quilt and Handiwork Club.



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

What joy to come to know one another better while “playing” with fabric, yarn, “plarn”, scissors, and things Pastor Mary has never even heard of! Everyone is welcome. The conversation is wide ranging, and we always open with prayer.



Bible Study in person @ 11am on Tuesdays James

This is our last week with James! Please come check out the joy, energy, and love we share as we study Scripture together. We start REVELATION on June 20th. Pastor Mary has taught Revelation many times and looks forward to teaching it to us.



Bible Study on ZOOM @ 4pm on Sundays ROMANS

Every week has powerful Scripture lessons, as well as insights from the ZOOM class members. Newcomers are always welcome. Chapter 8 inspired us with words about adoption and vexed us with words about predestination. How can both be true at the same time? Come and learn!

Topic: Romans Bible Study
 Time: May 7, 2023 04:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sun, 15 occurrence(s)
 Join Zoom Meeting

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

An Irish golfer was about to tee off when a leprechaun stepped from behind a tree and whispered, “Sir, if you’ll agree never to court a woman, flirt with a girl, or marry, I’ll help you win.”

“Done,” said the golfer with a smile. when the golfer was in the clubhouse receiving congratulations for winning, the leprechaun popped up again and said, “Sir, I have to have your name for my records. What is it?”

“Father Murphy,” he replied.

“The wise person, even when he/she holds their tongue,

says more than when the fool speaks.”

- -Yaddish proverb



From the
Editor's Desk

This 'N That
From Here and There

-- By Earl Arrants

Rev. Paul Lintern of Oakland Lutheran and Southside Christian Churches in Mansfield, OH, follows the ongoing adventures of mythical Pastor Jeff Mutton of Good Lord Community Church.



Pastor Lintern

Old Hymn writers were rock stars of their times

"Isaac Watts was a rock star."

The other four pastors stopped in the middle of their coffee sips and looked up at Pastor Jeff Mutton as he walked into Pam's Cafe for their Monday clergy breakfast.

"Good to see you, too, Jeff," Father Tony replied. Where's your head today?

"I was just imagining the old hymn writers as today's musicians," Jeff said. "Nothing earth shattering, it's just that if Isaac Watts were alive today, he'd probably be playing guitar and living in Nashville."

"Okay, and if Matthew West lived in the 1700s he'd be in London wearing a powdered wig. What's your point?" Rev. Bill asked.

"It's just that every generation raises up their favorite hymn-writers — songwriters — and everyone sings what is popular, and then some of those songs disappear into the dust bin while others stick around forever."

"That, too, is a little obvious, but why are you on this kick?" Rev. Bill asked.

"We use an old hymnal at church. . . "Jeff said.

"You use a hymnal?" Tony chimed in.

"For 50 years now, same hymnal. A whole half century," Jeff said. "And I know all the hymns, and many are by ancient rock stars — Watts, Wesley, Bliss, Crosby..."

"Bing Crosby?" Tony asked.

"Not even going to dignify that one," Jeff responded. "They each wrote hundreds, even thousands of songs, were the rock stars of their time, and a very few of theirs have endured till now..."

Or at least until 50 years ago when your hymnal was new," Tony said.

Ignoring the comment, Jeff added, "So what makes one hymn disappear into oblivion, and another last forever?"

"Simple," Rev Bill said, digging into his newly arrived French toast. "The songs that last keep touching hearts, either by their words and tune or by the memories they evoke for people when they are sung."

"Memories?" Jeff asked.

"When I hear some songs, they remind me of older people I knew when I was growing up, hearing them sing," Bill said. "Each time I sing them it builds on those memories; they also get passed on for new people and new memories."

"And where the Spirit is involved, the Gospel keeps moving forward." he concluded.

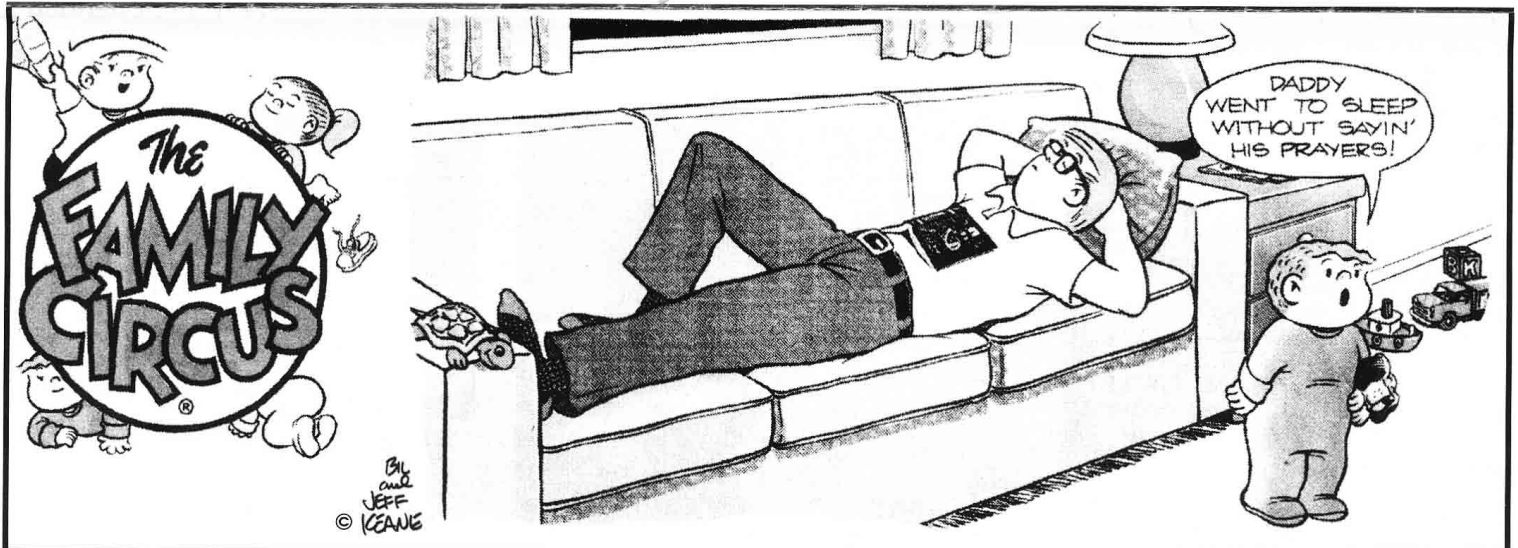
"And the Bing Crosby hymns live on." Tony said.

"Turn the page on that joke," Jeff said.

"Can't, we use video," Tony smiled.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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