



# 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.



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From the Editor's Desk

*This 'N That  
From Here and There*



From the Archives

May 2013

*Pastor Mary is back in the office, but last week she was at Annual Conference when she usually writes her column for the newsletter. So, instead the editor has chosen from the archives something written by former Galt UMC Pastor Judy Robbins from ten years ago.*



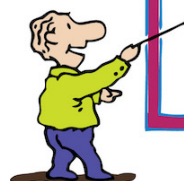
When Gary, Amity and I were visiting his sister in Alexandria Virginia in March we did a lot of sight-seeing. One of the places we visited on Sunday was Christ Episcopal Church, the church that George Washington and family attended more than 220 years ago. It was quite impressive in its history (many presidents have visited the church). As we were waiting for the service to begin I was pointed in the direction of the closest ladies restroom. As I went looking for it, a member of the church saw me looking around and she came up and asked if it was my first time to visit the church. When I replied that it was and that I was looking for the ladies room, she said, "Oh, let me show you where the nicest ladies restroom is." Then she took me in the opposite direction and into their newest church building.

As we walked toward the restrooms she pointed out the many new classrooms, a brand new youth room, and a spacious lounge area where one group was finishing up a Sunday School class. I was very impressed by the beautiful new building and all the activity going on in the church. But I was even more impressed by this member's love for her church and desire to help me, a first time visitor, feel welcomed and orientated. I rejoined Gary and the others excited with what I had learned about the church. Going into the historic sanctuary we were led to "The George Washington family box", a u shape set of pews situated in the front left side that they reserved especially for first time visitors so they can have the experience of sitting where George Washington sat.



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# NEWS & Notes



From the  
Editor's Desk

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Everyone we met at the church was very friendly. And, even though, the service was a more formal, liturgical style (as Episcopal service's are), it was easy to follow. I enjoyed how young and old, clergy and laity, took part in the service. And the female pastor gave an inspiring message. My sister-in-law and her husband were impressed and said that they would like to return and make it their church. I went away thinking it would be nice to worship there again if we travel to Virginia in the future.

I left there realizing how important it is for church members to feel good about their church and to have an excited eagerness about reaching out to visitors and helping them get acquainted with the church. It's nice to be able to tell visitors something about the history of the church, and the beautiful features of the church (stained glass windows, etc.). But even more important may be taking the time to introduce them to others in the church and telling them about church programs and ministries. If you find yourself sitting near someone whom you are unacquainted with, taking the time to introduce yourself and asking them a bit about themselves will leave a friendly impression. That was certainly our experience when we visited Christ Church and met many who gave us a friendly welcome.

Many of you are already doing a good job welcoming our first time church visitors. May all of us, likewise, reach out to them with the love of Jesus Christ!

-Judy Robbins

## GREETERS SCHEDULE

June 25

Sharon Drake  
Jean Nelson

July 2

Hospitality  
Host



June 25

Karen Honer  
Kristine Honer

July 2

Dave & Debra  
Herburger

## Upcoming Worship -

### "The Living Water of the Lord: Rivers, Wells, Pools, and Stormy Seas"

We have been to the river of baptism and remembered to Whom we belong and joined the woman at the well in receiving Living Water. On June 25 we will go to the Pool at Bethesda and ask, "Am I Worth More or Worth Less?" Pastor Mary will preach on the healing of the sick man from John, Chapter 5, and Dennis Yoder will sing.

**Big  
Thank  
You!**

Dear Congregation -

The Building Committee would like to thank those of you who purchased a founders brick. We had a goal of selling 100 bricks and we met that goal!

If you attend the August 5th BBQ fundraiser, you will get to see the bricks in-person!

Thank you again for your generosity!

"Good judgement comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgement."

— Will Rogers



*Typos that gnash the teeth*

The peacekeeping meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.

### Our District Prayer focus this week:

June 25: Pray for Central UMC, Stockton.

July 2: Pray for all churches/ministries.



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

Stay tuned for reports from Pastor Mary, Mercedes Diego, and Mariah Diego upon their return from Annual Conference.



We are grateful to Rosie Kumar for filling in to lead worship and preach at Galt UMC and Bruceville during Annual Conference!

The “water” flowing from the altar, reminding us of our baptism and also the living water of the Lord is thanks to the faith and creativity of Leesa Klotz. Thank you for enriching our worship experience, Leesa!



Mary Toledo Simmons, Glenda Greathouse, and Brenda Vargas will take membership vows on July 23<sup>rd</sup> to become official family members of Galt UMC! Are you interested in joining

them? If so, plan to come to a one-hour membership class upstairs immediately following worship on July 9 and July 16. For Bruceville Point folks the class will be half an hour long immediately following worship at Bruceville on those same two Sundays.



CALLING ALL INTERESTED PEOPLE -- June 25, right after worship  
Would you like to participate in the Church Council meeting this coming Sunday immediately after Worship?

All members and visitors at Galt UMC are welcome to come and listen as your Church leaders make decisions around two important topics: whether to hire a Music Director for Sunday mornings and whether to expand our Worship Space to include the entrance way (sometimes called the Narthex) of the Sanctuary building. If you would like to see the reports that will be presented to Church Council in advance of our meeting, please email Pastor Mary at [mjzmaaga@yahoo.com](mailto:mjzmaaga@yahoo.com) and she will email you back with the attachments. Anyone can have a voice at Church Council meetings, however only official Church Council members can vote. Voting members include Committee Chairs, plus Lay representatives. Don't understand what that means? Stick around and find out.



Guess what? Summer has arrived. Summertime means funtime. Funtime means PICNICS. Galt UMC (We) will be having a picnic on **Saturday, August 12**, 8am to 2pm, at Galt Community Park on Walnut Ave. It's a FAMILY PICNIC!

That means your entire family is invited: nephews, nieces, grands, great grands, brothers, sisters, wives, husbands, and parents. If you consider them 'family', then they are invited. We will just need a head count (later on). We would like to create 5 teams to help with the work. You and your family members can be on more than one team if you desire. We will need a GRILLMASTER & team, a GAMESMASTER & team, a salad team, a dessert team and a set up/clean up team. Many hands make light work. Please, PLEASE consider helping to make this a very exciting and fun family event. The church will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. You will probably need to bring beach towels and washcloths. Just saying. Please contact Pastor Mary or me, Mona Stratton (334-235-1467). DON'T make me bug you and beg you. You know I can do both! Let's make this the BIG EVENT of the summer!!!



### SPEED BUMP

by Dave Coverly



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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday  
**WEEKLY**  
*Sneak Peek*



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

Nine women gathered this past week and not one of us worked on a quilt. Instead, Sharon, Dez, Anne, and Mona are working on a cool project involving scraps that results in a basket! Jessie and her daughter Tammy worked on UFOs. (Unfinished projects, not extraterrestrial invaders!) Madeline made aprons and Pastor Mary clipped plastic bits off of Eva's sister's quilt. The prayers and conversation were touching and funny and love is growing among us all. Guess what? You are invited! As you can tell, you don't have to know how to quilt!



**Tuesday, June 20, 11am**  
 BIBLE STUDY in person: REVELATION BEGINS!



**Tuesday, June 20, 6:30pm** -  
 Building Committee.



**Wednesday, June 21, 8am - 11:30am** Sunshine Food Pantry prepares food boxes for delivery to seniors.

**Thursday, June 22, 7:30am - 10:00am** FOOD PANTRY PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

**Welcome to Worship**

**Sunday, June 25, 10am** Galt UMC & 1:30pm Bruceville Point PASTOR MARY BACK IN THE PULPIT Healing at the Bethsaida pool.



**Sunday June 25: 4:00pm** Bible Study on Romans on ZOOM.



**Monday, June 26, 11am** Quilt and Handiwork Club.



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



Feared, misunderstood, avoided REVELATION is the most talked about book of the Bible and the least studied verse by verse! More people know about the content of the novels, movies, and tv shows based on it than they do the actual Scripture itself. It is going to take us the rest of 2023 to make our way through it, but our studies will be totally worth it! Come whenever you can!



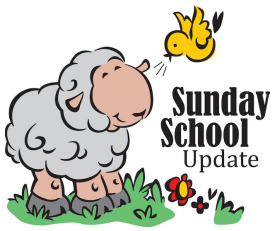
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**Bible Study on ZOOM @  
4pm on Sundays ROMANS**

"Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord," Paul wrote, yet he worried about how those who had tried earnestly to be obedient to the law would feel cheated by God's grace and mercy to those who lived outside of the law. This conversation started by Paul two thousand years ago in this letter continues to be relevant today. Come join us for an hour of spiritual power! All are welcome.

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



Galt UMC.'s Lord's Lambs will hold our next Sunday School meeting on Sunday, June 25, 2023 at the worship service at 10:00 A.M. Our theme will be "Love thy neighbor as thyself" following prayers and thanks.

Since most of the children who have attended Sunday School have practiced and should now know the first 2 verses of the hymn "Jesus Loves Me", we will be performing that song during that same worship service in front of the congregation.

Because your child will be singing, please arrive EARLY BEFORE THE SERVICE at 9:30 so that we can PRACTICE UPSTAIRS together for 30 minutes in the Sunday School room. I think you will agree with me that hearing children's voices raised in a sweet hymn is one of the most touching ways to worship God.

We look forward to seeing you and your child/ children on June 25th. Because of summer vacations and some adjustments being made to Sunday school plans, Lord's Lambs will not meet in July or August. Michele Weinel will no longer be able to teach along with Madeline. Please consider becoming a Sunday school teacher in the future at church. If you decide you would like to teach, please contact Pastor Mary Maaga or Madeline Powell at 209-400-8795. Thank you.

In the Lord's love,  
Madeline Powell, Children's Ministries

### Stories Pastors Can Tell

The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time. The interviewer asked her questions about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation.

"He's a funeral director," she answered.

The newsman then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living.

She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. A smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, and a preacher when in her 60's, and ;now — in her 80's — a funeral director.

The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.

"I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go," she replied.



New Galt UMC Church directories are now available. They are available as an email attachment (Contact Earl - 209-745-2753) or printed copies from the church office.

In an abundance of caution, Pastor Mary did not include the phone numbers of Bruceville Fellowship members in our directory. However, she has the phone numbers and is happy to share them with anyone from Galt who would like to be in touch. Just let her know who you are wanting to reach and she will give you his/ her number.

Blessings,  
Mary

A politician awoke in a hospital bed after a prolonged operation and found that the curtains were drawn around him.

"Why are the curtains closed?" he asked a nurse. "Is it nighttime?"

"No," the nurse replied. "There is a fire in a building across the street, and we didn't want you waking up and thinking the operation was unsuccessful."

**BBQ FOR THE BUILD**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE BUILDING FUND

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**Galt United Methodist Church**

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