



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 5, 2023

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



Summer vacation memories. I remember my family visiting my Mom's sister and family who lived on a farm in Oregon. We drove there in the family station wagon, all seven of us. We were living in Castro Valley at the time, surrounded by trees and rolling hills and a local lake. But I would say we were city folk in the sense of looking toward San Francisco and Oakland as places where we went and did things like going to the zoo or art gallery or eating out. After a very long and uncomfortable drive we finally arrived at the farm.

And it was everything I hoped it would be! First thing I noticed was that the dogs just wandered and followed me around – no need for a leash! Then there were the barn cats, one of them heavily pregnant. Oh how I hoped she would give birth while we were there. There were chickens everywhere, and one aggressive rooster who I had to avoid lest he chase me. Finally, there was Summer the cow, a gentle, sweet creature that my uncle let me milk in the evenings. My aunt cooked up a storm, making all kinds of wonderful things from her garden.



Funny how things from our childhood continue to have an impact on us as adults. When I hear the roosters crow every morning here in Galt, I am reminded of how simple and beautiful life truly is when we open our hearts up in gratitude. I have pledged to notice and give thanks to God for the simple things that make up the fabric of my life here in Galt. The sounds of roosters and trains and multiple languages. The sight of migratory birds and friendly faces. I love that God has given us important work to do here at Galt UMC – building a food pantry, helping to bring about high-quality affordable housing for seniors and veterans, shaping a worship and Sunday School program that includes everyone – not to mention the ongoing work of maintaining existing programs and buildings. My goodness it can feel like a lot, right? But don't forget to stop and smell the roses, to breathe deeply of the goodness of God, to see and hear and experience the love we share. God is good all the time! All the time God is good!



Blessings, Pastor Mary



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NEWS & Notes



NEW WORSHIP SERIES "The

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

June 11: Woman at the Well Scripture: John, excerpts from Chapter 4 Sermon: "After the Well" Special Music by Betty Metzger, Earl Arrants, Dennis Yoder and Mattie Shepherd; Worship Assistant Sharon Hebein

Congratulations!



Our own Brian King of KINGSOUND was named June Business of the Month by the Galt Chamber of Commerce for his exceptional commitment to our community. At Galt UMC we have been blessed with his generosity of time, talent, and treasure as he has improved our sound system. We still have more improvements to make, but will wait until we see whether we will be hiring a musician for Sunday mornings and what that person(s) needs might be. Meantime, please be patient with the occasional snap, crackle, pop in the sound system.



New Directory Available!

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

Ways you can **SERVE**

Help Wanted

Looks like we may have found our Membership Secretary! Stay tuned for a future announcement. But we still need at least one more person to serve on the Galt UMC Board of Trustees. Please let Pastor Mary know if you are interested in serving on this important committee. You don't need to be handy, just willing to lend a helping hand. Trustees meet monthly. Rob Seibel, Chair, can give you more information about what serving on the Trustees (480-363-9986)

Lunch Bunch News

22 people gathered for lunch at Papas & Wings this past week. It was our first time there and the food was good. But they ran out of chairs, so Pastor Mary had to sit on a stool overlooking the whole crowd!

GREETERS SCHEDULE

June 11

John & Cindy
Borgerding

June 18

Dave & Debbie
Herburger

Hospitality Host

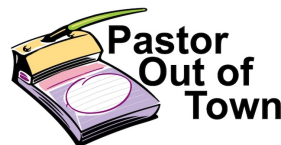


June 11

Ann Mitchell
Barbara Anderson

June 18

Sharon Hebein



On Wednesday, June 7, Pastor Mary will be out of the office attending the Conference Board of Trustees, of which she is Secretary, at the California-Nevada UMC offices in West Sacramento. On Thursday, June 8, she will attend the Character Coalition, a group in Galt that promotes qualities we value in our community, like integrity, respect, generosity, and honesty.

Sign outside Cheswold, DE, UMC:
"It's recreation. Not wreck creation."



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

Did you know that “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors” has been the slogan of the United Methodist Church since 2001? It replaced “Catch the Spirit,” a slogan that no longer fit since it was rare in modern times for people to have a Pentecostal spiritual experience in worshipping at a United Methodist Church. The new slogan was an expansion of “Open Doors” adopted as a mission statement by Grace UMC in Naperville, Illinois, in response to families with children with special needs. The congregation at Grace made a commitment to eliminating barriers so that all could worship together, regardless of sensory or physical challenges. The United Methodist Church was so impressed by this commitment that it decided to expand the slogan as an aspirational commitment to address all causes of division and suffering and to make Sunday mornings in the United Methodist Church a time of openhearted unity. OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS, God by Your Grace let it be even more so at Galt UMC!



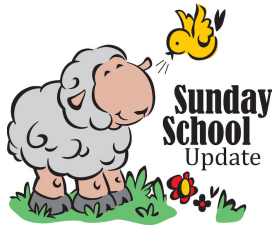
The wonderful people of Galt UMC helped with Margaret Luginbill's Celebration of Life. There were her beloved butterflies everywhere, on the tables and in the air. Live

butterflies were released among the massive rose bushes and towering trees of her cousin's home. Food for the many guests (some local, some far away) was plentiful.

Many thanks to the generous people of Galt UMC Our love of Margaret was more than evident. I would like to thank Jung Chu, Leesa Klotz, Madeline Powell, Anne Albrecht, Jackie Parker, Tom Hulse, Faith Ross, Faye Gaines, Eva Roach, Betty Yoder, Judy King, and anyone else I may have missed for their generosity of time and effort supplying hundreds of cookies, brownies, and bars. Thank you everyone for a job well done!

Mona Stratton
Lay Leader

“Politicians and babies should be changed often, and for the same reason.” (Mark Twain)



The Lord's Lambs will meet for Sunday school the last Sunday of the month in June 25, July 30, and August 27. We will sing, pray, and grow in our love of the Lord.

Our goal is 100 bricks - So far we've sold 80!



Buy A Brick

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/>

Sunshine Food Pantry Building Fund
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane



"Could the snake really talk, or was it like one of the Muppets?"

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



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
WEEKLY
Sneak Peek

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



Pastor Mary learned a new word this past week: PLARN.

It is when you take plastic bags and cut them to make “yarn” that can then be crocheted into fabric. WHUT?!?! This week she will be instructed in how to crochet, something she has never done before. Want to come sit and enjoy a project you are working on? Or learn something new like Pastor Mary? Everyone is welcome. The conversation is wide ranging, and we always open with prayer.



Tuesday, June 6, 11am BIBLE STUDY in person: THE LETTER OF JAMES.

Tuesday, June 6, 6:30pm —Building Committee for Sunshine Pantry.



Wednesday, June 7, 8am - 11:30am Sunshine Food Pantry prepares food boxes for delivery to seniors. **Thursday, June 8, 7:30-10:00am.** Sunshine Pantry Food distribution to public.

Special Event

Saturday, June 10, 10:00am, Funeral and Reception in Sanctuary and Social Hall for Price family member.

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, June 11, 10am Galt UMC & 1:30pm Bruceville Point Woman at the Well, Betty Metzger, piano. Mattie Shepherd singing.



Sunday June 11: 4:00pm Bible Study on Romans on ZOOM.



Monday, June 12, 11am Quilt and handiwork Club.

Doggy Wisdom

“People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life — like loving everybody and being nice, right? Well, dogs already know how to do that:

*Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly.

*When your loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

*Run, romp, and play daily.

*Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

*When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

*If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

*When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.

*Be faithful.



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

We are in Chapter 5 of James in which he challenges us to think about the spiritual dangers of wealth. We will wrap James up in the next two weeks and start on 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. This week we are in Chapter 8 which inspires with words about our adoption by the Spirit of God.

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>

*“How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?”

*“No one ever says ‘It’s only a game when their team is winning?’”

The Roving Camera Eye

Activities from around Galt UMC



Faye Gaines, Pantry Director, received a check for \$1000 for the Pantry Building Fund from Lake Canyon Principal Judy Hays.



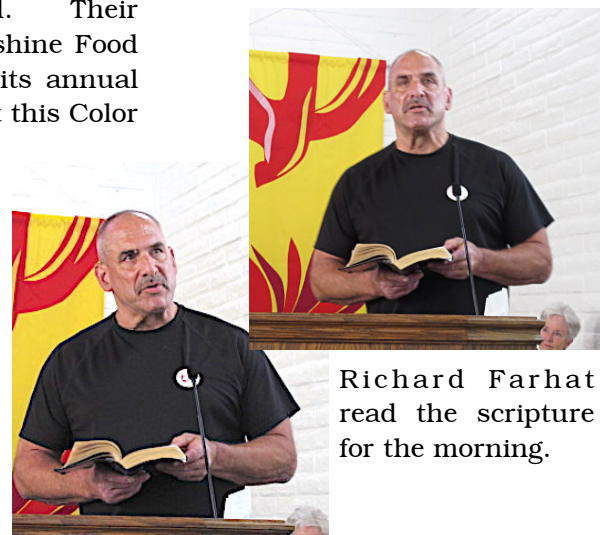
On Tuesday, May 30, three volunteers from our Sunshine Food Pantry made a visit to Lake Canyon Elementary School. Their purpose was to advertise the Sunshine Food Pantry. The school was holding its annual Color Run. You can ask Faye what this Color run was all about!



Hazel Hicks (pictured) and Mark King were on hand to help.



Sunday, June 4, the service was called to "Remember our Baptism". Special music selections were presented by vocalist/guitarist Emily Nazimko. Emily thrilled the congregation by leading congregational singing and performing several solo selections. Emily is the daughter of Sunshine Food Pantry volunteer Doug Gibson.



Richard Farhat read the scripture for the morning.



Pastor Mary was her usual animated self!



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