



# 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.



May 1, 2023

**Let's Talk – A Word from Pastor Mary Maaga** [mjzmaaga@yahoo.com](mailto:mjzmaaga@yahoo.com) 530-417-6584

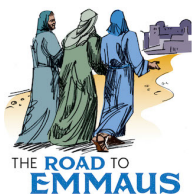


Every morning it is my routine to spend a time of prayer and ball tossing for Freya in the back yard. This past month I was treated to a symphony of iris beauty – blue, yellow, and white brilliance. There were so many iris in the planter box that they looked like they were jostling one another to gain my attention! Two years ago, when I was nearing the end of what was “supposed” to be my one and only year serving Galt UMC, I planted some iris bulbs in the planter in the backyard thinking they would be a pleasant surprise for whoever would be living in the parsonage following my short tenure as your pastor. How God must have laughed knowing the plan he had for me to put down roots in this Church and community! The other day it occurred to me that what I intended as a blessing for someone else has become a blessing for me. When Jesus taught us “do unto others as you would have them do unto you” he was showing us the way forward to be a blessing and a comfort and an inspiration to others. But isn't it true that when we bless others we receive a blessing as well? Years ago, I got a tattoo of an iris on my arm as a reminder to be loving and sensitive to people suffering from mental illness. I chose the iris because of Vincent Van Gogh's great love for it. Now, because of the Galt UMC parsonage planter box, the iris has come to symbolize the power of blessing as well. May we all be a blessing this week!

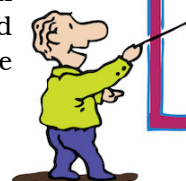


In the Lord's Resurrection Spirit, Pastor Mary

## **Upcoming Worship this week: Spring Beauty Sunday**



Next Sunday is SPRING BEAUTY SUNDAY! Wear floral designs, flowers in your hair, a lei around your neck! Bring a vase of flowers for the altar! We will also be celebrating Holy Communion. Betty Metzger will be at the piano, and Pastor Mary will be preaching on the walk to Emmaus when the disciples eyes were opened when the Lord blessed and broke the bread. (Luke 24:13-35)



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9:00am - 1:00pm

# NEWS & Notes



## Easter-tide Sermon Series: RESURRECTION LIVING

Easter-tide is the 50 day season between Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday and the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. For the next several weeks we will be celebrating "Resurrection Living" as we explore a few of the Scriptures from Jesus's resurrection appearances.



United Women in Faith

## **United Women in Faith** **Mission U**

\*Summer is coming and so is Mission U, an in-person opportunity for women and children in fellowship and study together. There are 3 United Women in Faith weekends to choose from:

\*\*June 2-4 at Monte Toyon Campground (Aptos) with Heather Hammer, Pastor and study leader.

\*\*July 28-30 at ECCO Conference Center (Oakhurst) with Katherine Parker, Missionary and study leader.

\*\*August 24-27 at Centennial UMC (Sacramento) with Lee Neish, pastor and study leader.

All sessions also offer youth and children's groups. This year's theme is "Living the Kingdom, a study of The Lord's Prayer.

Registration is now open for the June 2-4 weekend. If you've never been to Monte Toyon, visit their site in the trees, by the ocean. Invite a friend and make this a meaningful experience of your summer!

Thank You,  
Rosie Kumar

For more info or to register:  
[canvuwf.org/mission-u](http://canvuwf.org/mission-u)

## GREETERS SCHEDULE

### May 7

Eva Roach  
Sharon Drake

### May 14

Anne Albrecht  
Colleen Hurley

### May 7

Don & Faith  
Ross

### May 14

Mariah & Mercedes  
Diego

The Galt United Women in Faith are going on a field trip, and men are invited to join us for this adventure! On **Saturday May 20**, Lynne Hasz is giving us a personal guided tour of the Isleton Museum. Meet at the church at 8:45 AM, Drive to Isleton Museum, 29 Main Street, Isleton, CA



After the tour we will enjoy lunch together at Manny's Barzzeria, which is within walking distance of the museum (visit [www.mannysbarzzeria.com](http://www.mannysbarzzeria.com) to see the menu).

Please RSVP to Debra Herburger by May 17 so we can make lunch reservations. [Debra.Herburger@gmail.com](mailto:Debra.Herburger@gmail.com)

If you need a ride, include that in your RSVP. If you are able to drive a few others in your car so we can carpool, please include that information in your RSVP.



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## Hospitality Host





**WEEKLY**  
*Sneak Peek*



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

Holy conversations, handiwork to work on in community, beautiful pieces of fabric to admire – six to nine people come on a regular basis, and we would love to welcome you! We meet upstairs in the Sanctuary building – an elevator is available for those who cannot manage the stairs.



**Tuesday, May 2, 11am BIBLE STUDY** in person: THE LETTER OF JAMES.



**Wednesday, May 3, 8am – 11:30am** Sunshine Food Pantry prepares food boxes for delivery to seniors



**Thursday, May 4, 11:15am: Lunch Bunch at West Coast Sourdough Co. in Raley's Center.**

**Welcome to Worship**

**Sunday, May 7, 10am - Galt UMC and 1:15pm Bruceville Point.** Spring Beauty Sunday and Holy Communion.



**Sunday May 7: 4:00pm Bible Study on Romans on ZOOM.**



**Monday, May 8, 11am** Quilt and handiwork Club.



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

Last week we began the journey into James's understanding of financial resources as being both a blessing and a curse. This coming week James will invite us into a new relationship with money. Come join the conversation!



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

The ZOOM Bible Study on Sundays at 4 starts up again this week! Pastor Mary will recap the first five chapters of Romans, so this is a perfect week to start with this study. Beginner Bible Study students are welcome! No need to make a weekly commitment. Come when you can.

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>



**May**

- 1 Ike Luginbill
- 1 Ken Lee
- 2 Koshmick Kumar
- 4 Leesa Klotz
- 4 Jackie Parker
- 7 Inez Munoz
- 10 Saira Kanwal (Kumar)
- 20 Stacie Mitchell
- 22 Cameron Kumar
- 23 Colleen Hurley
- 25 Donovan King
- 25 Shaelan King
- 29 Dan Mitchell
- 29 Bob Webb
- 30 Marina Kemp
- 13 Jimmy & Faye Gaines
- 20 Walt & Sue Buckmaster
- 23 William & Tanya Diego
- 31 Hyo & Jung Chu



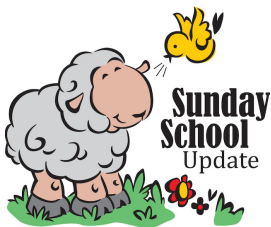
This coming week Pastor Mary will be out of the office on Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday she will be at a required Continuing Education workshop on "Clergy Boundaries" in Fairfield, and Thursday she will be at the Conference Board of Trustees in West Sacramento.





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

Last week I began sharing with you about the yearly meeting of United Methodist leaders called the Annual Conference Session (ACS). From June 15 – June 18 all pastors and at least one lay member from each Church in the California-Nevada Conference of the UMC will convene at the Sacramento Convention Center. We worship LOTS, and the music and preaching are always top notch. There is nothing like hearing the voices of 600 plus people singing with great conviction! While there is formal work we accomplish, including adopting a budget for the Conference, ordaining pastors, and passing legislation, the thing I love best about ACS is the chance to honor where we've been as a Church as we celebrate all the clergy and spouses who have died in the past year, as well as where we are headed as the youth and young people give voice to their concerns. I am proud of the fact that we have a young adult as our Lay Member to Annual Conference. Mercedes Diego brings deep faith and an inquiring mind to the proceedings. This year there will be an element of heartache. Several Churches in our Conference have asked to leave the United Methodist Church. Several other Churches are closing because of dwindling membership. As news of this has come to me, I am filled with deep gratitude that Galt UMC is thriving. This is not happening by accident. It is because of your hard work, devotion, faithfulness, and generosity. And most of all it is because of God's Grace,



The next Sunday school meeting with the Galt UMC lambs will be held during the 10:00 worship service on Sunday, May 21, 2023. Please let your children join us as we study a lesson about sharing

with others following Jesus' teachings.

A new toy barn has been partially assembled by our smart children, and is being finished by Mark King. (Thank you!) It will be in the play area upstairs complete with plastic animals and "people"--a great way for the kids to use their imaginations while sharing and having fun after prayers, a short story and lesson.

We hope to see you all then!

In His Love,  
Madeline Powell and Mary Blackwell, Sunday school teachers



Many thanks to Mona Stratton and her team for setting up and cleaning up for our Fifth Sunday Potluck. Thank you also to Colleen Hurley for leading our Town Hall conversation.

What a blessing to have had members of the Browning/Ahern family in our sanctuary this past week. They were in Galt to lay Ron Browning to rest in the Galt cemetery along with his mother Pat Ahern, who passed away 8 years ago and who was an important leader at Galt UMC. The Browning/Ahern family helped fund the stained glass that brings all of us such joy.

## Inquiring Minds Want to Know

**What is Lunch Bunch?** *We are people from Galt UMC who love to spend time together outside of the Church building. On the first Thursday of every month at 11:30am we meet at an area restaurant, buy our own lunch, and enjoy one another's company. Everyone is welcome! It is a great way to deepen connection. This month we are meeting at the West Coast Sourdough sandwich shop in the Raleys Shopping Center on Thursday, **May 4 at 11:15am to avoid the lunch crowd.***

**What is Stone Soup?** *This is a soup and bread lunch based on a story about our being stronger together than apart. The soup is made from individual "leftover" items you might have in your cupboards – a few beans, a can of tomatoes, an onion – that on their own are not delicious, but put together by Debra Herberger VOILA! Delicious! Our Stone Soup Lunch will be on May 28 (Pentecost). Please bring your soup items the Sunday before.*



Mark your calendars now for upcoming Building Project Fundraising Events:

Sunshine in the Vineyard, Saturday, June 24, Valensin Vineyard \$75 a ticket: gourmet nibbles, wine & beer, live auction. Tickets go on sale soon.

Farm to Food Pantry Barbecue, Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> in the Galt UMC Parking Lot: more details soon!



# May



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Quilt Club 11:00am AA group meets at 7:00pm	2 Bible Study in person 11:00am	3 NA group meets at 6:00pm AA group meets at 6:00pm	4 Lunch Bunch 11:15am at Westcoast Sourdough in Raley's Center	5 Pastor's Day Off	6 Dennison Memorial 1:00pm AA group meets at 8:00am Nor anon meets at 9:15am
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