



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



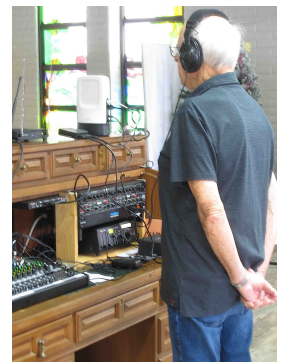
At the Town Hall meeting the other day, Michele Weinel lifted up how grateful she was for the parking lot worship we had during the pandemic. Thank you, Michele, for reminding us how far we've come. For me, because of the pandemic, I got to know many of you at a deeper level as we visited over the phone. Some of you I got to know as we figured out how to carry on worship in spite of all the restrictions. I have deep gratitude for Dennis Yoder with the online worship, but also the whole team of people who set up the chairs and sound system and altar arrangement in the parking lot. I was always able to count on Mariah and Mercedes Diego to help, as well as

Dan Mitchell setting up sound, and Leesa Klotz with visuals. And, then, when we were able to be back in our beautiful sanctuary, there was the wiping down and safe distancing and mask wearing. Rosie Kumar filed detailed paperwork for us to gain Conference permission to be back in our sanctuary. Sandie Benadum ordered supplies. Remember how resilient and nimble we had to be?

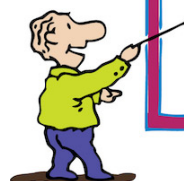
Remember how great a joy it was when we finally got to sing? And finally got to have coffee hour? And at long last got to give each other hugs? There is such joy when we gather for worship on Sundays. I feel that joy at Galt and at Bruceville Point. Is it because we don't take worshipping together for granted thanks to the pandemic? I am thanking God

that I got to be here with you as together we triumphed through the pandemic thanks to the Resurrection Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Love in Christ, Pastor Mary



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NEWS & Notes



Upcoming Worship – May 21 RESURRECTION LIVING: FEED MY LAMBS

Resurrection Living means listening for the voice of the Lord; doing as the Spirit prompts even when you are being asked to take a leap of faith; opening your eyes to the many ways Christ is present in your life; practicing peace through forgiveness. In this final installment of Resurrection Living, the Lord asks Peter, "Do you love me?" and asks us to demonstrate that love through feeding His lambs.

Saturday, August 12th



Mark your calendars now for a fun event for your family and friends! At the Town Hall, and in your surveys, we heard loud and clear how much you love spending time together! Walnut Avenue Park Pavilion is reserved for us from 8am – 2pm on August 12. Lay Leader Mona Stratton is our PICNIC MASTER and will get more details to us soon. There will be a GRILL MASTER and a GAMES MASTER and loads of food and fun. Want to help? Please let Mona Stratton know: 334-235-1467



No Car Doesn't Mean No Pastor

Just a reminder that Pastor Mary and Zola are sharing a car right now and sometimes Pastor Mary walks to Church or is dropped off. When in doubt, text or call. Pastor Mary is putting in the same six days a week for us that she always has. And, thank you, to all of you who are honoring her day off on Friday by not phoning or texting unless it is an emergency.



The Birthday of the Church – is on Sunday, May 28th. Wear your party clothes and plan to stay after Worship for Stone Soup. We are better together! It is also Memorial Sunday and we will have a moment of silence and a prayer of gratitude for those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.



Sunday, May 21st Roundtable Discussion following Worship in the upstairs meeting room

Would you like to learn more about what is happening in the United Methodist Church with the disaffiliation of local Churches around issues of human sexuality? Have you been hearing that Bishop Carcano is on suspension and would like to have questions answered about that? This is a chance for us to spend time together to voice concerns and ask questions of Pastor Mary and Lay Leader to Annual Conference Mercedes Diego.

GREETERS SCHEDULE

May 21
Mariah & Mercedes
Diego

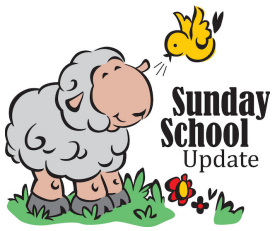
May 28
Judy King
Mona Stratton

Hospitality Host



May 21
Tom & Linda
Hulse

May 28
Candy & Ricky
Toynbee



Our Lord's Lambs' Sunday school will meet for a class this coming Sunday, May 21st during the 10:00 A.M. worship service in the Sunday school room. The theme for this lesson will be sharing with

others.

Please join us for prayers, a short story, a thanks bank note discussion, and we will introduce a new toy barn partially built by the children and finished by Mark King whose work and time we do appreciate. It is complete with corrals, animals, little "people", and toy vehicles that can spark kids' imaginations while sharing items involved with the farm.

We hope to see all of our Little Lambs on Sunday because teachers Mary Blackwell, Mercedes Diego, and Madeline Powell are looking forward to sharing Jesus' guidance with the class!

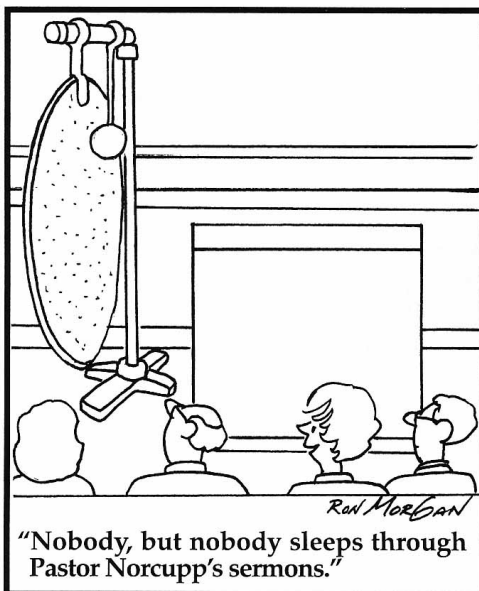
thank you

Many thanks to all who brought flowers for the altar the past two Sundays! Flowers for the altar are always welcome! - -

Thank you to Rob Seibel for mowing the two vacant lots. - -

Many thanks to Pearl Silva, Faye Gaines and Earl Arrants for staying after church each Sunday to take care of the Sunday offering.

Thank you Clydia Marks for your dozen gorgeous, long stemmed, yellow roses you donated for worship on Sunday, May 14th for children to give to their mothers and grandmothers on Mother's Day. These and so many other lovely donated flowers graced our altar for worship. Thank you and God bless mothers everywhere.



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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 to see the menu).

Please RSVP to Debra Herburger by May 17 so we can make lunch reservations. 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.



**Sunshine Food
Pantry upcoming
Building Fund
events**

The Building Committee decided to postpone our Valensin Winery Auction Event. The next event will be **BBQ FOR THE BUILD** which will be on Saturday, August 5 from 5:00pm – 8:00pm. More details in next week's newsletter.

Good Giving News!

Thanks be to God that despite the economy, your giving is up comparing April 2022 to April 2023. April's giving toward the general fund was \$15,166 in 2022 compared with this year \$16,779. This is especially good news given that we have had to make roof repairs, rewire the fans, and improve our sound system already this year. Your Church leaders are also prayerfully considering whether to take the leap of faith to hire a Sunday morning music director. Your generosity of treasure, time, and talent are growing our Church.



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
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 16, 11am BIBLE STUDY in person: THE LETTER OF JAMES.



Wednesday, May 17, 8am - 11:30am Sunshine Food Pantry prepares food boxes for delivery to seniors



Thursday, May 18, 10am Finance Committee meets in church office.



Saturday, May 20, 8:45am Isleton Museum trip.

Sunday, May 21, 10am - Galt UMC and 1:15pm Bruceville Point. Resurrection Living: Feed My Lambs. *Bring your Stone Soup item

Welcome to Worship



Sunday May 21: 11:15am Round Table discussion, upstairs.



Sunday May 21: 4:00pm Bible Study on Romans on ZOOM.



Monday, May 22, 11am Quilt and handiwork Club.



Monday, May 22, 5:30pm STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE meet on ZOOM.



Bible Study in person @ 11am on Tuesdays James

Twenty-eight people came to Bible Study this past week! James is challenging us to “love your neighbor as yourself” which he explains is connected with having mercy for one another instead of judgment. This is a powerful study with LOTS of insights from the people who gather. You are welcome to come and not say a peep, or come and ask lots of questions. You are welcome if you have barely ever read the Bible, or have been studying it your whole life. It is a come as you are Jesus party!



Bible Study on ZOOM @ 4pm on Sundays ROMANS

It's great to have Bible Study on ZOOM again! We are in the midst of the “sin” chapters in Romans, Chapters 6 & 7. Paul is teaching us that being “dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus” does not mean we don't stumble. Come learn more. First timers are always welcome.

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>

**Margaret Luginbill Celebration
of Life: Saturday, June 3 at
noon, 11810 Rising Road,
Wilton**

CORRECTION: 11810 Rising Road, Wilton is not a public park, but rather a private residence belonging to Margaret's cousin. While Margaret's family is taking care of the food, Pastor Mary has volunteered us to supply "forkless" desserts, such as cookies, brownies, cupcakes, rice treats and bars. They are expecting 150 people. Mona Stratton, Lay Leader, is organizing the desserts. She is looking for 25 dozen items. Please let her know what you can provide. 334-235-1467 or monastratton@comcast.net

NEWS

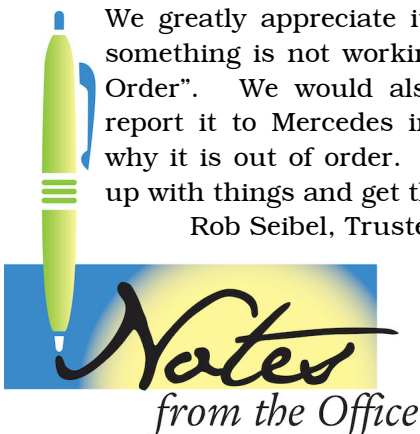
From Bruceville Point

Did you know that between 20 – 25 people gather for worship in the Bruceville Point theatre every Sunday at 1:30pm? Pastor Mary brings the same Scripture and message and is often accompanied by Mattie Shepherd. On occasion Earl Arrants plays the keyboard, or Richard Farhat reads Scripture. Judy King bakes cookies for refreshments after worship. Lately, Betty Stover, a resident of Bruceville and an accomplished organist, has been playing. Also, the Bruceville Point bus brings residents to attend our Tuesday Bible Study. It is such a joy for us to be together, and for our friends at Bruceville to be in our sanctuary/social hall space. Marina Bruns and Judy King take great joy in offering coffee and refreshments for our friends. Last week 10 people come on the bus for Bible Study. How blessed we are that God has led us to be in ministry together! Did you know that the United Methodist Conference is giving us accolades for having started a second service that is so well attended? Many thanks to Bob and MaryAnn Janes, Richard Moore, and Bob and Ann Webb for making this all happen for us. Thanks be to God!

A Note From the Trustees

We greatly appreciate it when you notify that something is not working and mark it "Out of Order". We would also like it if you would report it to Mercedes in the office along with why it is out of order. This will help up keep up with things and get them Xed sooner.

Rob Seibel, Trustee Chair, 480-363-9986



Time for Stone Soup Sunday!

It started with a can of stewed tomatoes and about a 1/2 cup of rice. Then someone brought in a couple of potatoes and an onion; pretty soon a bag that had chunks of ham and another one with some turkey were added to the growing pile. Each person contributed one or two items they had in their pantry, fridge or freezer and by the time we put it all together we had 2 large pots of delicious soup to share with all.

Please join us on May 28th right after the service for another round of Stone Soup fellowship. Bring anything you can to donate towards the soup to church on Sunday, May 21st.

You can also bring rolls, salad, corn bread, cupcakes, cookies...because EVERYTHING goes well with soup!

My favorite part of Stone Soup (besides eating it) is taking all the single donations of individuals and turning it into something significant that not only feeds many others, but also brings us together in fellowship. It reminds me of the work of the volunteers in the food pantry--they pull together donations from all over, whatever anyone can give, and the care and nourishment it provides is far more significant than any single item.

If you have questions about Stone Soup Sunday or have an item to donate but cannot bring it to church, email Debra Herburger at Debra.Herburger@gmail.com



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

HELP WANTED: The Membership Secretary for a local Church is an important role, though not generally a very demanding one. As Membership Secretary you hold a voting position on Church Council. You also take minutes for our yearly Church Conference held in the fall. You keep the membership records up to date in our physical membership record book as well as electronically in the Church Office. Changes in our membership records happen when members are baptized, join the Church, transfer to other Churches, pass away, or are removed by Church Conference action. If you are new to the Church and think you would like to be more in the center of things, please let me know. Also, if you are interested in joining Galt UMC please let me know. We are planning to take in new members in the late summer and I would like to schedule a membership class for those who are interested.



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