



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

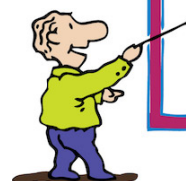


Since starting to work at age 17 I have loved aspects of every job I've ever had. I had the desire in most cases to make a lifetime career out of where I was working whether it was Sacramento City Hall, the University of Stirling, youth ministries, appointments to local Churches, and so on. I even hoped at various points that my writing career or retreat leading or life coaching would be long term and defining professions. Here's the strange thing, though. In every case a decision or event

outside my control has meant that I have never gotten to spend more than three years at any specific paid employment or location. I am 63 years old, and it finally occurred to me that maybe God is behind this. DUH! Of course! Given this history I have been holding my breath waiting to hear from District Superintendent David Niu as to whether I would be appointed to serve a fourth year at Galt UMC. For those of you new to the United Methodist Church way of doing things, local Church pastors are appointed by the Bishop one "conference" year at a time (July 1 – June 30). Pastors generally hear in April or May about their appointment status, and then that appointment is made official at the Annual Conference Session in mid-June. Imagine my relief when I was informed this week that (drum roll please) it is the Bishop's intention to re-appoint me to serve Galt UMC for a fourth year! The three-year pattern has been broken!! Together we are in the midst of some beautiful ministries and a mission of resourcing our community with food, housing, and hope. How grateful I am to God that I have an opportunity to continue to participate in all that Jesus Christ is bringing about in and through you!



Love in Christ, Pastor Mary



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NEWS & Notes



Upcoming Worship – May 28: PENTECOST and MEMORIAL SUNDAY

Scripture: Acts 2:1-13 Message:
“Pentecost of Peace, Pentecost of
Tongues, Pentecost of Boldness”

Pentecost is the final leg of our journey from ashes to fire that starts on Ash Wednesday, takes us through Lent, culminates in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and continues through Pentecost, which is when the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Church, since it is only by the power of the Holy Spirit that we are able to share God's Grace with humanity. Wear your birthday party clothes and plan to CATCH THE SPIRIT. Through a

trick of the calendar, this year Pentecost is also Memorial Sunday. We will be blessed with the music of Betty Metzger who will play something patriotic after we lift up a special prayer for all those who made the ultimate sacrifice.



Guess what? An anonymous angel put \$2200 case in the offering plate – the envelope had hearts and a note saying how much Galt UMC is appreciated! Guess what else? A couple at Bruceville Point is giving all the change they have collected over their years of tandem bike riding to the Children's Ministry fund. They say it will be close to \$800!

John Miller's Gift of Music

Did you know that John Miller sings at both Galt UMC and Bruceville Point and refuses to accept a financial honorarium? Would you like to thank him for his generosity of faith and talent? His address is: 7700 Dearne Way, Elk Grove 95757

Saturday, August 12th



Mark your calendars now for a fun event for your family and friends! 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. Want to help? Let Mona know: 334-235-1467

Ways you can **SERVE**

Membership Secretary Wanted

Are you interested in volunteering to become Membership Secretary at Galt UMC? You will help Pastor Mary keep the official records of membership accurate when people are baptized, join the Church, transfer their membership, or pass away. You also get to serve on the Church Council as a voting member. Interested? Please let Pastor Mary know.

Got Graduates?

We would love to celebrate with you any people in your life who are graduating from any level of school. Let us know!

GREETERS SCHEDULE

May 28

Judy King
Mona
Stratton

June 4

Glenda Greathouse
Mary Simmons

Hospitality Host



May 28

Candy & Ricky
Toynbee

June 4

Glenda Greathouse
Mary Simmons



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

This week I want to share with you the process through which a good idea can become a reality in a local United Methodist Church. Our case study will be one that your Galt UMC leaders are working on right now. As more visitors come to Worship at Galt, Church leaders have received feedback that the unpredictability of the style of music is a barrier, plus by having musicians who are only with us on an occasional basis, we are not able to develop a choir program. First, Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) under the leadership of Colleen Hurley discussed this issue at a meeting and decided to appoint a member of SPRC to find out how much Churches in our area pay for a Sunday morning musician/Director of Music Ministries; then, Finance Committee under the leadership of Pearl Silva was asked informally whether our giving trend might support such a paid position, and whether SPRC should develop a job description. The Finance Committee's answer was yes. This is where we are right now. So what is the official process moving forward? 1) SPRC creates a job description and a proposed salary which they take to Finance; 2) Finance looks at the giving trend, plus the potential for our members supporting such a position with increased giving; 3) If Finance doesn't think it's financially feasible the process ends there. If Finance endorses the position, then it is carried by SPRC to Church Council which has the power to vote yes as is, yes with changes in the job description or salary proposed, or no. If no, then the process ends there. If yes, then SPRC will go about advertising the position, and the Finance Committee will go about educating the congregation as to what it will take in terms of giving to make the position sustainable. Prayer and spiritual discernment is a part of every step in the decision making. I love our United Methodist process because it involves a lot of people in decision making. We are better together!



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. 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

Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center Building Fund

There are two ways to give to help us meet our goal of having enough money to provide a free-standing building for our food ministry. You can write a check to **Sunshine Food Pantry** and **mail** it to **P.O. Box 1265**, Galt, CA 95632 or you can log on to the food pantry website which is sunshinefoodpantrygalt.org and donate to the **Building Fund**. At this time, the website IS NOT set up to receive donations for the support of the Pantry itself. That support can be accomplished by sending a check directly to the Sunshine Food Pantry at P.O. Box 1265, Galt, CA 95632. Write "Pantry donation" on the memo line.

thank you

I want to thank all who have helped me during the past months. My husband, Bob, had been ill for a long time. Now I hope & pray he is in a better, pain free place. Thanks for your thoughts, prayers, casseroles, and lunch during our home health care and hospice help. It was all greatly appreciated. I thank God for His good works and good people.

Love, Jessie Dennison



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
WEEKLY
Sneak Peek



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

A quilt designed by the group and sewn by Madeline Powell was presented to Dottie Farhat this past week to give her comfort during her recovery from surgery. Our conversations are deep and we laugh a lot. Please join us, even if you are not crafty (Pastor Mary isn't!) – there are always threads to clip and fabric to cut.



Tuesday, May 23, 11am BIBLE STUDY in person: THE LETTER OF JAMES. We will also be deciding what book of the Bible we want to study next!



Tuesday, May 23, 6:30pm; Building Committee for the Sunshine Food Pantry.



Wednesday, May 24, 8:00-11:00am: Sunday Food Pantry prepares food boxes for seniors.



Wednesday, May 24, 4:30pm Trustees meet in church office and on



Thursday, May 25, 7:30-10:00am: Sunshine Food Pantry food distribution.

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, May 28, 10am - Galt UMC and 1:15pm Bruceville Point. Pentecost/Memorial Sunday.



Sunday May 28: 11:15am Stone Soup Lunch in Galt.



Sunday May 28: 4:00pm Bible Study on Romans on ZOOM.



Monday, May 29, 11am Quilt and handiwork Club.



Bible Study in person @ 11am on Tuesdays James

“Faith without works is dead” James boldly writes. How powerful to learn that works born of faith include how we speak and the intentions of our hearts, not only the things that we do. Come learn more this week from the pen of James. We will also be deciding what book of the Bible we will study next, or what topics we would like to explore. If you can't be at Bible Study this week, but have an opinion, please let Pastor Mary know.



Bible Study on ZOOM @ 4pm on Sundays ROMANS

If you have been thinking about logging on, this is a great week to do so! We are about to start Chapter 8 this coming week. Chapter 8 of Romans is one of the most powerful and influential chapters in the entirety of Holy Scripture.

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>

The Roving Camera Eye

Activities from around Galt UMC



Last Tuesday (May 16), Faye Gaines received an emergency call from the Galt Post Office. Please come and pick up our collection of food supplies. Faye sent out an appeal and volunteer Sunshine Food Pantry volunteers arrived at the post office.



The Volunteers went right to work and unloaded 5 shipping containers full of bagged food into 5 pickup trucks and 1 SUV!



Where did ALL that food go? By the end of the day on Tuesday, it appeared in our Social Hall! The next 4 days was spent in taking food out of bags and boxes, sorting, and storing!



Volunteers on duty:

Ed & Freddie Delgado
Mark Stockman
Hazel Hicks
John Hicks

Ernie Plasencia
Tom & Linda Hulse
Bob & Inez Munoz
Earl Arrants

Faye Gaines
Linda Seashore
Brenda Gahler
5 other family Volunteers



Thanks to Galt Area Postal Customers, our Sunshine Food Pantry is well stocked for the next few months!

Our Pantry Volunteers spent many hours putting the food into storage! How Many hours? Last week alone, Tuesday through Saturday it was 171 hours!

Photos by Faye Gaines



The Museum Visit - -

By Mona Stratton



Y'all missed out! You missed out on a beautiful drive on a God created beautiful day to a quaint, little nearby town of Isleton, full of local history and fabulous food. The newly remodeled and reopened museum was full of interesting articles with loads of pictures, beautiful tapestries and a few very old artifacts.



Our guide, and church member, Lynne Hasz was on hand to greet and lead us around the past and present of Isleton.



Photos by Judy King



After the visit to the museum, nine women, strolled down Main Street to Manny's Barzzeria where we had some fabulous food. Peach cobbler anyone? Like I said, if you weren't there, you missed out. Maybe we will see you the next time we have a church outing.



From the Editor's Desk

*This 'N That
From Here and There*

-- By Earl Arrants

I'm always on the lookout for something new to use as filler for blank spots in this newsletter. For over 25 years I've subscribed to a newsletter called *The Joyful Noiseletter*. It contains humorous stories and cartoons that I can legally reprint. Copyright laws what they are, a person needs to be especially careful what to put in a church, or school, newsletter. Sometimes it takes lots of looking!

Last week, at our Lunch Bunch lunch, Betty Bryant handed me a book that is JUST what I need! *Instant Cartoons for Church Newsletters* by George W. Knight, Compiler. Copyright permission is given to use in local church publications. WOW! Thanks Betty! I now have over a hundred ready made cartoons - enough for years to come! Of course, some are better than others. We'll see about that - - Thanks again Betty!! Here's are a couple samples:



"NO, GEORGE WASN'T SICK. HE WAS WORSHIPING THE HOUSEHOLD IDOL."

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