



# 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 29, 2023

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



I remember his name being spoken in hushed tones. His name was often accompanied by my aunt's tears, or the sad slow shaking of my uncle's head back and forth as he looked without seeing into the mid-distance. My uncle had lost his best friend in the Vietnam War. There had been a whole group of friends in high school who married one another, started businesses together, moved into neighborhoods near each other, but always there was this missing piece – this missing person – who had been lost to them in a place and in a way that none of them could quite take in, even decades after his death. Others in their group had served in Vietnam too, and had come home, rarely speaking of what they had experienced or done. What I mostly remember about my uncle is that when he would drink, he always drank too much, and when he drank too much that is when he would speak his friend's name in a grave, hushed way that had me refrain from asking the hundred and one questions that I usually peppered my favorite uncle with. As I have come to know you more deeply, I am aware that a number of you also have names that you speak in hushed tones: fathers and husbands and brothers and sons and cousins and friends who have died while serving our country. (Women die too in the service of our country, though I am not aware that any of you have lost a female loved one in war.) You are in my prayers this weekend. The names you speak in hushed tones echo in my heart. And, I believe, forever in the heart of God.

Love in Christ, Pastor Mary

p.s. Trauma and loss have no expiration date. If you would like to speak with me about the names that echo in your heart, please do not hesitate to reach out.

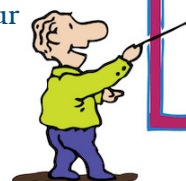


## NEW WORSHIP SERIES

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

The River Jordan, the Sea of Galilee, the Healing at the Bethesda Pool, the Woman at the Well – Seas parted, Seas calmed, Seas fished, Seas crossed – Jonah and the Whale, Paul and the Shipwreck, not to mention Noah and the Flood! Way too many stories about water in Scripture to cover in one worship series! For the next several weeks we will explore a few of these stories to “wet our whistle” for the Living Water of the Lord. We start at the River Jordan as we remember our baptism.

June 4: Holy Communion Guest Musician: Emily Nazimko with vocals and guitar



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9:00am - 1:00pm

# NEWS & Notes



Two or three times a year, Earl Arrants updates our directory with additions of people and corrections of information. If you have a new phone number, email address, or have moved, please let Earl know right away. This newest directory will have a page with mailing addresses, birthdays and anniversaries for our Bruceville Point friends! Papa Earl can be reached at [earrants\(at\)sbcbglobal.net](mailto:earrants@sbcbglobal.net) or 209-745-2753

## 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



## Ways you can SERVE

### Help Wanted

Membership Secretary for 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.

Members for the Board of Trustees: Join Rob Seibel, Ed Delgado, Jim Parrish, Richard Farhat, and Rosie Kumar in caring for our wonderful properties! You don't need to be handy, just willing to lend a helping hand. Trustees meet monthly. We are looking for two additional members, at least. Trustees can have up to nine members.

Let Pastor Mary know if either of these positions interest you and she can answer any questions you might have.



## Galt UMC looking YOUNG at Annual Conference!

Every June all the clergy and at least one lay member from each local Church gather for Annual Conference Session (ACS) where pastoral appointments are set and the business of the Conference takes place over four days. Galt UMC can be proud that our Lay Member to Annual Conference is Mercedes Diego, one of the youngest members to serve in this capacity, and also (drum roll please!) her sister Mariah Diego has been elected to represent our Central Valley District in the Youth and Young Adult delegation! They will

## GREETERS SCHEDULE

### June 4

Glenda Greathouse  
Mary Simmons

### June 11

John & Cindy  
Borgerding

## Hospitality Host



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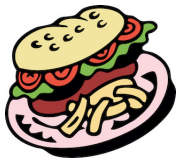
### June 11

Ann Mitchell  
Barbara Anderson

thank you

Many thanks to Debra Herburger for providing us with Stone Soup this past Sunday!

And thank you also to all the many Church leaders who work behind the scenes to help us be ready for the next exciting chapter in the life of Galt UMC – you know who you are!



**Lunch Bunch – this Thursday,**  
**June 1st, 11:30am Papas &**  
**Wings**

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 Papas & Wings, 803 C Street, Galt.



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



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



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

Many thanks to the 21 people who came to the Roundtable Discussion regarding the split in the United Methodist Church regarding human sexuality. Your Lay Member to Annual Conference Mercedes Diego and Pastor Mary plan to convene another round table in the coming months once more information is available regarding the scale of disaffiliation in our denomination. As Pastor Mary reported, only six Churches have decided to leave the UMC in the California-Nevada Conference. She also hopes to have more information that she can share regarding Bishop Carcano's ongoing suspension and anticipated ecclesiastical trial the next time we meet for a Roundtable Discussion. In the meantime, please keep our Bishop, as well as those who have brought charges against her, in your prayers. Bishop Carcano issued the following public statement: *While I regret that my complaint process has reached the place of an expected trial, I continue to have faith in our disciplinary procedures, and even greater faith in our God who does bring forth light in moments of darkness and healing in brokenness. I am in prayer for a trial process that is led by our United Methodist commitment to fairness and justice.*



**Stone Soup**

**Stone Soup Sunday THANKS**

So many individuals donated items that made delicious soup that we can all enjoy together. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Stone Soup and everyone who enjoyed fellowship with each other by sharing soup and bread with your church family.

The items donated include:

- Stewed tomatoes
- Onions
- Sweet Potatoes
- Carrots
- Canned vegetables
- Celery
- LOTS of pasta
- White beans
- Pinto beans
- Oxtails

Those items came together to make 3 delicious and nutritious soups:

Beef, vegetable and pasta soup  
 Chili

Vegan Sweet Potato Bisque

We will have another Stone Soup Sunday in the fall!

*Debra Herburger*

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& Resource Center, Inc.

**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](http://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.

Sign seen outside Central Baptist Church,  
 Jonesboro, AR"

"Forgive your enemies —  
 it messes with their heads."





This week at our Church

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



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

Bring a little something to do on your own or join others in projects they need help with.

All are welcome to come for prayer, conversation, and the making of beautiful things



**Tuesday, May 30, 11am BIBLE STUDY** in person: THE LETTER OF JAMES.



**Wednesday, May 31, 8am - 11:30am** Sunshine Food Pantry prepares food boxes for delivery to seniors



**Thursday, June 1, 11:30am Lunch Bunch** meets at Papas & Wings, corner of Lincoln Way and C Streets.

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, June 4, 10am Galt UMC & 1:30pm Bruceville Point THE LIVING WATER OF THE LORD/HOLY COMMUNION



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



**Monday, June 5, 11am** Quilt and handiwork Club.



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

James asks us to see all conflict in our hearts or in our relationship with others as an indication that we have drifted from God. The solution to conflicts and disputes? *Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.* We will be finishing up our study of James in the next two weeks. What have we decided to study next? REVELATION! Pastor Mary has taught Revelation many times and looks forward to teaching it to us.



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

You have much to gain and nothing to lose in trying out this Bible Study. Every week there are insights from class members that cause the words of Scripture to LIVE. Romans is one of the most influential books of the entire Bible. Come join us for an energetic study that includes friends from Florida, Maine, and many places in California.

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>



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

June

- 9 Dan & Stacie Mitchell
- 18 George & Betty Bryant
- 20 John & Marjorie Houck
- 26 JP & Mattie Shepherd
- 30 Bill & Debbie Watters



- 1 Debra Herburger
- 2 Madeline Powell
- 9 David Simmons
- 11 Sabrina Curlee
- 19 Kim Farhat
- 21 David Herburger

Sign seen in a grocery store:

“HOMEMADE BREADS AND BAKED GOODS  
 Never be afraid to do something new.  
 Amateurs built the Ark. Pros built the Titanic.”



# June



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <b>Lunch Bunch Papas &amp; Wings C &amp; Lincoln Way-11:30am</b>	2 Pastor's Day off	3 Margaret Luginbill's Celebration of Life Noon at 11810 Rising Rd. Wilton Home of Margaret's cousin NAR anon meets at 9:15am AA group meets at 8:00am
4 Galt Worship 10:00am Holy Communion Bruceville Worship 1:30pm <b>Romans Bible Study Zoom 4:00pm</b>	5 <b>Quilt Club 11:00am</b>  AA group meets at 7:00pm	6 <b>Bible Study 11:00am</b>  Building Committee 6:30pm	7 <b>Set up for Pantry Give-away 8:30-11:00am</b>  NA group meets at 6:00pm AA group meets at 9:00pm	8 <b>Sunshine Food Pantry food distribution 7:30-10:00am</b>	9 Pastor's Day off	10  AA group meets at 8:00am NAR anon meets at 9:15am
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18 Galt Worship 10:00am Bruceville Worship 1:30pm <u>Annual Conf. Ends</u> <b>Father's Dav</b> <b>Romans Bible Study Zoom 4:00pm</b>	19 <b>Quilt Club 11:00am</b>  AA group meets at 7:00pm	20 <b>Bible Study 11:00am</b>  Building Committee 6:30pm	21 <b>Set up for Pantry Give-away 8:30-11:00am</b>  NA group meets at 6:00pm AA group meets at 9:00pm	22 <b>Sunshine Food Pantry food distribution 7:30-10:00am</b>	23 Pastor's Day off	24  AA group meets at 8:00am NAR anon meets at 9:15am
25 Galt Worship 10:00am <b>Sunday School Church Council after worship</b> Bruceville Worship 1:30pm <b>Romans Bible Study Zoom 4:00pm</b>	26 <b>Quilt Club 11:00am</b>  AA group meets at 7:00pm	27 <b>Bible Study 11:00am</b>	28 NA group meets at 6:00pm AA group meets at 9:00pm <b>Trustees 4:30pm</b>	29 Pastor's Renewal Day	30 Pastor's Day off	

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