



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 8, 2023

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

*Worship
the
Father
in
spirit
and
truth.*
John 4:23

There is lots that I love about being a pastor. Toward the top of my list is the process of selecting and presenting Worship themes. It is a prayerful and spiritually charged activity, with many shifts and changes before I feel at peace/settled with God's will regarding what will please Him and inspire/comfort you. I work months ahead, so that I can study and also consult with Leesa Klotz about the altar and Sanctuary visuals. There is the added challenge of organizing musicians who will fit well with the "feel" of the service.

The reason I love this process is that the Holy Spirit is at the heart of the whole thing from start to finish, and often something happens during the Worship experience itself that is unexpected and special. While I am naturally nervous in leading Worship, it never fails that I personally receive a powerful gift at Galt and Bruceville Point from the way that YOU respond to Worship. There is nothing like the feeling that you received something that only God could provide you, and I got to be the conduit for it!

This week I will finish up my plans for Worship themes through the end of the calendar year. Is there something I can focus on that is of interest to you? Are there Biblical themes that speak to your soul? Or Scriptures that have troubled you? We are in a season in our Church in which our leaders are asking, "How are we meeting your needs? How can we meet your needs better?" I want to include Worship as a place where we can better meet your needs. My plan is to finish up the Worship themes by this Thursday, so if you have some suggestions, please let me know right away.

Worship

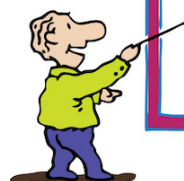
In the Lord's Resurrection Spirit, Pastor Mary

p.s. Our sound system is still being improved. Please be patient as we continue to replace old cables that are causing crackling.



Upcoming Worship – May 14 **Resurrection Living: Peace** **Be With You**

For forty days, Jesus Christ appeared to His disciples, teaching them about the power of living in a world completely transformed by His death and resurrection. This week we will celebrate Mother's Day and learn from John 20:19-23. John Miller will join us and sing two songs: "I Am Your Child" and "El Shaddai."



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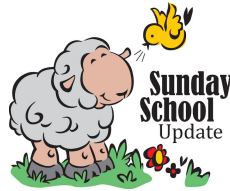
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NEWS & Notes

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.

Don't forget Lord's Lambs on
May 21 during worship.



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 Kin-dom, 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



Community
Notes

Our Brother in Christ Jebbie Moats is a favorite Sunday morning musician, who we don't get to hear often enough since he has a music ministry at another Church. He will be performing at Brewster's on Friday, May 12 and Friday, June 2 in the evening from 6-9pm.



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.

On a Mother's Day morning, two young children told their mother to stay in bed. As she lay there looking forward to being brought breakfast in bed, the smell of bacon floated up from the kitchen.

Finally, the children called her to come downstairs. She found them both sitting at the table eating bacon and eggs.

"As a surprised for Mother's Day," one explained, "we decided to cook our own breakfast."

GREETERS SCHEDULE

May 14
Anne Albrecht
Colleen
Hurley

May 21
Mariah & Mercedes
Diego

Hospitality Host



May 14
Mariah & Mercedes
Diego

May 21
Tom & Linda
Hulse



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 9, 11am BIBLE STUDY in person: THE LETTER OF JAMES.



Tuesday, May 9, 6:30pm Food Pantry Building Committee, Church Office



Wednesday, May 10, 8am – 11:30am
 Sunshine Food Pantry prepares food boxes for delivery to seniors

Thursday, May 11, 7:30am – 10am
 SUNSHINE FOOD PANTRY PUBLIC



Welcome to Worship

Sunday, May 14, 10am - Galt UMC and 1:15pm Bruceville Point. Resurrection Living: "Peace Be With You".



Sunday May 14: 4:00pm Bible Study on Romans on ZOOM.



Monday, May 15, 11am Quilt and handiwork Club.

Bible Study in person @ 11am on Tuesdays James



We broke our own record this past week when 25 people came to Bible Study, including three first time attendees! Eleven of our friends from Bruceville Point joined us. Come enjoy coffee provided by Marina Bruns, Judy King, and Sharon Hebein starting at 10:30, as well as some goodies. James has lots to teach us about faithful living.

Bible Study on ZOOM @ 4pm on Sundays ROMANS



Paul's letter to the Romans includes some of the most powerful passages in Scripture about the nature of our transformed life in Jesus Christ. You are welcome to join on ZOOM any week you are available. There are about 15 of us who make up the core group, and another dozen who drop in on occasion. Whenever you can come you are sure to get something out of the conversation.

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>

IN LOVING Memory

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

At our beloved Margaret's request her celebration of life is being held at a park and all of us at Galt UMC are invited. Margaret was past president of the United Women in Faith/UMW and also served on various Church leadership teams. She was a dear friend and mentor to so many with deep love of country (retired Air Force) and even deeper love for God. 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



Taco de Mayo Community Fundraiser for Sunrise Rotary

Saturday, May 13, 6-9pm
 Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at galtsunriserotary.com or text 916-662-6915. Event held at Littleton Center



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

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

While we are blessed with spiritual and numerical growth at Galt UMC, there are distressing things happening in the California-Nevada Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, as well as our denomination in general throughout the nation and world. I want to invite you to stay after Worship at Galt UMC on Sunday, May 21 to discuss the decision to “disaffiliate” on the part of some United Methodist Churches over the issue of human sexuality, and to discuss any concerns you might have over the suspension of Bishop Minerva Carcano and the recent decision to bring her to ecclesiastical trial. Your Lay Member to Annual Conference Mercedes Diego and I will do everything we can to answer any questions you might have, but more importantly it will give you a chance to voice hopes and concerns about the future of our denomination. We are fortunate that in the California-Nevada Annual Conference of 370 Churches and ministries, only 6 local Churches have chosen to disaffiliate.

Our District Prayer focus this week:

May 14: Pray for Galt UMC.

May 21: Pray for First Lodi UMC.

Time for Stone Soup Sunday!



Stone Soup

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.

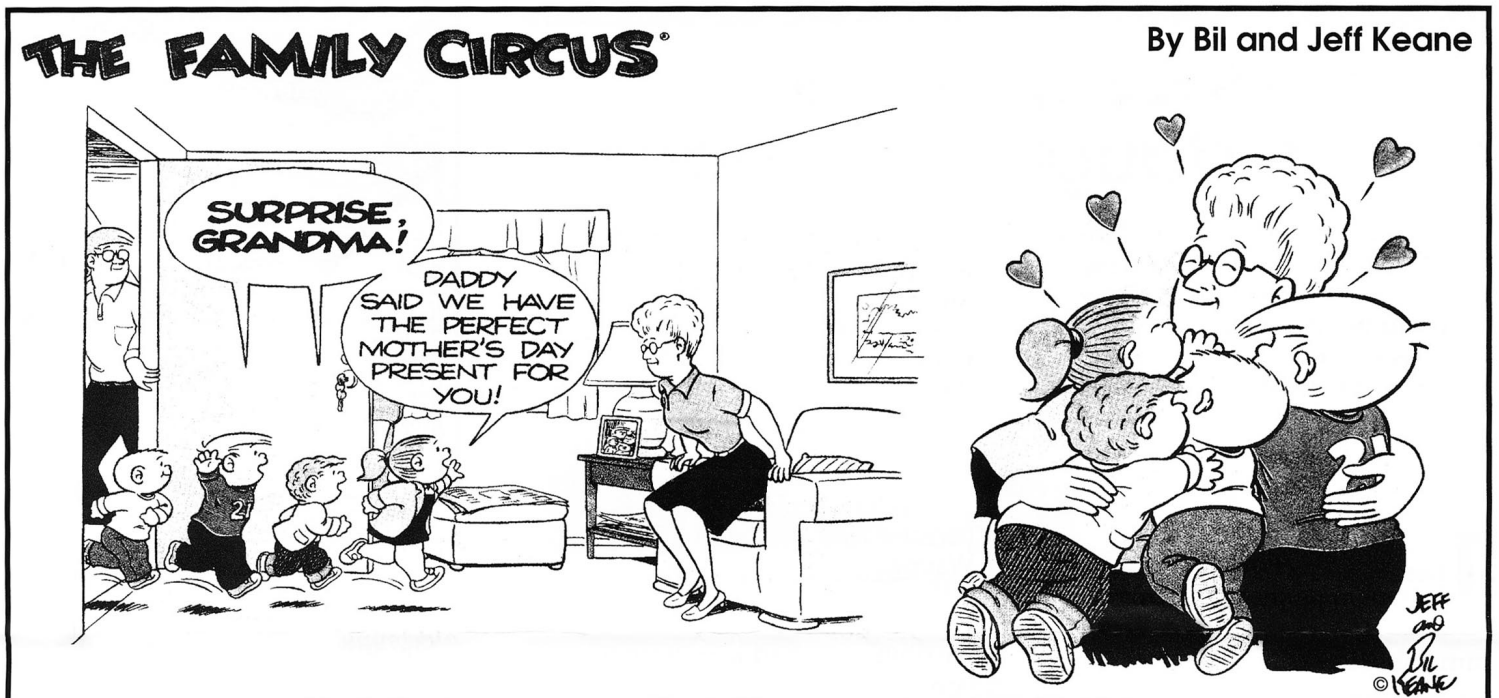
Each person contributed one or two items they had in their pantry, fridge or freezer and by the time we put it all together we had 2 large pots of delicious soup to share with all.

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





Helping to feed our shut-ins is an ongoing mission and project. One or two people cannot do it all by themselves. It takes a village. This church is a village. We can do this! I am going to call this mission MMLM for Methodist Meals

Lovingly Made. What I would like to see happen requires no sign-up commitment. Just a little thought or planning. Currently, we have 2 families in need of help. Two people are in each family. That's a total of 4 servings. If you make a dish that has leftovers, then you could box up 4 servings in 2 or 4 containers and freeze them. Or you could increase your meal by 4 servings and box and freeze that. Be sure to label it and add any special instructions if needed. Bring your frozen meals to Pastor Mary or myself the next time you plan to come to the church. Even if it is only on Sunday. There is a freezer in Pastor Mary's office. Two servings for one family would work if that is all you have. Just please be sure to mark the containers (scotch tape works) as to what it is. A big crockpot of soup could have a little extra in it. Any questions, please call me at 334-235-1467. Thank you. We can do this!

Lovingly, Mona Stratton
Lay Leader

Famous Quotes from various Mothers:

Jonah's mother: "That's a nice story, but now tell me where you've really been for the last three days."

Mona Lisa's mother: "After all that money your father spent on braces, Mona, that's the largest smile you can give us?"

Columbus' mother: "I don't care what you've discovered Christopher. You still could have written."

Tomas Edison's mother: "Of course I'm proud that you invented the electric light bulb, Thomas. Now turn off that light and go to bed."

Superman's mother: "Clark, your father and I have discussed it, and we've decided you can have your own cell phone. Now will you quit spending so much time in all those phone booths."

Michaelangelo's Mother: "Mike, can't you paint on the walls like other children? Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling?"

Abraham's Mother: "Again with that stovepipe hat, Abe? Can you just wear a baseball cap like the other kids?"

A Report - -



Our picnic-themed potluck on April 30th was a delicious success. Many thanks to Mona and her helpers for a job well done. It was nice to have Mattie's family with us. Dion Jergo not only provided wonderful music during the service, but he also grilled up hamburgers and hot dogs for the picnic.

After the potluck, a 'town hall' meeting was held. The topic for the meeting was the 'State of our Ministries' here at Galt UMC. The SPRC had asked congregants to fill out a survey, asking what ministries held most value, and what ideas for new ministries in the future people have. The most popular ministries mentioned on the survey and during the meeting were the Bible studies, children's programs, outreach to Bruceville members, the quilt club. Some ministries that were suggested for the future were classes (such as a prayer class, book study, craft classes), more frequent Sunday school for children, and a youth group. A desire for an enhanced music program was expressed.

At the meeting, the question was posed : 'What feeds your soul here at Galt UMC?' Many people responded that this is a welcoming place, and that it feels like family-some touching examples were given. People appreciate the outreach that we do in the community. Spiritual growth was mentioned, including the sermons by Pastor Mary. Many people talked about wanting some more activities, particularly around meals. There is a desire to spend some more time together socializing. Some suggestions were a spaghetti feed, a men's BBQ, picnics in the park, a 'paint and sip' (non-alcoholic of course) event.

If you would like to add your voice to this, please call or email Colleen Hurley. 209 712-1541,
churley55@comcast.net

Staff Parish Relations Chair

My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY:

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times.
Don't Exaggerate!"

My mother taught me about JUSTICE:

"One day you will have kids, and I hope they
turn out just like you!"

My mother taught me about WISDOM:

"When you get to be my age, you'll
understand."

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