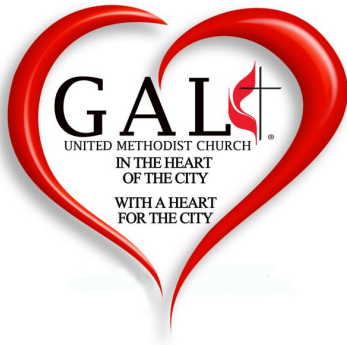


Galt UMC This Week



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.



November 7, 2022

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



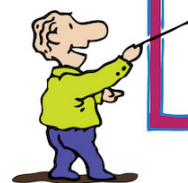
Recently I got a full physical. When I say full, I mean FULL. I know many of you know what I mean when I say it was a perfect storm of a physical: the yearly, the every other year, the every five years, and a first time ever, all came during the same week. I admit that I felt anxious. I've been a pastor long enough to know that sometimes catastrophic things get detected in routine physicals. I am happy to report that I am in excellent health. I thank God for every day that I have the health and vitality to serve the Lord and love all of you with the zeal that I feel. But I know that time won't last. Part of what it means to be mortal is that we age, with all the physical struggles that go along with it. I love that Paul gives us guidance about how to face our failing physical abilities. In Chapter 4:6-7 of Second Corinthians he writes, *For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. Our clay jars get cracked, they spring leaks, they crumble, and yes, in time, they will return to the earth from which they were made. But in the meantime, we will SHINE with God's Grace! In the meantime, we will LOVE with everything in us! In the meantime, we will GIVE THANKS to God for the gift of our salvation! FAITH IS AGELESS, TIMELESS, AND ETERNAL.*

Blessings, Pastor Mary



STONE SOUP and Veteran's Sunday

On November 13 we will enjoy the story of STONE SOUP read by Papa Earl, the Lord's Lambs Sunday School will go upstairs for a lesson for the first time, and Pastor Mary will ask all those who have served in the military to stand and receive appreciation for your service. Scripture: Psalm 133 Sermon: "The Blessedness of Togetherness"



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NEWS & Notes

Stone Soup Sunday – November 13



During Worship our own Papa Earl Arrants will read us the Fable of the Stone Soup, complete with the lovely illustrations on the screen. Then our Lord's Lambs will go upstairs for their first Sunday School class in their own room! Following worship, we will have our own Stone Soup organized by Debra Herburger!

WHAT IS STONE SOUP? ? The first version of the Fable of the Stone Soup appeared in 1720. Two travelers come to a village seeking food. They do not want to be seen as beggars, so they put water and some stones in a big pot and invite the villagers to bring just a little something to add to the soup that all might eat together. The moral of this earliest version was: *On thousands of occasions, to get oneself out of a problem, a little spirit is necessary.* Over the centuries this story has been told to remind us of THE HOPE AND THE POWER AND THE STRENGTH OF A COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER TO OVERCOME CHALLENGES THAT ARE TOO MUCH FOR ANY SINGLE PERSON TO DO ALONE.

Please bring your soup items on Saturday, November 12 from 9am-11am. It can be a single carrot, a stalk of celery, an onion, anything. Or maybe you would like to bring bread, or a salad, or drinks to add to our extended fellowship time. If you have questions please contact Debra Herburger at debra.herburger@gmail.com or contact Pastor Mary at 530-417-6584.

The United Women in Faith will host their November meeting at the church Fellowship hall and it will be a time to gather for THANKSGIVING.

Each sister will bring their favorite national dish and share a story about that dish and we will collectively uplift a prayer of thanksgiving.

We believe Food is one element that brings family and friends together in celebration and we would like to invite other sisters from our church to join us on November 12th @ 10.00 AM. We will have a short devotion before the meal!

Looking forward to a wonderful time together,
Rosie Kumar

Baptism



One of the unique things about being United Methodist is that we accept the baptism of all other Churches. Were you baptized Catholic? That works for us. Were you baptized Latter Day Saints? That works for us. Were you baptized in a river, or in a baptismal font, or sprinkled, or fully immersed? All of that works for us. Were you baptized as an infant, as a child, as a young adult, as an adult? Any of those work for us. We see baptism as a symbol of new life, a promise of God's saving love, and a sign of God's forgiveness for our sins. As such baptism is not something a Church controls but is a gift of grace through the Holy Spirit from God. If you have not yet been baptized in any Church and would like to be baptized at Galt United Methodist Church, please let Pastor Mary know.

A prominent preacher named Fiddle refused to accept his degree. He said, "Tough enough being Fiddle without being Fiddle, D.D."

Question: What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

Answer: "Your mother ate us out of house and home."



Congratulations to Amanda Avery in the birth of a baby boy on November 6. Baby Caleb and Mom are doing great! Cards to: 852 Range Way, Galt.



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
WEEKLY
Sneak Peek



Bible Study Offered Weekly

John's Gospel has a new start time of 11am every Tuesday in the Church Social Hall. This week Jesus speaks of Himself as "the bread of life." Come and see what spiritual food awaits as we study Scripture together.

ZOOM Bible Study on Sundays at 4 is taking a break for the Holidays. We will return with the study of Paul's Letter to the Romans beginning January 8th. If you would like to be a part of this study, let Pastor Mary know and she will send you a link after the first of the year.



Finance Team

Tuesday, November 8, 9am in Church Office



Community Outreach

Wednesday, November 9, 11:30am - 3pm Bruceville Point Ministry



Book Club for Women

Wednesday, November 9, 5pm on ZOOM Book Club for Women



Sunshine Food Pantry

Wednesday, November 9; 8:00-10:00am: Set up for next days Sunshine Food Pantry distribution.

Thursday, November 10; 7:30-10:00am: Public distribution of food in Social Hall.



soup's ON!

Saturday, November 12, 9am - 11am Drop off STONE SOUP items



United Women in Faith

Saturday, November 12: 10:00am, Galt UMC women hold their November meeting at the church.

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, November 13, STONE SOUP Worship at 10am; Lord's Lambs Sunday

School, Stone Soup Lunch following Worship



Sunday, November 13, 4pm - 4:30pm Bible Study with Pastor Mary on Facebook Live



Book Club for Women

Wednesday, November 9, 5:00pm on ZOOM.

Our District Prayer focus this week:

November 13: Pray for Cambodian Ministry at Central UMC, Stockton

November 20: Pray for Linden UMC.



Book Club for Women

Monday, November 14, 11am Book Club for Women final session for 2022



To all church members—especially those who have little lambs now in our Christian ministry:

Please note that next Sunday, November 13, Lord's Lambs (our Sunday School group) will meet for 30 minutes upstairs during the regular worship service in our own classroom for the first time. Pastor Mary and Earl Arrants will call the children up to the altar area first when Earl will read a story about "Stone Soup" to all children present.

After this, the children will be released for their relatives or guardians to take them upstairs for an introduction to Sunday School from teachers Michel Weinel and Madeline Powell involving our "Tree of Thanks". We will also work on an activity discussing how much Jesus loves us and how grateful we are for autumn's gifts. At the end of 30 minutes, relatives or guardians will go upstairs to the classroom to bring the children down.

We are so excited to begin this once-a-month Lord's Lambs Sunday School. Please encourage children to attend because God loves them, and so do we, so we want to tell them about His love. If you feel God is leading you to teach a class once a month, please contact Pastor Mary or Madeline Powell. During our Stone Soup lunch following worship, we have prepared a short activity that children can work on at a table with their relatives. It promises to be a fun kiddie Sunday. Join us please!

One last note about "Safe Gatherings" requirements: If your child needs to use the restroom during our 30-minute lesson upstairs, only relatives or legal guardians are allowed to help them with this. If this occurs with your child, someone will contact you during worship to come up and help them. Thank you.

In His love,
Madeline Powell
Director of Children's Ministries
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GREETERS  **SCHEDULE**

November 13
Dottie & Kim Farhat
Hyo Chu

November 20
David & Debra
Herburger

**Hospitality
Host**



November 13
Sandie Benadum

November 20
Tom & Linda
Hulse

**Blue Christmas Service –
December 21st 5pm**



Also known as "The Longest Night", a Blue Christmas service recognizes the loss and loneliness that can be felt during the holidays due to the

loss of loved ones, illness, or upsetting transitions of all kinds. There will be gentle music, prayers, and a chance to light a blue candle as an acknowledgment of how hard this holiday season is for you. We will create a soft, calming atmosphere where you are sure to experience the presence of the Lord and the caring of your Church family.



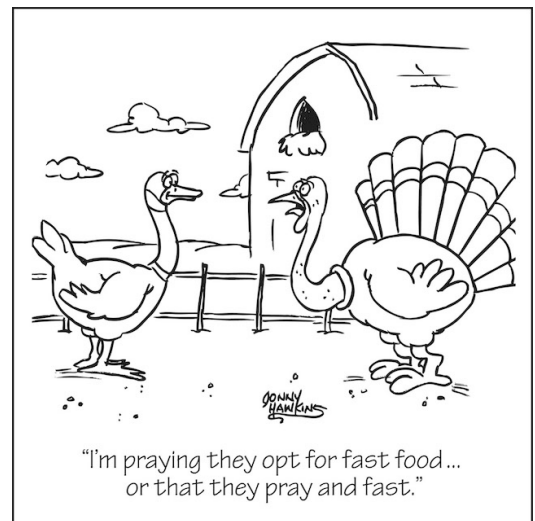
**Sunshine Food Pantry Receives
Award**

The Cal-Waste Recycle Recognition Award has been given to the Sunshine Food Pantry for exceptional recycling and waste handling practices. Well done volunteers! Well done, Faye Gaines, for setting up systems that are good for people AND good for the environment.

Thanksgiving dinners take 18 hours to prepare. They are consumed in 12 minutes. Football halftimes last 12 minutes. This is not a coincidence." - - Erma Bombeck

Sign seen in Kelley, IA

"People tell me to follow my dreams,
so I am going back to bed."



The Roving Camera Eye

Activities from around Galt UMC



Doug Gibson, a member of the Sunshine Food Pantry board presented an appreciation plaque to Pastor James Witcome and Judy Correa of the Galt Seventh Day Adventist Church for their continuing service to the Pantry.



Gianna Compagno a vocalist and piano student of Betty Metzger regaled us with a beautiful soprano solo selection



Gianna and Betty performed toe-tapping dance music through the years. Looks like Pastor Mary also got involved



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