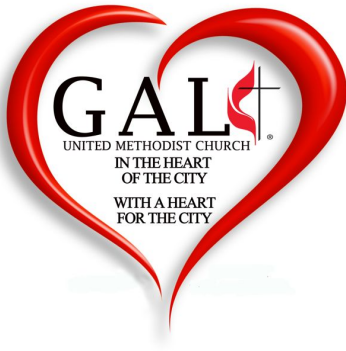


Galt UMC This Week



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.



October 17, 2022

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



At a Church we served when John and Zola were very little, there was a tradition of Trunk or Treat, something I had never experienced before. I had always grown up in communities where kids went door to door on Halloween. But rural areas where there weren't sidewalks or streetlights meant that the Trick or Treat tradition needed to be adjusted. What fun it was to decorate our cars and have the kids wandering around in a safe area to collect candy, and for the adults to visit and admire one another's costumes as well! It was a perfect mix of a Halloween party and Trick or Treating. Honestly it would have been the best Halloween ever, except..... Well, there were two things that went wrong. I only have two kids, so it was one wrong thing per child! John was three and very independent. He liked going to the bathroom "by selch" as he would say. We were in the parking lot of the Church we served, so when he said he needed to go, I said, yes go ahead and do it "by selch." Only problem was he was buttoned into a clown costume from the back where he couldn't reach..... well you can imagine the outcome. (Not that anyone ever needs a reason to have an aversion to clowns, this is likely the beginning of John's!) This was also the night we discovered that Zola had a peanut allergy, when she ate several Snicker's bars that – let us just say – didn't remain in her stomach! When I think back on this, the lesson I learned is that life is always throwing us curve balls. Difficulties and unexpected stumbling blocks cannot be avoided. The key is how we respond. Through the living presence of God and our gratitude for all God has given us, we can show the world that circumstances do not define us. IT IS OUR FAITH THAT DEFINES US!



Blessings, Pastor Mary

p.s. Would you like to help create the goodie bags for the Galt Trunk or Treat? We have candy, a Christian temporary tattoo, an insert advertising our Church, and labels to put on 600 baggies! It will be fun!! Monday, October 24, 9am in the social hall. We will sit around several long tables. Many hands, light work!



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NEWS & Notes



We have been FISHING and heard from a WELL ARMORED SOLDIER. Now we will be delighted by the return to the pulpit of Pastor

Joe Carmichael! Pastor Joe and Pastor Mary decided to switch pulpits this coming Sunday. Pastor Mary will be at Valley Springs Sunday morning and Pastor Joe will be with us preaching on "Discipleship is Like Being LIGHT" Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16

October 30 *Discipleship is Like Being A DANCER* Psalm 150 Betty Metzger and her student Gianna Compagno will be playing special music – come at 9:30am for a hymn sing! UMCOR special offering being taken. *Potluck to follow worship!*



It's almost here! 'What?' you ask. Pastor Mary's meet and greet "Hallow You Do?" We will be having a 5th Sunday Black Pot Special in the 'spirit' of the holiday. That's Sunday, October 30, right after worship. Since you are an imaginary fingerless being, all foods will be finger foods. I didn't say you were missing ALL your fingers, just the middle, ring and pinkie fingers. That leaves you with the thumb and first finger as your eating utensils. There will be no spoons, forks or knives. Everything will be eaten with 2 fingers. If your last name begins with A-F, instead of salads, please bring fruit or vegetable platters, chips, dips, salsa, pretzels or nuts. If your last name starts with G-M, please bring sandwiches, tortilla rolls or deviled eggs instead of a main course dish. If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring cookies, cupcakes, brownies, etc., instead of cakes and pies. REMEMBER... You Must Be Able to Eat It With TWO FINGERS. Don't worry, napkins will be available. For more info, contact Mona Stratton at 334-235-1467.

Our District Prayer focus this week:

October 23: Pray for Central UMC, Stockton
October 30: Pray over highlights of ministries in each place so far this year

UMCOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 30



Support disaster relief around the world with your generous gift that makes God's love tangible to survivors of all kinds – be it from war or conflict, jurrricane, famine, earthquake or flood. You will be invited forward during Worship on October 30 to bring your gift to bless vulnerable people around the world! Did you know that UMCOR is rated among the best charities in the world? This is because our offerings on UMCOR Sunday underwrite all administrative expenses so that 100% of all giving for a specific disaster goes to the people and communities affected.

Help those in need



Our Church Family is Growing!
Welcome to: John and Cindy Borgerding Sharon Hebein; Christine Curlee; Mary Blackwell; Daniel Blackwell; Mariah Myrick-Smith. We are happy to have you in our family.



Yearly Meeting with our District Superintendent – Monday, October 24, 6pm

All members of the Church are invited to meet with our Central Valley District Superintendent David Niu, as the representative of our California-Nevada Conference of the United Methodist Church, for our yearly Church Conference. It is important to have abundant participation at this meeting. The District Superintendent is Pastor Mary's direct supervisor, and his experience of our annual meeting is part of how he will form an opinion as to whether she is a good pastoral appointment for Galt UMC.



Bible Study Offered Weekly

John's Gospel every Tuesday, 10am, in the

Church Social Hall. John's Gospel includes some of the most powerful and memorable sayings of Jesus. The "I AM" statements come from John's Gospel and are not found anywhere else in the Bible. This week, "I AM" the Bread of Life!

Paul's Journey's and Letters every Sunday, 4pm on ZOOM. In studying Paul's dealings with Roman political authorities we get to have a case study in the relationship between people of faith and political power, or as Pastor Mary likes to call it "Claiming the Name vs. Playing the Game." You are always welcome to join us. Log on at 3:30 for a time of getting to know the rest of the class.



Wednesday, October 19, 10:00-11:30am: Pastor Mary at Circuit Meeting ZOOM.



Wednesday, October 19: 5:00pm. Book Club for Women - on ZOOM.



Thursday, October 20, 11:30 — 1:00pm Chamber of Commerce Luncheon hosted by Galt UMC and Sunshine Food Pantry in our Social Hall. (Set-up 9:00am.)



Friday, October 21, 6:00-7:00pm Sunshine Food Pantry Kick-Off Mixer at Firehouse behind Galt UMC. (Set-up 4pm)



Sunshine Wednesdays, 8:00-11:30am: Sunshine Food Pantry delivers food to senior apartments.

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, October 23, Worship 10am *Discipleship is Like Being A Light!* Pastor Joe Carmichael guest preacher!

(Pastor Mary preaching at Valley Springs)

Want to Help?

Monday, October 24, 9am Create Goody Bags for Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 24, 5:30pm District Superintendent meets with Staff Parish Relations Committee – in person in Church Office & on ZOOM



Monday, October 24, 6:00pm - Church Conference in Social Hall.

NO BOOK CLUB OCT 24; NO BIBLE STUDY OCT 25; NO ZOOM BOOK CLUB OCT 26

(Pastor Mary at Conference event and personal day)



"Separated by the Border: A Birth Mother, A Foster Mother, and a Migrant Child's 3000-mile Journey" by Gena Thomas is our book for fall. **The ZOOM class is on Wednesdays at 5pm. Our IN PERSON class is on Mondays at 11am in the upstairs of our Sanctuary building.**

Hospitality Host



October 23
Ross Family

October 30
Potluck

GREETERS SCHEDULE

October 23
Colleen Hurley
Sharon Drake

October 30
Karen Honer
Kristine Honer



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

I will appreciate your prayers as I keep my head down and complete the Charge Conference Booklet that is required for our yearly meeting with the District Superintendent. Remember, that all of you are warmly invited to come meet District Superintendent David Niu (my direct supervisor) at 6pm on Monday, October 24 in the social hall. Among the things we will do is vote on positions of leadership starting in 2023. We have several changes: people who are leaving positions they have served well, with others stepping up to bring new perspectives and fresh energy. Remember, that if you are not yet serving on a committee and have an interest in serving, please let Pastor Mary know! Though many appointments are already set for 2023, there are always ways that you can serve. If you ever see something in the Church you would like to see happen, or participate in, just say the word! Methodism is a very “democratic” institution with an emphasis on the leadership of the “laity” which is a fancy Methodist term for non-clergy. Okay, on to the changes. All these changes take effect January 1, 2023:

Betty Price will leave her role as Membership Secretary and Betty Yoder will become Membership Secretary again, a position she has held in year’s past. Betty Price will be appointed to serve on Staff Parish Relations Committee.

Beverly Sigafos will leave her role as Lay Leader and Mona Stratton will become Lay Leader instead, with Lay Leader receiving a new job description. (More on that new job description next week!) Beverly will remain serving on the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

Leesa Klotz will leave her role as Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee and Colleen Hurley will become Chair of SPRC instead.

Mona Stratton will leave her role as Church Council Chair and Leesa Klotz will become Church Council Chair.

Ann Mitchell will leave her role as Chair of Finance and Pearl Silva will become Chair of Finance.

Trustees are saying goodbye to the extraordinary Sandie Benadum, and saying hello to Richard Farhat and Rosie Kumar. There may be another addition to our Board of Trustees as well. Trustees elect their own Chair in January.

I know we are ALL grateful for all the hard work of everyone named above!



Bruceville Point Ministry

Between 15 – 18 people participate in Pastor Mary’s once a month program and/or watch the online worship videos at the Bruceville Point theatre. Now that we are no longer producing new videos, the group is going back to watch from the past two years. If you would like to meet the members of our wonderful extension ministry at Bruceville Point, Pastor Mary will be taking 4 worship services to them live on Sunday afternoons at 1:30pm on Nov. 27, Dec. 4, Dec. 11, Dec. 18. If you would like to greet, read Scripture, or simply come along for worship and fellowship, just let Pastor Mary know.



Galt Community Thanksgiving Baskets

The annual Thanksgiving Basket project is about to get underway. For the past number of years our church has been a part of this community ministry. These baskets are a project of several Galt area churches, as well as businesses, schools, and other interested persons. This year we have been asked once again to provide canned chicken.



Last year we provided 120 families in need with a Thanksgiving meal and a week’s worth of food. Names of families are supplied by outreach consultants through our Galt schools. We are starting a little early this year, but we can start collecting the chicken now. We have until early November when a collection will be made. More details as the time gets closer.



Earl Arrants, our amazing communications officer and organist, is working right now on a new and improved Church directory update that will be available as of October 31st.



Sunshine Food Pantry Kick-Off Event

Remember Landes and Cassel Dung who came and played for Worship last Pentecost? They are coming to play music for our Kick-Off Mixer for the building expansion of our Sunshine Food Pantry and Resource Center! It will be a great evening to show our Church's enthusiasm for our community. When? Friday, October 21st What time? 6pm – 7pm Where? At the Fire Station right across the alley from our Church. This event is sponsored by Galt Sunrise Rotary. Enjoy music and refreshments and rub shoulders with community leaders. RSVP text or call 916-662-6915.



What fun to have so many children in our Church! Many thanks to Madeline Powell, our Children's Ministry Director, for working hard to make the Lord's Lambs as special experience. Next after Church event is November 13th.

Speaking of Lord's Lambs, Jim Parrish has been working hard getting the Sunday School Classroom upstairs ready for them. Thank you Jim.

Richard Farhat was a wonderful Centurion! A little birdy told us that Cornelius the Centurion will be returning in the new year!



From the Editor's Desk

*This 'N That
From Here and There*

-- By Earl Arrants

A week, or so, ago, the truck from Sacramento Food Bank rolled into our parking lot making a food delivery for the Sunshine Food Pantry. It just so happens that I had my trusty camera with me that day. Ever on the lookout for "Out and About" photos, the first thing I noticed was our order deposited in piles on the parking lot. I couldn't help but take a few shots.

Our order included fruits and vegetables - some, like potatoes and carrots were in 50 pound bags. The Granny Smith apples were in a large shipping container. Needless to say, all this produce needed to be moved!

Never fear! Our faithful regular volunteers were on hand to see that the work was accomplished!

Some of our order, stacked on pallets, were seen in another part of the parking lot. This order consisted of cases of dry goods. We also received a pallet of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) grant canned salmon, this to accompany a previous ARPA shipment of vegetarian Chile and spaghetti. A miscellaneous pallet contained baby diapers! Someone, somewhere, must have come up with a grant for these necessary items!

This order was timed to arrive the same week as our Wednesday deliveries to four senior home parks, and second Thursday general distribution.

Most of the produce was distributed to 123 families that came through on that Thursday morning, so not much was left! You can see my photos and hard work of our volunteers on the next page.

An innovative building committee member convinced his church that the new education building should have suitable Scripture verses inscribed over the door of the various departments.

Over the entrance to the sanctuary was placed the biblical verse: "O worship the Lord."

Over the nursery entrance was the Apostle Paul's words in I Corinthians 15:51: "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed!"

Stories Pastors can Tell

It was the day of the big football game, and in-church the time for the collection of tithes and offerings was approaching.

The pastor, a sports enthusiast reached into his pocket, took out a quarter, flipped it into the air, watched it land, and like a referee joyfully announced, "The ushers have elected to receive."



The Roving Camera Eye

Activities from around Galt UMC



Ever wonder how they got all this stuff inside the Pantry? Now you know the secret!!

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