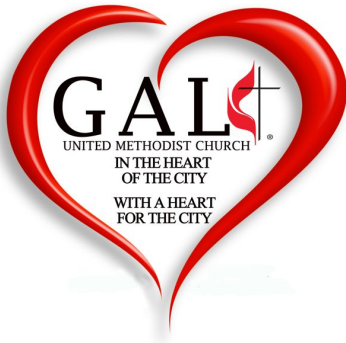


Galt UMC This Week



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 24, 2022

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



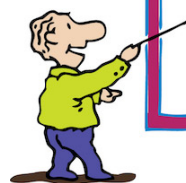
When I was a little girl Halloween was THE holiday! Imagine a night when people give away candy – FOR FREE – and you get the joy of wearing a costume! (As you could probably tell from a couple of Sundays ago, I do love to put on a costume.) My parents were careful with their money. My Mom was a fulltime homemaker, my Dad was an elementary school principal, and they were putting three kids through college. Needless to say, my little sister and I had to come up with our own homemade costume. One year when I was ten and my baby sister was five, we decided to go Trick or Treating as a two-headed ghost. We got an old sheet, some red food coloring, and a rope to tie around our waists. We cut the eyes out, which was tricky because of the height difference. Finally we were ready to go! For two hours things went fine. We came back home several times to dump out full candy buckets. Our legs were starting to get tired, and I remember feeling relieved when my Mom said that we could only do one more block. We had saved the best for last. There was a street with large houses on a hill. Rumor was that these houses were giving FULL SIZED CANDY BARS. Whut?!?! Well, it turned out to be true! We were really worn out, but I convinced my sister to go to one last house. We made our way up to the top of the stairs toward a scary looking door with cobwebs and a giant spider. We knocked, ready to shout Trick or Treat, when suddenly a scary monster stuck its head through the stair railing and yelled BOO! My sister bolted down the stairs like she had been shot out of a cannon! I ran after her – I had no other choice – we were tied together! When I think back on this story, I think about the lessons of being tied together. The benefit is we are never alone, and there is always so very much more we can accomplish together than apart. The cost is that another person's decision impacts us. I think about what the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King wrote: *Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly.* The Good News is that every effort we make in and through the Spirit of the Living God makes a difference for everyone. That's what gives me hope.

Blessings, Pastor Mary

p.s. I will be out of the office on Tuesday at a Conference Trustees meeting in person at the United Methodist Center in West Sac. I will be taking Wednesday and Thursday off to substitute for one Friday I have worked, plus I am redeeming a renewal day from the 12 SPRC has given me per year. Then Friday is my day off. I will return to you on Saturday the 29th renewed, refreshed, and ready to DANCE on October 30th!

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NEWS & Notes



Help those in need

DISIPLESHIP OF DANCE

UMCOR SUNDAY

OCTOBER 30

Praise the Lord! Praise Him with tambourine and dance! Psalm 150 David was dancing before the Lord with all his might. 2 Samuel 6:14

In ancient times DANCE was an act of surrender to the Spirit of God, not something for entertainment or romance. People found JOY in moving their body to rhythm and melody, some believing that all earthly music making was a reflection of the music of heaven enjoyed by angels through eternity.

This next Sunday 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!*

We will be collecting a special offering for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) which is our international disaster relief organization. Please give what you can. If you want to write a check you can make it out to “UMCOR” or to Galt UMC with UMCOR on the memo line.

Facebook Live Returns for a Limited Run!

For five Sundays starting November 13, Pastor Mary will be on Facebook Live from 4 – 4:30 talking about Biblical traditions around Thanksgiving and Christmas and the way these traditions have gotten shaped by cultural pressures. The good news is that the sessions are recorded, which means that if you have Facebook you can watch them at any time!

Fifth Sunday Potluck



Mona asks: DID YOU KNOW...

That next Sunday is the 5th Sunday of the month? Did you know it's THE Potluck Sunday? Did you know that it's Pastor Mary's meet and greet party "Hollow You Do?" Did you know that you (as in everyone) **should**/could 'costume up'? Surely, you can come up with something. Even a crab hat would work. Did you know that there will be NO forks, spoons, or knives available to eat with? Did you know that there will be games of assorted styles? Bring your thinking hat. You just may need it. I've been warned. So, I'm warning you. Did you know that last names starting with **A-F** need to bring fruit or vegetable platters, chips and dips or salsa, pretzels or nuts or such items? And **G-M** need to bring sandwiches, tortilla rollups, deviled eggs or appetizers? And rounding out the menu for the potluck will be cookies, cupcakes, brownies and the like (no pies or cakes as there will be no forks) will be furnished by those with **N-Z** names. The food will be howlingly great. I'm looking forward to the pickled frog eggs. They slide down so easy with a good slime coating. What will be your favorite finger food? Just don't eat the finger, if it's yours. See you there.



Stone Soup Sunday – November 13

A hungry stranger comes into a village..... what happens next shows the abundance that is possible when everyone gives what little they have. On November 13 our own Earl Arrants will read us the story of Stone Soup as the message and following worship we will enjoy our own delicious “stone soup.” What is the recipe for Stone Soup? Whatever little bit of something uncooked but edible you have around bring to the Church kitchen on Saturday, November 12 anytime between 9am-11am. It can be an old onion, several little potatoes, a ham bone, the end of a package of dried beans. Whatever you have that isn't enough to make something on its own. Then, Debra Herburger will work her culinary magic and put it all together for our Stone Soup



Bible Study Offered Weekly

John's Gospel is taking a recess this coming Tuesday, October 25, No Bible Study this week.. Starting Tuesday, November 1st we will have a new start time of 11am in the Church Social Hall.

Paul's Journey's and Letters: every Sunday, 4pm on ZOOM. Our class is nearly done with the journeys of Paul as experienced through the Acts of the Apostles! After the first of the year, we will start a new study of Paul's letter to the Romans on January 8th. It is said that Paul's letter to the Romans has shaped American Christianity more than any of the Gospels. I hope you will consider joining us for this robust conversation. Let's see if we think that's true or not. Sunday afternoon ZOOM Bible Study will take a break starting November 13.



Sunshine Food Pantry

Wednesday, October 26; Sunshine Food Pantry preparation for distribution, 8:00-10:30pm.
Thursday, October 27, 7:30 —10:00am; Sunshine Food Pantry Food Distribution in our Social Hall



October 29, 4pm – 8pm: Community Trunk or Treat on 4th Street *Come see Pastor Mary dressed as Priscilla from Acts of the Apostles

Sunday, October 30, Worship 10am *Discipleship as DANCE;* 9:30am Hymn Sing with Betty Metzger; Special Offering for UMCOR; Potluck following

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, October 30, 4pm Bible Study on Paul's Journeys and Letters on ZOOM

Monday, October 31, 11am Book Club for Women

Hospitality Host



October 30
Potluck

November 6
Ann Albrecht

GREETERS  **SCHEDULE**

October 30
Karen Honer
Kristine Honer

November 6
John & Cindy
Borgerding

Our District Prayer focus this week:

October 30: Pray over highlights of ministries in each place so far this year.

November 6: Pray for all the churches and ministries.



Sunshine Food Pantry

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



Book Club for Women

Wednesday, October 26: **No ZOOM Book club this week.**

One of Columnist Smiley Anders readers in the *Baton Rouge (LA) Advocate* recalled "the days when a visiting evangelist stayed at homes of church members.

"One preacher came down on a Sunday morning to a sumptuous breakfast and announced, 'I never eat before I preach'.

"So the preacher and the man of the house went off to church while the wife stayed behind to do some more fixing.

When they came back, the wife got her husband off to the side to ask how things went in church.

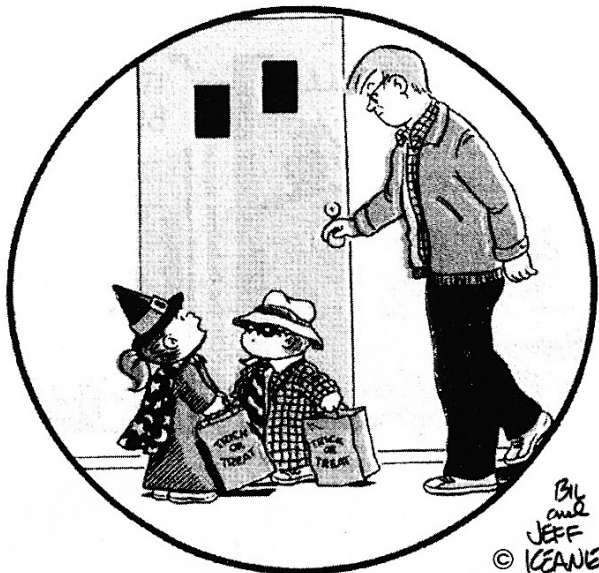
"The husband replied, 'The preacher shoulda ate!'"



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

Did you know that we have gained 34 new members in the past two years? Did you also know that we have had visitors and returning visitors every Sunday for the past ten weeks? God is growing our Church – now it is up to us to harvest that growth. What I mean by this, is that it is up to you to reach out to someone you don't know and say hello. Every Sunday you have three things to focus on: God, your friends, and your fellow worshipers who are not yet friends. I know you do a great job at the first two things. It's time to get out of our comfort zone and invite new people into our friendship circle. Mona Stratton, who will be serving as Lay Leader starting in 2023, will be helping our Church family to know one another better. She is starting with our "Hallo" potluck this coming Sunday. I will lead a "getting to know each other" activity before we eat and there will be a fun quiz to take during lunch with each table's winner receiving a prize! As Lay Leader, Mona will also be organizing the receptions following funerals, so if you would like to be included on her list of "angels" please let her know. 334-235-1467 monastratton@comcast.net

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane



"Instead of saying 'trick or treat,' aren't there any Halloween carols we can sing?"

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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.



Has your phone number or email address been wrong in previous directories? Please let Earl Arrants know right away since we are publishing a new and

improved directory this coming week. 209-745-2753 earrants@sbcglobal.net.

\$10,000 Grant for Galt UMC Received!

Pastor Mary applied for a grant from the City of Galt to cover our utility and insurance expenses when we weren't allowed to meet for 39 Sundays during the pandemic, but still kept our doors open for the outreach work of the Sunshine Food Pantry! We just received a check for \$10,000 to put into our Galt UMC general fund.



November 5



Don't forget those loose coins in the Kids Coin Jar.

The Roving Camera Eye

Activities from around Galt UMC



Thank You!



Hats off to the Trustees in our church. With the financial support from the members and visitors to the Galt United Methodist Church; the needed church roof repairs have been completed. Your financial support was used wisely. THANK YOU ALL.

Richard Farhat was a wonderful Cornelius and has promised to return to us in costume in the future!

Sunshine Food Pantry Kick-Off Event

What a wonderful celebration we had at the Fire House next door to our Church! The Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center kicked-off its year of fundraising with food, music, speakers, and lots of information about the project. Take a look at our new website sunshinefoodpantrygalt.org



The band One Nation came from Tulare to play and sing





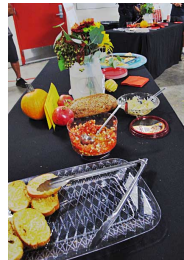
Former Galt UMC Pastor Norm Mowery and wife Linda joined us for the celebration



We are not sure what Pastor Mary is discussing with Board Member Doug Gibson and his daughter. Looks pretty serious!



Sunrise Rotary sponsored our event and bought all the food and drinks



Mark King, Chair of the Sunshine Pantry Fund Raising Committee presents Supervisor Don Nottoli with the FIRST building brick.



Don Nottoli was instrumental in helping us get a \$200,000 ARPA grant for construction of the new Sunshine Food Pantry building.





Galt Mayor Shawn Farmer added his support



Pastor Mary and Mark King were on hand to offer moral support to Faye Gaines as she related a brief history of Sunshine Pantry.



Lots of thanks go to Culinary Arts students at Liberty Ranch High School for providing the food for the evening.

David Herburger Galt UMC Building Committee chair was enthused to announce the building plans.



Galt Fire Station #45 allowed us to come into their "house", The celebration team was set up by 6 and out by 8.

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