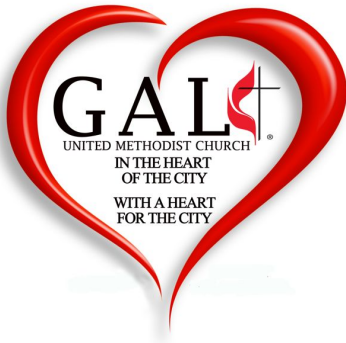


Galt UMC This Week



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 2, 2022

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



In the Churches I have been blessed to serve there is this THING that happens when the congregation realizes that they are in partnership with God, and that as they persevere in prayer asking for guidance and resources, the Holy Spirit shows up and makes things happen that are beyond what we could ever ask for or even imagine on our own! Faith grows and is shared. New people catch the Spirit. There is laughter and a sense of fun in the hard work. The Fruit of the Spirit are evident: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galt UMC is starting to have this THING! Will there be challenges? Sure. Stumbles? Of course. But those are nothing compared to the surpassing and amazing GRACE OF GOD evident at Galt UMC.

Blessings, Pastor Mary



DISCIPLESHIP

What is a person like who has devoted him or herself to following Jesus Christ? Scripture is FULL of stories and descriptions from both Jesus and Paul that help complete the sentence *Discipleship is Like Being A....*

October 9: *Discipleship is Like Being A FISHER FOR PEOPLE.*

October 16: *Discipleship is Like Being A WELL ARMORED SOLDIER.*

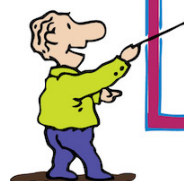
October 23: *Discipleship is Like Being LIGHT* (Pastor Joe Carmichael is preaching this Sunday; Pastor Mary will be at Valley Springs.)

October 30: *Discipleship is Like Being A DANCER* — We will be blessed this Sunday by Betty Metzger joining us, along with a student of hers who is a singer. Come for special music starting at 9:30am.



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NEWS & Notes

Fifth Sunday Potluck



Our Fifth Sunday Potluck is a Halloween Meet and Greet with ghosts, goblins and you. Because, yes, you are invited. When? October 30th after worship. Name tags will be provided in case you are not recognizable in your fabulous costumes. However, there will be age limits. You must be older than one month and younger than 101 yrs. We will have fun, games and food. And did I mention fun? More information will be soon coming (on bat wings and a prayer?).

Hallow You Do? I'm Mona Stratton.
AND I WILL SEE YOU THERE!



Our Lord's Lambs are invited to wear non-scary Halloween costumes to worship on October 16. After worship during coffee hour while munching on goodies, we will be coloring Halloween trick-or-treat sacks that say, "Glow with God". And...

On October 30 during the potluck dinner time, the children will be making white lambs with puff balls. We will also be decorating a "Tree of thanks to God" for all seasons and discuss how thankful we are that Jesus loves us all. We really want you to join us! Please come for a fellowship dinner while you watch children having fun decorating items for their upstairs classroom that is close to being ready.



Remember again to bring your kids in costume on October 16! Have a great week, and thanks to all of you who are planning, painting, constructing, cutting, gluing, tracing and helping our Sunday School efforts in many ways. We keep hearing about and meeting more interested children—exciting! The idea is growing.

—Madeline Powell
Children's Ministries



Galt Community Thanksgiving Baskets Project

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.

Friends

- A smile — is a sign of joy.
- A hug — is a sign of love.
- A laugh — is a sign of happiness.
- And a friend like me? — Well, that's just a sign of good taste!
- We'll be friends until I am senile.
- Then we'll be new friends.

October



- 5. Mattie Shepherd
- 11. Pat McReynolds
- 30. Bruce Wickland
- 31. Jean Jones

- 11. Rob & Marcy Seibel
- 24. Koshmick & Saira Kumar
- 27. Jim & Schelley Dunn

A country preacher in Georgia came to the pulpit Sunday morning and declared: "My job is to preach and your job is to listen. If you get finished before I do, please raise your hand."

Our District Prayer focus this week:

- October 9: Pray for Holy Cross UMC, Stockton
- October 16: Pray for Island Ministry at Holy Cross



Continuing Weekly



TWO Ways to Grow

John's Gospel every Tuesday, 10am, in the Church Social Hall. This week we will be learning about the feeding of the 5000!

Paul's Journey's and Letters every Sunday, 4pm on ZOOM. Paul has just completed his powerful testimony before his enemies in Jerusalem. Those who want to cling to the law are offended and frightened by Paul's willingness to let go of ALL LEGALISM in favor of GOD'S GRACE. We are in Chapter 22 of Acts. It is never too late to join us.



Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, October 4, 11am in sanctuary building.



Lunch Bunch
Thursday, October 6, 11:30am: Philly Boys, East Frontage Road, next to Pizza Guys, south of Ayers Lane.

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, October 9, Worship 10am *Discipleship is Like Being A FISHER FOR PEOPLE*

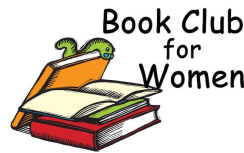


Sunshine Food Pantry Wednesdays, 8:00-11:30am: Sunshine Food Pantry delivers food to senior apartments.

Light Confusion

A little boy forgot his lines in a Sunday School presentation. His mother, sitting in the front row to prompt him, gestured and formed the words silently with her lips, but it didn't help. Her son's memory was blank.

Finally she leaned forward and whispered the cue, "I am the light of the world." The child beamed and with great feeling and a loud, clear voice said, "My mother is the light of the world."



Book Club for Women
"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 9

Dave & Debbie Herburger

October 16

Faye Gaines Pearl Silva

GREETERS SCHEDULE

October 9

Ed & Freddie Delgado

October 16

Tina Barlet Eva Roach



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



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

Last week I promised that I would say a word about how Bishops and District Superintendents are selected. They are a very important part of the “connectional” nature of Methodism. It is the Bishop and the District Superintendents -- called “The Cabinet” -- who make all the decisions, guided by the Holy Spirit, as to where pastors are appointed. The United Methodist Church in America is divided into “Conferences” and those Conferences are united into regional “Jurisdictions.” Galt UMC is in the California-Nevada Conference which includes all of northern California and northern Nevada. Our Conference includes five districts, and each district has a Superintendent that presides at yearly meetings, called Church or “Charge” Conferences, and who also is instrumental in helping local Churches to fulfill their mission in their community. Sometimes the District Superintendent (DS, for short) has to work with a congregation that can no longer keep their Church open. That’s a sad duty. Galt UMC is the northern most local Church in the Central Valley District, and our DS is the Rev. David Niu. He has been appointed to be a DS for a six year term because his leadership skills brought him to the attention of Bishop Carcaño. The residing Bishop is the person who appoints District Superintendents. So, how do you become a Bishop? It’s a very complex process that can be summarized in three parts: a pastor feels a call to the Episcopacy and begins exploring that call within the Jurisdiction – our Jurisdiction is the Western Jurisdiction; people who know the pastor well affirm that call and the candidate is asked a million questions by Jurisdictional delegates; the Jurisdiction has a Conference every 4 years to select new Bishops through prayerful consideration of their call to the Episcopacy. Did you know that our own Pastor George Edd-Bennett from First UMC Lodi is a candidate for the Episcopacy this year? You might enjoy taking a look at our Conference website and learning more about this process, as well as other news and events: cnumc.org Next week I promise an article that addresses issues closer to home!

“A bird does not sing because it has an answer. It sings because it has a song.”

- - Chinese proverb



New Members – What a Blessing We Are to One Another at Galt UMC

Having visitors come to Worship is always great. Having visitors return and become friends is better yet!

Having Church friends become FAMILY by joining, well that’s the best of all! Several of you have contacted me to say that you either won’t be in town on October 9, or that you are uncomfortable standing in front of everyone to take your vows. It is not necessary for you to do so! Betty Price can enter your name in our membership book at the Pastor’s request. After you make the decision, your names will be printed in the newsletter next to a photo snapped by Earl, and you will get a red asterix next to your name in the directory. Please let Pastor Mary know this week if you would like to join Galt UMC. Having up to date membership rolls is part of what’s needed for our yearly meeting with our District Superintendent.



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.

“If you think you have an original idea, you probably forgot where you read it.”

- - Mark Twain

“Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.”

—Author unknown



From the Editor's Desk

*This 'N That
From Here and There*

-- By Earl Arrants



We keep our eyes open for new places for The Lunch Bunch to dine each month. As such, we heard of a newer sandwich shop to try. Denny, Betty, and I had heard good things about Philly Boys - out on the east frontage road, just south of Ayers Lane, next to Pizza Guys.

One Thursday a couple weeks ago, we took a "field trip" to try the place out. To be sure, Philly Boys IS a sandwich shop that offers take out orders. They do have a small dining area with room for 21 diners. More about that later.

Their menu includes interesting options such as Deluxe Philly Steak sandwiches, Pizza Steak, Mushroom/Spinach Steak, gyros wrap, and even burgers! Sandwiches come in 8 inch, or 12 inch lengths. They also offer something called a gyro platter.

While we were there Denny ordered the Mushroom Spinach steak sandwich (8"-\$10.99; 12"-\$14.99) Options include: chicken, lamb/beef, plant based Impossible cheesesteak. Denny's sandwich also had the options of: with or without onions, mushrooms, spinach & choice of cheese wiz, provolone, white American, or swiss cheese. Denny gave the sandwich a hearty thumbs up!

I opted for the (8" classic Steak - \$10.49). My beef sandwich came on a very fresh french roll loaded with meat and onions, with white American cheese. It tasted mighty good, although when it arrived I thought it looked a little plain without any lettuce, tomato or pickles to accompany it. Perhaps that's the way ALL Philly sandwiches come! I gave it a thumbs up anyway! I might add that the eight inch sandwich was plenty for me. It appears the twelve inch sandwich could serve 2 small appetite diners.

On a previous visit Betty had ordered the Deluxe Steak (8"-10.99; 12"-14.99). She says that is definitely her first choice! She likes all the spicy stuff! The sandwich comes with, or without, onions, sweet peppers, cherry peppers, AND Chipotle sauce, a variety of cheeses is available. Plant based Impossible are also available (8" - 12.99; 12" -16.49)

Although Philly Boys serves mostly sandwiches, they do offer something called a Gyro Platter. Platters come with basmati rice, salad, pita bread, white sauce & sriracha sauce. Other choices for the platter: chicken, lamb/beef, or falafel - \$12.99; Combo platter (chicken & lamb) - \$13.99.



Want something different? Gyros wrap is available. The 7 inch pita chicken/lamb.beef/falafel wraps (\$9.99) come with lettuce, tomato, onions, feta cheese, and white sauce.

Want a hamburger? There's are also several choices here - Classic cheeseburger (\$9.49); Bacon cheeseburger (\$9.99); Pastrami burger (\$11.99); or plant based Impossible burger (11.49). Philly Boys also offer several different fries and sides. We found the crinkle cut fries to be first rate (\$4.99). One serving is enough for two people to enjoy. Also available are sweet Potato fries, onion rings, and falafels. Fountain drinks are \$2.49. Also on the menu are Chicken Tenders.

Philly Boys is mostly a take-out place, but they do have a small dining area that can seat 21 diners. The day we were there at 11:30 no one was in the dining area, although several people came in for take-out orders. We gave the place 3 thumbs up. Here's a warning! The parking lot can be challenging. Parking on the street might be a better choice. Come on in this Thursday morning, October 6, at 11:30, and give us your opinion. Philly Boys looks like one of the restaurants we might like to add to our monthly Lunch Bunch rotation.

An imaginative inventor has designed a new offering plate for churches. The ingenious invention receives gifts of a dollar or more on a plush cushion with silent graciousness. But when half-dollars are dropped in, it rings a bell; when quarters are given, it blows a whistle; when dimes are slipped in, it fires a shot. But when someone refuses to give, it takes their picture.

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