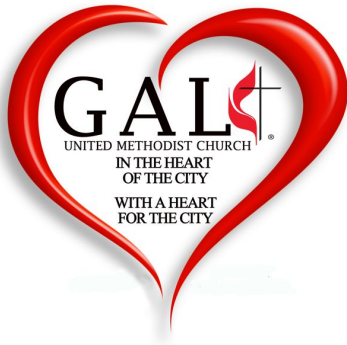


# Galt UMC This Week



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 31, 2022

**Let's Talk – A Word from Pastor Mary Maaga** [mjzmaaga@yahoo.com](mailto:mjzmaaga@yahoo.com) 530-417-6584



The holidays are upon us! This is a great time of year to deepen our walk with the Lord. During the month of November, it has been my practice to focus each day on thanking God for very specific BLESSINGS in my life. Then, as soon as Advent begins, I focus on BEING A BLESSING by praying for those in need, giving extra financial gifts to people and organizations, and forgiving those who have hurt me or my family. I love to arrive at Christmas Eve with a full heart and a clear conscience. If you've looked at your December calendar you will observe that Christmas falls on a Sunday this year. Yes, we will have worship that morning for those who would like to join us. We will have worship in the social hall so we can drink hot chocolate and eat cookies during our time together. There will be Scripture, Christmas carols, and a chance for people who gather to share a favorite Christmas memory. This is a great time of year to invite friends, neighbors, and family to join us for worship.

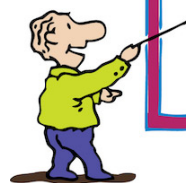


Blessings, Pastor Mary



## **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY and Holy Communion**

We will remember those who have passed on who have taught us what it means to be people of faith, hope, and love. John Miller will sing "We May Never Pass This Way Again." Scripture: First Letter of Peter 1:3-9 Sermon: "The Outcome of Your Faith" We will celebrate Holy Communion by coming forward to the altar for those who are able.



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# NEWS & Notes

Set Your Clocks Back!



Daylight Savings Time  
Ends At midnight  
Saturday, November 5

## Charge Conference Booklet

Please help yourself to a booklet. It includes our 2023 budget, list of committee assignments, membership report, as well as minutes from previous Church Conferences. There are copies on the back table in the Sanctuary, as well as in the Church Office. If we run out we will make more.



We collected a total of \$1559. The people of Galt UMC are making a difference around the world in places that are suffering from natural disaster, famine, and war.

## Hospitality Host



November 6  
Anne Albrecht

November 13  
Sandie Benadum

## GREETERS SCHEDULE

November 6  
John & Cindy  
Borgerding

November 13  
Dottie & Kim Farhat  
Hyo Chu

*Thank You!*



Many thanks to the ladies from the Book Club for Women who spent several hours putting together 600 bags of candy for Pastor Mary to distribute at the community Trunk or Treat. Mona, Judy, Dottie, Kim, Madeline, Clydia, Marina you ROCK!

## Next Saturday, November 5, 11am - 12:30pm



For those who have lost loved ones, the Holidays can create an ache within that is hard to bear alone. Please come and share with one another and with Pastor Mary who is missing around your Holiday table. Help us to get to know those you love who have passed on.

## November

This Month's Birthdays



- 3 - Mariah Myrick-Smith
- 8 - Beverly Sigafos
- 11 - Jim Parrish
- 10 - Remington Herburger
- 16 - Reponszia Catron

## Our District Prayer focus this week:

- November 6:** Pray for all the churches and ministries.
- November 13:** Pray for Cambodian Ministry at Central UMC, Stockton



- 2 - Bob & MaryAnn Janes
- 24 - Bob & Inez Munoz
- 25 - Bob & Ann Webb



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday  
**WEEKLY**  
*Sneak Peek*



**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.

**Paul's Journey's and Letters** Sunday, November 6, 4pm on ZOOM. Two chapters remain in our study of Acts of the Apostles! November 6 will be our last ZOOM class until after the first of the year. On January 8<sup>th</sup> we will start up again with studying Paul's letter to the Romans. 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.



Tuesday, November 1, 6:30pm in the Church Office.



Thursday, November 3, 11:30am Lunch Bunch at Full Moon Palace Chinese (1000 C Street, Suite 50, Galt)



Saturday, November 5, 11am - 12:30pm Caring and Sharing in Social Hall

**Welcome to Worship**

Sunday, November 6, 10am ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, Holy Communion, John Miller singing



**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!



**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



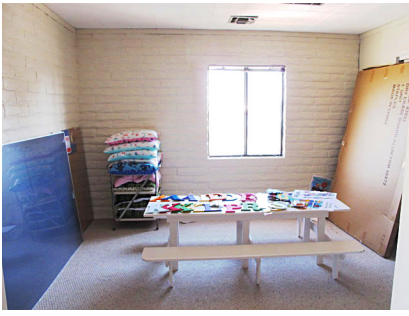
Wednesday, November 2, 8:00 - 11:30am: Prepares food boxes for delivery to Senior Citizen homes.



Wednesday, November 2, 5:00pm on ZOOM.



Our pastor is a fan of reality shows. He says, "I am your holy plastic surgeon, here to give you a faith lift."



The upstairs Sunday School room is almost ready. Looks like Madeline is already trying to move in!



A big thank you from our Lord's Lambs Sunday School project goes to the Trustees of Galt UMC, especially Rob Seibel, Jim Parrish, Ed Delgado, Sandie Benadum, and Richard Farhat for their hard work to ready a Sunday

School room upstairs. It is close to being finished and looks bright and welcoming so far!

If you know of any parents, grandparents, relatives, or legal guardians who would be interested in bringing their children to our Lord's Lambs Sunday School in the future, please encourage them to do so. Our first lesson to be held in our new classroom upstairs will occur on Sunday, November 13, 2022. Relatives or guardians will be asked to deliver children upstairs, and then return to the classroom after their 30-minute lesson to take them back downstairs to worship with the rest of the congregation.

Our lesson themes are: Jesus Loves Me, How to Pray, Sharing with others, and for the holiday seasons until the New Year, Thankfulness for November, and the story of Jesus' birth for December. Michele Weinel and Madeline Powell are the teachers at present. If you feel the Lord leading you to be a teacher, please let Pastor Mary or Madeline know. We hope to see the number of our little Lord's Lambs and teachers grow!

Prayers and good wishes,  
Madeline Powell  
Children's Ministry Director

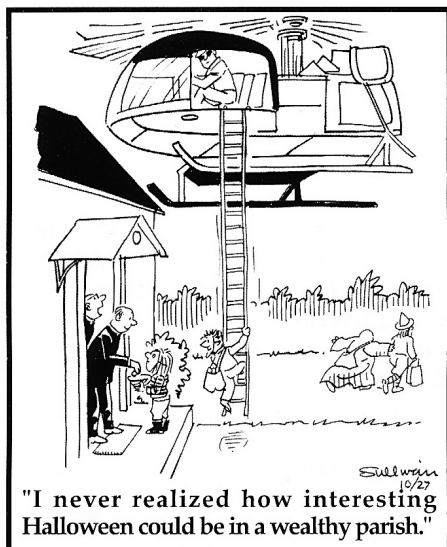
## Sunshine Pantry Fundraises for New Building

Our Kickoff event for the Sunshine Pantry received a boost from two front pages this past week!

We received a good write-up on the front page of the October 26 edition of the Galt Herald. You can read the complete article on the front page of last week's edition. You can also see it on-line at [galtheraldonline.com](http://galtheraldonline.com).

We also received a "top" billing from last week's California-Nevada Instant Connection for October 27. There we are right on the front page - with pictures even! You can read the complete article - [read more...](#)

Also Faye Gaines and Mark King were on Channel 13 news on October 30.



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The crumbling, old church building needed remodeling, so the preacher made an impassioned appeal, looking directly at the richest man in town. At the end of the message, the rich man stood up and announced, "Pastor, I will contribute \$1,000".

Just then, plaster fell from the ceiling and struck the rich man on the shoulder. He promptly stood again and shouted "Pastor, I will increase my donation to \$5,000."

Before he could sit back down, plaster fell on him again, and again he virtually screamed, "Pastor, I will double my last pledge."

He sat down and a larger chunk of plaster fell, hitting him on the head. He stood once more and hollered, "Pastor I will give \$20,000.

This prompted a deacon to shout, "Hit him again, Lord! Hit him again!"



# November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bible Study in person 11:00am  Building Committee 6:30pm	2 Woman's Book Club on ZOOM 5:00pm	3 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Full Moon Chinese Restaurant	4 Pastor's Day Off	5 Galt Fellowship AA potluck 5:00-8:30am Caring and Sharing 11:00-12:30pm Set Clocks back  AA group meets at 8:00am Nor anon meets at 9:15am
6 All Saints Sunday in person worship Holy Communion 10:00am  Bible Study on ZOOM 4:00pm	7 Women's Book Club in person- 11:00am upstairs Senior Center BINGO 1-3pm Chabolla Center AA group meets at 7:00pm	8 Finance Team 9:00am  Bible Study in person 11:00am	9 Set-up for Sunshine Pantry 8:30-10:30am Bruceville Point program 11:30am-3:00pm Woman's Book Club 5:00pm NA group meets at 6:00pm AA group meets at 6:00pm	10 Sunshine Pantry distribution 7:30-10:00am	11 Pastor's Day Off	12 "Stone Soup" drop off - 9:00-11:00am  AA group meets at 8:00am Nor anon meets at 9:15am
13 Lord's Lambs In person worship 10:00am Stone Soup Lunch after worship  Facebook Live on ZOOM 4:00-4:30pm	14 Women's Book Club in person- 11:00am upstairs AA group meets at 7:00pm	15 Bible Study in person 11:00am	16 Woman's Book Club on ZOOM 5:00pm  NA group meets at 6:00pm AA group meets at 6:00pm	17 Church Council on ZOOM 4:00pm	18 Pastor's Day Off	19 Men's Breakfast 9:00am Old Town Diner Women's meeting 10:00am place TBA Thanksgiving Dinner Box giveaway 10:30am AA group meets at 8:00am Nor anon meets at 9:15am
20 Thanksgiving worship in person 10:00am  Facebook Live on ZOOM 4:00-4:30pm	21 AA group meets at 7:00pm	22 Pastor Mary off for renewal	23 NA group meets at 6:00pm AA group meets at 6:00pm	24 Thanksgiving Holiday	25 Pastor's Day Off	26 AA group meets at 8:00am Nor anon meets at 9:15am
27 First Sunday of Advent  In person Worship 10:00am  Facebook Live on ZOOM 4:00-4:30pm	28 AA group meets at 7:00pm	29 Bible Study in person 11:00am	30 NA group meets at 6:00pm AA group meets at 6:00pm	For more info on any activity, please contact Pastor Mary at 530-417-6584 <a href="mailto:mmaaga@yahoo.com">mmaaga@yahoo.com</a>		



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

Once a year every local United Methodist Church has a meeting with our District Superintendent for him/her to evaluate the health of our Church and whether the current appointed pastor is a good fit or not.

As part of this meeting a “Charge Conference Booklet” is created that includes a “state of the Church” article by the pastor. This is what I wrote for our booklet this past week:

*Need look no further than the minutes at the back of this booklet for the two special Church Conferences that Galt UMC held in the past 12 months, to see that the mission of the United Methodist Church to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world” is being enthusiastically fulfilled by the United Methodists of Galt, California! We are in the midst of pushing for an affordable housing project for seniors and veterans in our community that will make use of our two empty lots that we will sell to Christian Church Homes (CCH), a decision that was made at our October 14, 2021 Special Church Conference. It has been a year that required much grit and an abundance of patience, as the Holy Spirit put together the project God desires. I hope that by the time I write this report next year that ground will be broken. Even while we were on the roller coaster of CCH acquiring other lots to include with ours for the housing project, a Building Committee established at the Special Church Conference on May 12, 2022 moved ahead with fundraising for a building to house the Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center on the lot currently housing the Church Offices and storage shed. Last Friday we had a community kick-off event sponsored by the Galt chapter of Rotary attended by over one hundred people representing a dozen political offices, non-profits, and City commissions. Galt UMC is on the map as a beacon for unity and hope.*

*Bishop Beverly Shamana used to say “feet follow faith in action” and the enthusiasm felt at worship, in the work of our committees, and in our care for one another certainly demonstrates that at Galt UMC. Of special note are three groups that have gone above and beyond since our last Church Conference:*

- 1. Our Trustees have accomplished necessary repairs and maintenance work on the Parsonage, on the parking lot, on the grounds of the Sanctuary and office, on the Sanctuary roof, AND in creating a Sunday School space out of a room that had been used for storage. Thank you Rob Seibel for your leadership of Trustees.*

2. We have the potential for 14 children in our Children’s Ministry program. These are the children and grandchildren of frequent worshippers. We are blessed that Madeline Powell has stepped up to organize a monthly program for our “Lord’s Lambs”. So far, we have had as many as 6 children participating. She has some help from adults but is looking for more.

3. *With the pandemic loosening its grip we have returned to having coffee hour following worship. We are grateful to have coordinators for both Greeters (Sharon Drake) and Hospitality (Anne Albrecht). Their efforts are especially important since we are having visitors nearly every Sunday.*

*In the year to come we will focus on improving our financial reporting systems so that offerings and expenditures are transparent to every Church member. We are grateful that Pearl Silva has stepped up to lead this effort as newly appointed Finance Chair. Also in the year to come the Trustees will have their hands full with preparing the current “food closet” to house the Church Offices. That will be a big task requiring exactly the skill set that the continuing and new Trustees have, as well as lots of prayer and patience on the part of us all.*

*Every Sunday morning is an enthusiastic family reunion. Members of long standing are reaching out to visitors and newer members. Music is various depending on which of our hand full of occasional musicians are available. No matter what, we know we can count on our beloved Papa Earl Arrants to play the organ. How grateful we are for this faithful disciple who gives of himself so freely for the building of the Kingdom of God. He continues to publish a newsletter WEEKLY to an enthusiastic readership. My prayer in 2023 is that God might bring us a musician or two who can make a weekly commitment to Galt UMC.*

*I experience joy in serving Galt UMC. Thank you for being the people that you are, redeemed by the Lord and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.*

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