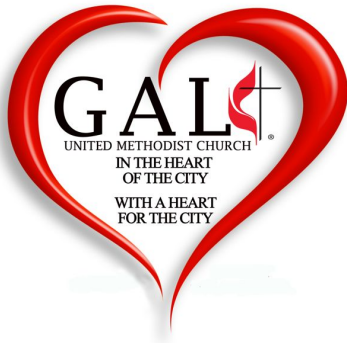


# Galt UMC This Week



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.



September 19, 2022

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



I have been praising God for what a generous and loving and hard-working Church family we have! It has been a moving experience to work with the four families who celebrated the lives of loved ones in our sanctuary, and to watch the hospitality flow. We have been showing the world Church at its best: faithful people doing our best to surround those who mourn with loving kindness. Please know that the food you brought carried with it a reflection of God's abundant love for our visitors. I have heard dozens of people from the Strootman, Bruns, Nelson, and Klooster families exclaim over the extraordinary generosity of our Church in hosting their circle of family and friends for refreshments following the funeral. Many thanks to Faye Gaines for organizing these meals. (If you would like to join the folks who contribute to these meals in the future, please let Faye know: 209-200-2628). Also, I can't say enough about how grateful I am to Earl Arrants for providing organ music for these services. I see folks take a deep sigh and watch their hearts open wide as he plays our classic Christian hymns that remind us of the salvation of Christ and the promise of heaven.

Blessings, Pastor Mary

p.s. If you are not yet an official member of Galt UMC we would love to welcome you as a Church family member during Worship on October 9<sup>th</sup>. When we do so our congregation takes vows to *surround you with a community of love and forgiveness that you may grow in your trust of God as well as be family to you, sharing your joys and sorrows, and lightening your heavy loads.* You take a vow to *faithfully participate in the ministries of Galt UMC by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.* I remember how powerful it was the first time I took such vows and joined my local United Methodist Church. I thought I was already committed, but something about those vows made me have more "skin in the game." My faith increased, as did my care for others in the Church family. Please let me know if I can give you more information in making this decision. Currently Galt UMC has 113 members.

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# NEWS & Notes



## September 25 – Gospel According to Disney: The Lion King and the Circle of Life

Special Music from John Miller “The Circle of Life”  
Sermon: “By Faith” Scripture: selections from Hebrews 11 and Hebrews 12:1-2.



## Special Church Council Budget Meeting

All Church members and others interested in the future of Galt UMC are invited to attend a special meeting to discuss and approve a budget for 2023.

The meeting will be lead by Council Chair Mona Stratton, with a presentation made by Finance and Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC). Pastor Mary will not be present at the meeting since her 2023 salary package, recommended by SPRC and Finance, is part of the 2023 budget being voted on. Please see the current and proposed budget on the last pages of this newsletter.



## October 2nd

Plan to wear fabrics and clothing from places around the world to reflect the abundant variety of people who are one in Christ! We will have gluten free bread, as well as breads from around the world for those who wish to come forward during Holy Communion. We will also have the containers of Holy Communion for those wishing to practice caution.

Pastor Mary takes one day a week off, on Fridays. Sometimes she will take a Thursday and Friday off to make up for

a Friday when she has worked. These are always scheduled in advance. You will see her days off on your monthly Church calendar. Please respect our hard-working Pastor’s personal and family time so she can come back refreshed on Saturday. If it’s an emergency, she is – of course – available 24/7. Thank you. Leesa Klotz, Chair, Staff Parish Relations Committee



**Stone Soup is coming to Galt UMC!** What???? Stone Soup??? - - Yep!!! We are going to have a Stone Soup Sunday for fellowship on Sunday, November 13.

## 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.



Thank you all for providing a delicious lunch for everyone attending Monte’s Celebration of Life. Your food, caring, and service made us all feel extremely loved. Monte meant so much to so many people and your generosity was a balm to our souls.



Coming  
This Week



**Thursday, September 22:**  
7:30-10:00am Community Food  
Distribution at the church.

Welcome to Worship

**Sunday, September 25:**  
10am Worship – Gospel  
According to Disney: Lion  
King – John Miller sings!

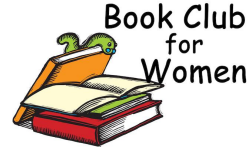


**Sunday, September 25: SPECIAL  
CHURCH COUNCIL BUDGET  
MEETING** immediately following  
Worship.



**Monday, September 26:** 9am  
Nominations Committee on  
ZOOM

## Continuing Weekly



Ten women are  
meeting in person on  
Mondays at 11am and  
ten women on ZOOM  
at 5pm on

**Wednesdays!** “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. Not too  
late to join! Ask Pastor Mary for a link, or  
show up on Mondays.

### TWO Ways to Grow



**John’s Gospel** every  
Tuesday, 10am, in the  
Church Social Hall. No  
previous Bible Study or

knowledge required. This week we will join  
the man healed by the Lord on the  
Sabbath from Chapter 5. You won’t want  
to miss coming to know this miracle more  
deeply.

**Paul’s Journey’s and Letters** every  
Sunday, 4pm on ZOOM. We have  
completed Paul’s letter to the Ephesians  
and have returned to Acts of the Apostles.  
We will be studying Chapters 21 – 28 over  
the next several weeks. Come and hear  
some powerful speeches by Paul as we  
make our way to the end of his life. And  
you can do it from the comfort of your own  
home! You will also meet some wonderful  
Christian disciples from around the state  
and the country.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A  
**Kick-Off Mixer**  
 CELEBRATING COMMUNITY SUPPORT  
 AND THOSE THAT HAVE MADE OUR  
**SUNSHINE FOOD PANTRY  
 and RESOURCE CENTER**  
 BUILDING EXPANSION POSSIBLE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21  
 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
 Cosumnes CSD Fire Station 45  
 229 5th Street  
 Galt, California

Enjoy music and refreshments  
 while learning more about  
 how we serve our community

RSVP Text or Call  
 916.662.6915

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### Sunshine Food Pantry

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



“Laughter is the corrective force  
which prevents us from becoming  
cranks.”

- -Henri Bergson



**The Work of the Church – How Our Church Works**

One of the unique things about United Methodism is that we are what’s called a “connectional” Church, which means that no matter what United Methodist Church you go to, there will be certain roles that are present in every local Church. For example, the Lay Member to Annual Conference, which in the case of Galt UMC is our beloved Mercedes Diego. The Lay Member to Annual Conference attends the yearly Annual Conference Session that is held over several days in June every year to appoint pastors to their charges starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, ordain and commission new pastors, have a memorial service for all pastors and spouses who have passed the previous year, have our Bishop officiate in a service of Holy Communion, and hear reports from our various Conference Boards and Commissions, including the yearly Conference budget. Mercedes is our official link to the larger Annual Conference. She would like to be re-appointed to serve another year, which is a blessing to us. She has fulfilled her appointment diligently and brought back a very touching report last summer of how her participation in Annual Conference has helped her blossom as a person and as a Christian.



**Online Worship: PRAYERS NEEDED!**

Pressing pause on our Online Worship has created hardship for some beloved people who cannot come to in person worship due to health concerns, or because of the distance that they live. Please pray that the Lord will lead to us someone with the talent of Dennis Yoder, who can tape, edit, and produce during the week. If you know of anyone, please let Pastor Mary know.

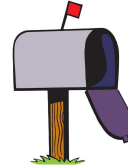
Angels, as explained by children:  
“I only know the names of two angels — Hark and Harold.”  
—Gregory, age 5

“What I don’t get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them.”  
—Sarah, age 7

“My guardian angel helps me with math, but he’s not much good for science.” —Henry, age 8

**Congratulations!**

Saira Kanwal, wife of Koshmick Kumar, mother of Azad, daughter-in-law of Munoj and Rosie, aunt of Saphyra, sister-in-law of Cameron (drum roll please, if you’re not too tired after reading that list!) has received her GREEN CARD. Anyone who has been an immigrant or who has loved an immigrant knows what a big deal this is. We are happy for you, Saira.



You can now send checks directly to the Sunshine Food Pantry address:

**Sunshine Food Pantry and Resource Center  
P.O. Box 1265  
Galt, CA 95632**

“It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness.”  
- - Charles Spurgeon

**Hospitality Host**



**September 25**  
Madeline Powell

**October 2**  
Dottie & Kim Farhat

**GREETERS  SCHEDULE**

**September 25**  
Sharon Drake

**October 2**  
Ann Mitchell  
Barbara Anderson



**Our District Prayer focus this week:**

September 25: Pray for Salem UMC, Lodi  
October 2: Pray for all churches/ministries

# The Roving Camera Eye

Activities from around Galt UMC



Blue Dog Beverages has donated many cases of assorted beverages over the past years.

One day last week, Faye Gaines, Betti Welch, and Earl Arrants visited several businesses presenting them with Appreciation Plaques for their support of the Sunshine Food Pantry. Pictured here were managers, assistant managers, and employees of the various business.

## To Show Our Appreciation



Galt Herald has included many articles and photographs highlighting activities of the Pantry.



Employees of Les Schwab helped collect kids toys at Christmas time. This year was the third year they have helped with this project.



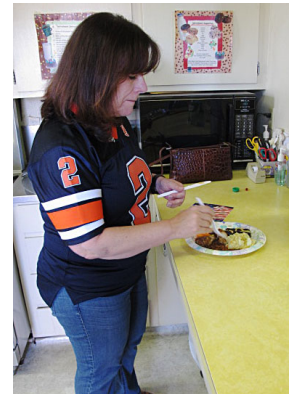
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Pastor Joe Carmichael hosted a Super Bowl Party. He came well prepared with snacks and drinks.



We are not sure he realized he was going to be the victim of a water drop!





## Planning the Budget

Category	2022	2023	Notes
Ministerial Expense: Pastor's Utilities	3600	3600	For parsonage
Ministerial Expense: Pastoral Salary	56595	62140	4.8% cost of living increase 5% merit increase
Ministerial Expense: Reimbursable	3365	5000	For calendar year 2022 it was also \$5000; 3365 was the balance when we switched from a fiscal to calendar year for budget
Ministerial Expense: Retirement/Pension	12228	14000 estimate	Conference calculates
Operating Expense: ADP	720	720	
Operating Expense: Insurance/ Building	9000	9000	
Operating Expense: Maintenance	9000	9000	
Operating Expense: Marketing	1000	2000	Banners for outside of building; website; ads; fliers
Operating Expense: Office Expenses	5000	5000	
Operating Expense: Utilities	15000	15000	
Program Expense: Adult Education	500	500	

Program Expense:Annual Conference Lay Member	500	500	
Program Expense: Children's Ministry	1000	1000	
Program Expense: Hospitality	1000	1000	
Program Expense: Worship, Music, Pulpit	6000	6000	
CES Loan Repayment	5540	5540	
Staff:Administrator	8000	10000	Combination of admin, plus potential paying of accountant firm
Staff:Custodian	4800	6000	More hours
Staff:In-Person Worship Visual & Sound Technician	6040	7000	More hours
Staff:Online Worship	17400	0	Praying we will be able to resume this- if so it will need to be financially self- sustaining
Expense Categories Total	166288	163000	

For questions, please contact Finance Chair Ann Mitchell at 916-996-4420.

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