



This Week at Galt UMC

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.

January 18, 2021

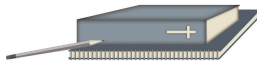
Let's Talk

[A Word from Pastor Mary mjzmaaga@yahoo.com](mailto:mjzmaaga@yahoo.com) 530-417-6584

Oh, how I am missing Worshiping in person! This past week I asked Rosie Kumar, Chair of our Relaunch Protocol Team, to meet with her team to start thinking about how soon we can start having Outdoor Worship again. I know it is too cold right now, but since a warmer than usual/drier than usual winter is being forecast I want us thinking ahead. What I am proud of is that in spite of the contagious nature of the coronavirus, nobody who attended Worship in person at Galt UMC caught covid. Thank you Rosie, Sandie, Betty, Leesa, Mariah, Mercedes, Freddie, and Eddie, for keeping us safe during our ten outdoor services and one indoor service.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Mary

Renewal Sermon Series



Be Transformed by Renewal in Christ

Each week will have its own Scripture, but the overarching Scripture for the whole series is Romans Chapter 12

January 24: Sermon – “Renewal Through Desperation and Celebration: The Prodigal Son” Scripture – Luke 15:11-32 (excerpts)

Our District Superintendent Rev. Debra Brady joined us online for Worship this past week and said how much she enjoyed it and was impressed by the quality of the video.

In keeping with Pastor Mary's theme of renewal, please forward any Worship video that touched your heart/soul to a loved one in need of a blessing. All videos can be found on our website GaltUMC.org



New Bible Study Series

The Making of the Bible:

Pastor Mary has decided to teach this class during Lent. It will be offered to Galt UMC as well as people from other Churches who attend her Bible Study. Each class

will include a 30 minute presentation, followed by 30 minutes of questions and discussion. The class will be held at 4pm on Sunday afternoons starting on February 21 and going for six sessions until March 28. I have set the time for 4pm so that no matter what time in the afternoon we start having outdoor worship, it won't interfere with our class. Looking forward to it!! The outline of the topics covered in each class will be available in future newsletters.

Church Office Closed

Until further notice the Church Office is available only by appointment. Call Pastor Mary if you need something.



Pastoral care is one of the most important parts of being a Pastor. Pastors are wonderful confidential listeners. If you would like a Pastoral Care appointment, please contact Pastor Mary 530-417-6584. She is happy to speak with you over the phone, on ZOOM, or at a safe distance in her Church Office.



Our first UMW Zoom meeting of 2021 will be held on Saturday, January 30, at 10:30. If you are not a member, but would like to attend, please contact me to make sure you get on the list. Pastor Mary and I have something special up our sleeves. Hope you can attend.

Deb Watters
UMW. President

Sign seen outside an Oakland CA, church:

"God does not believe in atheists;
therefore atheists do not exist."



**A Word from our
Sponsor, Methodist
Founder John
Wesley's Brother
Charles the Hymn
writer**

*Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees, and looks to
God alone; Laughs at impossibilities, and cries it
shall be done.*

**A Word from Rev. Dr. Martin
Luther King, Jr.**

*We must learn to live together as
brothers or perish together as fools.*



NEWS & Notes



Finance Update

Total Deposits for: **January 10 :**

General Fund *\$ 5833.

Lift 110.

*Includes Christmas, Boutique,
and OnLine giving

Total Deposits for: **January 17 :**

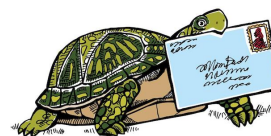
General Fund *\$ 2346.56

Lift 20.

*Includes OnLine giving this
past week

To fund all our staff and programs
without dipping into savings we
need \$13,500 in giving per month.

Giving Possibilities



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getting checks

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On-Line Worship - Available on
Saturdays each week at
GaltUMC.org.



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Your Church at work this week

Grace Group - this Tuesday – 3:00-4:00pm on ZOOM

Our Tuesday afternoon Grace Group has been meeting for five months and will continue meeting in 2021. What a gift it has been to all of us who have participated!

Pastor Mary has heard from three people about starting a second Grace Group. If you are interested in an hour a week of conversation, connection, and prayer, please let our Pastor know. As soon as 4 or more people are committed, then a suitable time and day will be selected.

Trustees - 4:30pm - Thursday, January 21 on ZOOM.

Finance Team - Delayed until February

Bible Study - Wednesday, January 20, 6:30-7:15pm FaceBook Live

YAY! Technical problems have been solved! Now you can be sure that when you log on to Pastor Mary's Facebook Page at 6:30 on Wednesdays, she will be there teaching the Bible Study AND you can view the class after the fact on her page as well. We are in the midst of Jesus's powerful teachings on the Monday of Holy Week – a day when He speaks of the nature of God, His relationship with God, and in which He condemns as hypocrites the religious leaders of His day. It is also a day in which He further embraces and encourages the outcasts to know that they are precious to God.

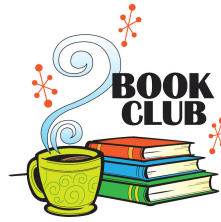
Campfire Time - Sundays at 11:00am on ZOOM - next meeting January 17.

It's like a "virtual" post Worship fellowship time! Someone will start by telling a story, then the rest of us pile on and share something from our own life. It's fun and there is lots of laughter. All are invited. No long-term commitment needed. Just let Pastor Mary know you want to receive the ZOOM link. The last time we had 8 people around the campfire.



Typos that gnash the teeth

Our pastor will be attending a weekend seminar on mental illness. Please pray for his sane return.



-The Road Less Traveled by M. Scott Peck, M.D. has been selected by Pastor Mary for us to read and discuss on ZOOM starting in February. You can find it on Amazon new for under \$20 and used

for less than \$10. Please acquire your own copy and let Pastor Mary know that you would like to be a part of book club – we will figure out the day and time once we know who will be joining us. It is a book that encourages us to continue spiritual growth no matter what challenges we face – and to learn that “it is in this whole process of meeting and solving problems that life has its meaning.”

Pastor Mary at Work Beyond our Local Church

Gathering of the Orders is an annual meeting of all clergy in the California-Nevada Conference of the United Methodist Church. This year, because of the pandemic, it is taking place on ZOOM. The focus Scripture for the event is Ecclesiastes 3:4 – *a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance*. While Pastor Mary WISHES she had been asked to lead a workshop on dance (just kidding!) in fact she was asked to lead a workshop on A TIME TO LAUGH. Please pray for her as she puts together her presentation in the next week. Gathering of the Orders will be all day on Monday, January 25.



What's your definition of "disciples"? Can you name all 12? Were there /are any more than 12? These questions and more will be answered by Chuck!

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Annual Contribution Statements are now ready. They will be presented in person, or mailed next week.