

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 24, 2021

Let's Talk

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

The Gathering of the Orders is a several day retreat that ordained clergy attend in our Conference every January. Two years ago I was asked to give a talk on HOPE. It was the first time I ever spoke in front of Bishop Carcano and I didn't sleep for days leading up to it. Last year I was asked to write and produce a series of skits for Gathering of the Orders – that was fun and very nerve wracking. This year I have been asked to speak on “a time to laugh” sandwiched between presentations on “a time to weep” and “a time to mourn.” To add to the awkwardness, it is all taking place on ZOOM! Please send me good thoughts and prayers throughout the day tomorrow as I will be at my computer in the office from 8:30am – 4:00pm.



Grace and Peace, Pastor Mary



Church Office Closed

Until further notice the Church Office is available only by appointment. Call Pastor Mary if she can help you.



New Bible Study Series

How the Bible was Made

Pastor Mary will teach this class in six parts during Lent on Sunday afternoons at 4pm. 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. Please send Pastor Mary an email (mjzmaaga@yahoo.com) if you would like to be included in this class.

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 31: Sermon – “Renewal Through Patience and Forgiveness: Peter”

Scripture – Mark 1:16-18, Matthew 14:22-33



NEWS & Notes



Finance Update

Our first UMW Zoom meeting of 2021 will be held this 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

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.

Total Deposits for: **January 24 :**
General Fund *\$ 241.20
Lift 10.

*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.

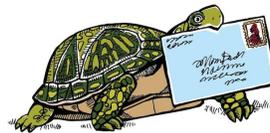
Giving Possibilities



Staff Parish Relations Committee

is pleased to announce that Dianne Trotter has been hired, starting February 1st, to do the bookkeeping for our Church.

Dianne brings years of experience as the Administrative Assistant to Galt UMC – that job involved keeping our books, so this is a natural fit for her and a blessing for us. She will be working mostly from home since our Church Office remains closed due to covid restrictions.



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A Word from Our Methodist Hymnal



Directions for Singing: Sing lustily and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan. **Be sure to sing along with online Worship!**



Your Church at work this week

Grace Group - this Tuesday – 3:00-4:00pm on ZOOM
A weekly time for praying, sharing, and caring.

We have two Grace Groups now – one that has been ongoing since last summer, and one that is starting in February! Maybe you'd like to gather several friends and start a third one?! The format is the same every week: Pastor Mary reads a short Scripture and gives an opening prayer, then we check in with "how is it with your soul?" followed by sharing on a topic. Grace Groups are refreshment for the soul!

Church Council - Thursday, January 28, 4pm – all are welcome! Please let Pastor Mary know if you would like a link.

Bible Study - Matthew's Gospel - Wednesday, January 27, 6:30-7:15pm FaceBook Live

Even if you can't join us live, you CAN watch the video on Pastor Mary's FB Page anytime during the week. This week we will be hearing the Lord's words of condemnation against HYPOCRITES which He spoke on the Monday of Holy Week. Even if you've never joined us before, it's never too late. Inquiring minds want to know if "The Making of the Bible" class during Lent will replace our weekly Bible Study. No way! Our Wednesday night studies will continue through June.

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 10 people around the campfire.



Typos that gnash the teeth

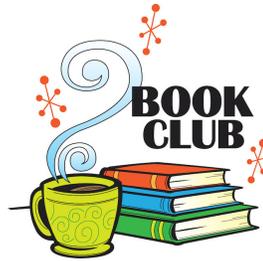
Church Notices

Ushers will eat latecomers
(should be **seat**)

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



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The opening line is "life is difficult" – from that moment on Dr. Peck shares touching, humorous, inspiring stories of how people face and transcend their difficulties to have full and

happy lives. The Road Less Traveled by M. Scott Peck, M.D. can be found 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. **Please let Pastor Mary know this week if you are interested.**

Sunshine Pantry - Open this week - Set up on Wednesday, 8:00 to 10:00am. Drive thru food giveaway Thursday morning, 8:00 to 10:00am. Extra help always welcome.

BTW: We pick up food donations from Raley's and Save Mart 6 days a week. If you are interested in helping with this project, contact Faye Gaines for details.



Define "Church": We all know what the word "church" means, right? Well, not so fast! Chuck explores all the meanings of this powerful word.

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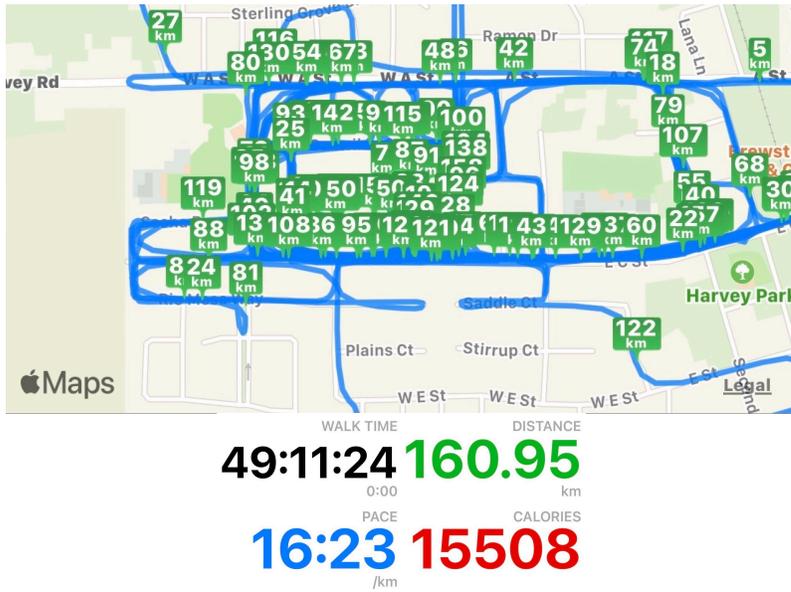


Pastor Mary at Work Beyond our Local Church

Here is an excerpt from Pastor Mary's talk on "A Time to Laugh" that she is giving Monday for the clergy of the California-Nevada Annual Conference of the UMC:

The stakes are really high right now in our world, our nation, and in our denomination, so that's gotten us getting really careful with one another. It's like no one can take a joke anymore! But I think the reason we don't try to make one another laugh is because the laughter we have experienced in the past few years has been at the expense of others. Laughing AT instead of laughing WITH builds up a dangerous insider/outsider ideology that is tearing apart our shared values. And when we laugh together about important things it's a little bit like whistling in the dark, or holding hands when you cross the street – it's a way of saying, yep, this is serious and important, but we have to make room for light, and warmth, and connection. Laughter doesn't minimize the seriousness, or how earnestly we desire to engage in the transformation of the world. Laughter helps us to feel better as we grow more in the likeness of our Lord and Savior. This journey of perfection is no joke! But these are:

Sunshine Food Pantry Coordinator Faye Gaines is on hand to accept a \$3,000 donation check from church member Greg Davidson. He asked his friends and neighbors to sponsor him in his exercise regimen by pledging so much per mile that he covered. The proceeds were to benefit the Sunshine Pantry. The map below shows the route, time, and distance covered around the western end of Galt city limits. They surely came through for him. Thank you Greg, your donation is gratefully appreciated.



- Who is the greatest baby-sitter mentioned in the Bible? David – he rocked Goliath to sleep.
- Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible? When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.
- When was the longest day in the Bible? The day Adam was created because there was no Eve.
- What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible? Honda Cuz the apostles were all in one accord.

A little girl asked her mother, "Mom, how were people created?"

Her Mom replied, "First God made man and woman. Then they had kids. Then their kids grew up and had their own kids. In this way, the numbers of people increased."

Later that day, the little girl went up to her father, and asked, "Dad, how were people created?" The father replied, "First, God made monkeys. Then the monkeys evolved into people."

At the dinner table that night, with both Mom and Dad present, the little girl turned to her Mom and said: "Mom, you lied. Dad said people came from monkeys."

"No dear," Mom replied, "Dad told you about the monkeys in his family. I told you about the people in my family."

"The smile on my face doesn't mean my life is perfect. It means I appreciate what I have and what have been blessed with. I choose to be happy."

—Charlie Brown
in *Peanuts* cartoon
by Charles Schultz