



This Week at Galt UMC

January 4, 2021

Let's Talk

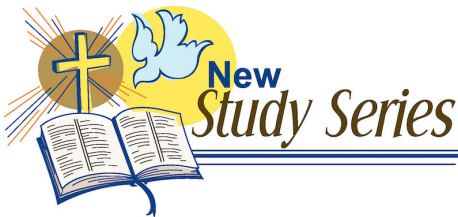
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Happy New Year! May this year abound in faith, hope, and love for you and yours. I am back from vacation renewed, restored, and revved up. John and Zola and I had a wonderful time cooking, watching movies and television, taking Emily the One Eyed Schnauzer on lots of walks, and LAUGHING. Lots. That's one of the things that binds the three of us -- laughter is nearly always near the surface when we spend time together. We are amused by each other, and delight in our differences. As I look at the way the world has changed since the pandemic took hold, this is what I miss: laughter among friends at Church. With

Online Worship there is no way to "read the room" and throw in the occasional laugh line. With ZOOM it is harder to delight in one another's company as we lead the Church. Bible Study has usually meant many dramatic movements to illustrate teaching points -- most designed to illicit laughter. That's just not possible over FB Live. Laughter is essential for healthy living. Laughter lights up one of the oldest parts of the brain, while gently elevating blood pressure and heart rate. So find things to laugh about, my friends. Watch comedies. Tell funny stories with friends and family over ZOOM. Make a commitment to being amused by your ways of being in the world. You will feel better.

Blessings of Comfort and Joy, Pastor Mary



The Making of
the Bible: Pastor
Mary will be

sending out a Doodle Poll within the next several weeks to select a day and time for a class on the writing, collecting, consolidation, and translation of the Holy Bible. It will be a ZOOM class that will include students from other Churches and communities. The class will be an hour long and have a half an hour of teaching, followed by half an hour of questions and answers and discussion.

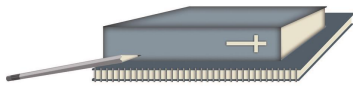


On-Line Worship - Available on
Saturdays each week at
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NEW Sermon Series



January 10 to February 14



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 10 -

Sermon: "Zeal for Renewal in Christ"

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2,9-13; Isaiah 0:2,6-7

January 17 -

Sermon: "Renewal Through Facing Hard Truths:
The Samaritan Woman"

Scripture: John 4:1-42 (excerpts)

January 24 -

Sermon: "Renewal through Desperation and
Celebration: The Prodigal Son"

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32 (excerpts)

January 31 -

Sermon: "Renewal Through Patience and
Forgiveness: Peter"

Scripture: Mark 1:16-18; Matthew 14:22-33

February 7 - Holy Communion

Sermon: "Renewal Through Trust and Mercy:
Ananias, Barnabas, and Paul"

Scripture: Acts 9:1-30 (excerpts)

February 14 - Transfiguration Sunday

Sermon: "Renewal Through Grace: Paul"

Scripture: Romans 12:1-21

February 17 - Ash Wednesday

The Gospel Doctrine teacher said, "Next Sunday, for our lesson on honesty, I'd like you to read the 17th chapter Mark."

On the following Sunday the teacher said, "Now then, all of you who have read the 17th chapter of Mark, please raise your hands.." Nearly every hand in the congregation went up.

"You are the very people I want to talk to," the teacher said. "There is no 17th chapter of Mark."

It takes MANY faithful people to run a Church – and much of their work is behind the scenes, which means they don't get the thanks they deserve. Please join us in praising God for the gift of our Church leaders. The following positions are receiving new leaders:

Membership Secretary: Marina Bruns – thank you Betty Yoder for your service these past many years

Church Council Chair: Mona Stratton – thank you Leesa Klotz for your double service as Council Chair and Staff Parish Relations Chair this past year

Many others of you are continuing to serve on Committees you were appointed to previously – others are switching to new Committees. A complete list of leaders is available on the attachment that came with this newsletter OR you can pick up an Annual Church Charge Conference booklet in the Church Office

A Word from our Sponsor, Methodist Founder John Wesley



Did you know that John Wesley was a big believer in a New Year's Eve celebration? Instead of a ball dropping, champagne drinking, and a kiss at midnight,

Methodists celebrated a Covenant Renewal Service beginning in 1755. Part of that Renewal Service includes this prayer: *Lord, make me what You will. I put myself fully into Your hands: put me to doing, put me to suffering, let me be employed for You, or laid aside for You, let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and with a willing heart give it all to Your pleasure and disposal.*



NEWS & Notes



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 is looking to start 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.

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

One quarter of Matthew's Gospel takes place during Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday and culminating on Easter. This week we begin that journey! If one of your New Year's resolutions was to have a deeper commitment to the Lord, joining us now is a perfect way to fulfill that vow. Your Holy Week experience in 2021 will be greatly enriched by joining us.

Website Renovation Group - We will meet with ShareFaith for our second consultation on Thursday, January 7, 8:15am.

Book Club - We will resume meeting in February. Pastor Mary is reading through several "candidate" books and will let us know what she selects.

Campfire Time - Sundays at 11:00am on ZOOM - next meeting January 10.

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.

Exploratory Committee - 5:30pm - Tuesday, January 12 and 26. During January the Committee will work on an interim report to share with Church Council.



Finance Update

Total Deposits for: **December 1 to 31 :**

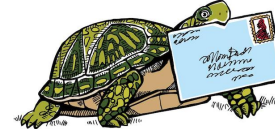
General Fund *\$ 11768.

Lift 145.

*Includes Christmas, Boutique,
and OnLine giving

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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We had lots of help. Our special Christmas Offering helped raise our General Fund offering for December by \$2105!



United Methodist Church logo. The cross and flame logo of The United Methodist Church is a mark known the world over. But, what is the meaning and history of this interesting logo? Chuck tells you about it on this visit. [Click Here](#)



From the Editor's Desk

*This 'N That
From Here and There*

-- By Earl Arrants

Words to start the New Year

The six best doctors in the world: (1) sunlight, (2) rest, (3) exercise, (4) diet, (5) self-confidence, (6) friends.

The Key to a better life:

- *Complain less, appreciate more.
- *Whine less, laugh more.
- *Talk less, listen more.
- *Want less, give more.
- *Hate less, love more.
- *Scold less, praise more.
- *Fear less, hope more.

"In the New Year, write a new plan; turn a new page; follow a new direction; be a new person; radiate enthusiasm."

—William Arthur Ward

"A good sweat, with the blood pounding through my body, makes me feel alive, revitalized. I gain a sense of mastery and assurance. I feel good about myself. Then I can feel good about others."

—Arthur Dobrin

"The testimony of deeds is more likely to be believed than the testimony of words."

—John Chrysostom (407 A.D.)



January

This Month's Birthdays



- 1 — Gail Parrish
- 5 — Betty Price
- 6 — John Houck
- 7 — Faye Gaines
- 7 — Bob Munoz
- 11 — Stephen Klotz
- 12 — Tanya Diego
- 12 — Mark Wickland
- 13 — Sandie Benadum
- 13 — Marina Bruns
- 14 — Mazie Myrick
- 17 — Abigail Curlee
- 18 — Margaret Duecker
- 21 — Suzie Wickland



- 15 — Jim & Gail Parrish
- 31 — Dan & Char Malloy

Email messages from seniors compiled from around the country:

"I really don't mind getting older, but my body is taking it badly."

"If you hear me talking to myself, I'm having a staff meeting."

"As I watch this generation try to rewrite history, one thing I'm sure of — it will be misspelled and have no punctuation."

"You drop something when you're younger, you just pick it up. You drop something when you're older, you stare at it."

A New Year

*"Another fresh New Year is
here...Another year to live!
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,
To love and taught and give!*

*This bright New Year is given me
To live each day with zest...
To daily grow and try to be
My highest and my best!*

*I have the opportunity
Once more to right some wrongs,
To pray for peace, to plant a tree,
And sing more joyful songs!.*

—William Arthur Ward

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>All members are welcome to attend any meeting. All meetings are held in person (social distancing) and/or ZOOM</p>				<p>Office Hours Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am to 1:00pm</p>	<p>1 Happy New Year</p>	<p>2 Pastor Mary back from vacation</p>
<p>Epiphany Sunday 3</p> <p>OnLine Worship Holy Communion</p> <p>11:00am Campfire time</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Grace Group ZOOM 3:00-4:00pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Bible Study w/ Pastor Mary Facebook Live 6:30-7:15pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:15am Website Consultation</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Pastor's Day off</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>OnLine Worship</p> <p>11:00am Campfire time</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Exploratory Committee 5:30pm</p> <p>Grace Group ZOOM 3:00-4:00pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Set-up for tomorrow's Sunshine Pantry 8:30-10:30am</p> <p>Bible Study w/ Pastor Mary Facebook Live 6:30-7:15pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Sunshine Pantry open 8-10am</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Pastor's Day off</p>	<p>16</p>
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