



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.

February 1, 2021

Let's Talk

A Word from Pastor Mary mjzmaaga@yahoo.com 530-417-6584

The highlight of every week is a chance to video the online Worship service. Believe me, when this pandemic first started I was very nervous to get in front of a camera! My style of preaching had been to write my sermon out, then reduce it to an outline, then preach extemporaneously (often without notes) from the outline. I quickly realized that style wouldn't work when every word you are preaching is being captured on film! Weeks of Scripture study and prayer and pondering and writing (and re-writing) goes into every Service, so by the time Tuesday morning arrives I am excited/anxious, eager to see what the Holy Spirit is going to do for all of us through the Worship experience for the week. That's where the DREAM TEAM comes in! (Feel free to hum along with your favorite super-hero theme music as I make introductions.) First, there is retired television cameraman/sound tech extraordinaire Dennis Yoder, always ready with a kind word and his considerable know how (not to mention Betty's suggestions for improvements from the previous week's tapings – she's got a great eye); Second, there is retired Pastor Joe Carmichael, with his humor, his encouragement, and his creativity; Sometimes Mariah Diego is there to help with filming, with her gentle kindness, and Dan Mitchell, with his contagious laughter. After the taping, Pastor Joe works many hours on weaving together what we have captured, along with music and visuals, to make the Online Worship POP. I know you



agree that we are blessed with a powerful Christian journey every week. That's thanks in large part to Pastor Joe. I am a blessed Pastor to have such a team! **But change is in the wind.** Pastor Joe and Dennis Yoder would like to retire from creating Online Worship starting when your new Pastor begins on July 1. Your Church Council affirmed this past week that they would like to continue with our Online Worship videos no matter what since we have many elders who will not be rejoining us for in person Worship. **What this means is that we need several of you to step up and be willing to be trained by Joe and Dennis to do the work of filming, sound capture, and editing.** Yes, we can likely find people to hire who are

not part of Galt UMC, but it would be far FAR better to have these

efforts be an expression of faith and discipleship on your part. So, please pray and ask "Is it I, Lord?" and feel free to contact Pastor Joe and Dennis to find out more.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Mary

Outdoor Worship starts
on **Ash Wednesday**,
February 17th at noon AND
Sundays at 11am starting
February 21st (weather
permitting)

NEWS & Notes

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


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Worship this Week

This week is Holy Communion – Pastor Mary will be consecrating the Sacraments online. Please gather a bread element and a juice element to have available during Worship.

February 7 (online only) Sermon – “Renewal Through Trust and Mercy: Ananias, Barnabas, and Paul”



A Request: Margaret L is looking for an old time movie projector that works and that she could borrow for a short while. You can contact her at 745-5571. Thanks.



Total Deposits for: **January 10 :**
General Fund *\$ 5833
Lift 110.

Total Deposits for: **January 17 :**
General Fund *\$ 2346.56
Lift 20.

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

Total Deposits for: **January 31 :**
General Fund *\$ 879.90

*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.



This
Month's
Birthdays

February

- 4 — Walt Buckmaster
- 5 — Dennis Yoder
- 14 — Mary Maaga
- 19 — Marjorie Houck
- 19 — Danielle Smith

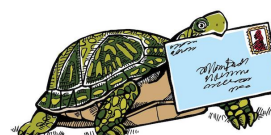


- 14 — Jack & Beverly Hornor



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Your Church at work this week

Exploratory Committee - 5:00pm - Tuesday,
February 9 and 23.

You can read the interim report to the Church
Council on the last page of this newsletter.

Bible Study - Wednesday, February 3,,
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 continuing to study the Lord's
words of condemnation against HYPOCRITES. Very
powerful teachings indeed! Inquiring minds want to
know if "How the Bible Was Made" 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 February 7.

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. Last time we had
ten people around the Campfire.



New Bible Study Series

How the Bible Was Made
— on ZOOM starting
February 21

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. So far we have 23 people signed up!

Website Renovation Group -The Website
Renovation Team has been working with
ShareFaith to clarify and articulate who we are as
a Church family. Here are the "invitational
statements" that came from our last meeting:
Encounter the Lord through our Church family;
Find restoration and healing through prayer and
support; Love your Galt community by serving the
needs of others. Cameron Kumar is receiving
training this week to become our Webmaster.



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!
Maybe you'd like to gather several friends and
start a third one. Just let Pastor Mary know.

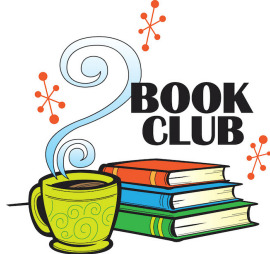
"Companions in Faith" Grace Group, Tuesdays
3pm: Bill and Deb Watters, Margaret Luginbill,
Madeline Powell, Ann Mitchell

Second Grace Group (yet to be named),
Tuesdays 6:30pm starting on February 9th:
Colleen Hurley, George and Betty Bryant, Mona
Stratton, Michele and Alan Weinell, Dennis and
Betty Yoder



The Upper Room: It's the place where Jesus
had his last meal with his disciples, but it's
also the world's most widely read daily
devotional guide. Chuck explains the
significance of this "little book" on this edition
of Chuck Knows Church..

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BOOK CLUB

The inspiring book The Road Less Traveled by M. Scott Peck is filled with stories, insights, and encouragement. Our Book

Club will be a wonderful way to get to know one another more deeply. We will meet on Monday mornings at 11am over ZOOM starting March 1st. The book 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 join Betty Bryant, her daughter Kim, and Beverly Sigafos on this road less traveled.

A Word from our United Methodist Book of Discipline (2016)

This is from the section on "Our Theological Task" subsection "Experience":

Our experience interacts with Scripture. We read Scripture in light of the conditions and events that help shape who we are, and we interpret our experience in terms of Scripture.... Some facets of human experience tax our theological understanding. Many of God's people live in terror, hunger, loneliness, and degradation. Everyday experiences of birth and death, of growth and life in the created world, and an awareness of wider social relations also belong to serious theological reflection. A new awareness of such experiences can inform our appropriation of scriptural truths and sharpen our appreciation of the good news of the kingdom of God.



SISTERLY LOVE

was the theme of the January UMW meeting on Zoom. Bags were delivered to participant's doorsteps with special something in them: scripture readings, a cookie, valentine posted notes and a lollipop. What wonderful, strong, powerful words said by all on 'Sisterly Love' We gave ourselves a sermon with love triumphing over hate; kindness triumphing over hatred; service triumphing over turning your head/eyes away. Love is the greatest gift of all. What special theme is coming next month, Saturday, February 20th?



Thank you UMW President Deb Watters for reaching out to our elders to find out their tech needs so they can be more connected to their Church family at Galt UMC!

Thank you Madeline Powell for being willing to serve as an At Large Member of Church Council and to be our Recording Secretary.

Thank you Rob Seibel and Ed Delgado for saying yes to the invitation to serve on the Board of Trustees. We will set up a Charge Conference soon to make it official.



February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Companions in Faith Grace Group 3:00-4:00pm	Bible Study w/ Pastor Mary Facebook Live 6:30-7:15pm		Pastor's Day off	
7 OnLine Worship Holy Communion 11:00am Campfire time	8	9 Exploratory Committee 5:00pm "CIF" Grace Group 3:00-4:00pm Grace Group #2 6:30pm	10 Set-up for tomorrow's Sunshine Pantry 8:30-10:30am Bible Study w/ Pastor Mary Facebook Live 6:30-7:15pm	11 Sunshine Pantry open 8-10am Trustee meeting 3:00pm	12 Pastor's Day off	13
14 OnLine Worship 11:00am Campfire time	15	16 Finance Team 10:00am "CIF" Grace Group 3:00-4:00pm Grace Group #2 6:30pm	17 Ash Wednesday Service, outdoors and online - noon Bible Study w/ Pastor Mary Facebook Live 6:30-7:15pm	18	19 Pastor's Day off	20 UMW meet 10:00am,
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Exploratory Committee

The Methodist Senior Apartments (MSA) and Ministry Center Exploratory Committee
Interim Report to Galt United Methodist Church Council
January 28, 2021

'The vision of our rehabilitation and expansion of space follows Galt United Methodist Church's core mission and beliefs. We are a Christian community dedicated to serving those in need, elevating lives spiritually, being a presence for those lacking in fundamental support both spiritually or financially, and be active stewards of all that God has given us.'

On October 27, 2020, the first meeting was held with members invited by Pastor Mary Maaga. Meetings take place every 2 weeks. Positions and areas of focus for each member is:

Earl Aarants -	Co-Chair and Church Liaison
Pam Carmichael -	Co-Chair and Committee Support
Mark King -	City Service Connection (Rotary officer) and Construction insights (title industry)
Leesa Klotz -	City, County and School connections
Mary Maaga -	UMC Conference connection and Spiritual lead

- The three lots are in the Galt Old Town District and the City representatives are thrilled that there is discussion towards building on the properties. Pro Bono Real Estate reports have been created on them.
- We are exploring Non-Profit vs For Profit. Church conference development strategists say there are pros and cons for both.
- The initial concept is a 3 story structure with complimentary facade as the Galt Place Apartments. The top 2 stories would be living units and the 1st floor a multi use Ministry Center, including an expanded and permanent Food Pantry, church offices and other ministries. Preliminary number of 1-room units has been estimated at 30-40.
- The apartment community would be available to both seniors and veterans. We are interested in seeing who would, right now, be interested in living here.
- Both our District Superintendent Debra Brady and Bishop Carcano are enthusiastically behind the project, helping gather contacts within Church Development groups as well as endowment sources.
- At the bishop's recommendation, the team was introduced to Sidney Stone, Director of Real Estate Development at Christian Church homes. We've met via Zoom and provided an onsite walkthrough of the properties and Food Bank.
- Galt City officials are also enthused about the potential ministry to the City, and are actively engaged. Those include:
 - Amie Mendes - Economic Development Manager
 - Craig Hoffman - Community Development Director
 - Lorenzo Hines - City Manager
 - Mark Crews - Galt Planning Commissioner
- Sacramento County officials are equally supportive and engaged:
 - Don Nottoli - Sacramento County Board of Supervisors

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For questions or comments, contact Earl Arrants