



# 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.

LENT Lent LENT Lent

February 21, 2021

## Let's Talk

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



This is our season for GROWING FAITH. Several of you have shared with me what you have let go of or are taking on for your Holy Lent. Here is what some of you are fasting from: sugar, judgement, complaining, fast food. Here is what some of you are taking on: daily prayer, the How The Bible Was Made class, increased offering to the Church. One person shared that she is decluttering her home by pledging to sort and remove 40 bags in 40 days! Let's put ourselves in the hands of THE Master Gardener and grow in God's image.

In His Holy Presence, Pastor Mary



## Upcoming Sunday Worship – February 28th

Message: "Amending the Soil" Scripture: Luke 13:1-9

In person at 11am in the parking lot; online Worship available too

## Pastor Mary's Continuing Education

Pastor Mary will be attending two Continuing Education events this coming week, one on Discipleship called "Where Love Lives" on Wednesday afternoon and another a District Training on Staff Parish Relations Committee on Saturday morning.

## **Special Charge Conference -**

Thursday, February 25, 4:00pm, on ZOOM. Special Charge Conference to elect Rob Seibel and Ed Delgado to the Board of Trustees.

**Church Council** immediately following. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

### Here is the link to join:

Topic: Church Council February 2021  
Time: Feb 25, 2021 04:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

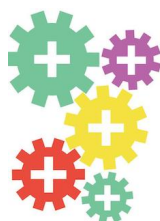
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"Count your nights by stars, not shadows, count your life with smiles, not tears."

- - Italian proverb

The image shows the front cover of the book 'The Road Less Traveled' by M. Scott Peck, M.D. The cover is primarily white with a prominent red horizontal band across the middle. The title 'THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED' is printed in large, white, serif capital letters within the red band. Above the title, in smaller black text, is the quote 'MORE THAN 7 MILLION COPIES SOLD'. Below the title, the subtitle 'A New Psychology of Love, Traditional Values, and Spiritual Growth' is written in a smaller, black, serif font. At the bottom of the cover, the author's name 'M. SCOTT PECK, M.D.' is printed in large, black, serif capital letters. A small, oval-shaped emblem with a red border is positioned above the author's name, containing the text 'THE TIMELESS CLASSIC' in black capital letters. The book is shown at a slight angle, with a portion of a yellow notepad and a green pen visible in the background.



## Your Church at work this week

# NEWS & Notes



Sunshine Food Pantry opens

its drive-thru ministry, Thursday, February 25. None of this would be possible without volunteers. This week, if you can volunteer some of your time, help is needed on the following days:

**Wednesday - 8:00-9:30am** prep work to pack boxes of food

**Thursday - 7:30-10:00am** - loading boxes into vehicles in our drive-thru line.



### Finance Update

Total Deposits for: **February 7 :**  
General Fund   \*\$ 3247.20  
Lift               10.

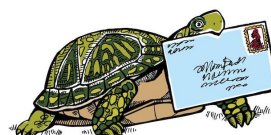
Total Deposits for: **February 14 :**  
General Fund   \*\$ 2737.33  
Lift               100.

Total Deposits for: **February 21 :**  
General Fund   \*\$ 2654.58  
Lift               110.

\*Includes OnLine giving and Boutique this past week

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

## Giving Possibilities



We love  
getting checks

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**Website Consultation** with SHAREFAITH -  
Monday, February 22, 9:30am.

**Videotaping Online Worship** - Tuesday,  
February 23, 9:00am.

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

**Matthew's Gospel Bible Study** - Wednesday,  
February 24., 6:30-7:15pm FaceBook Live

Our Lord Jesus Christ is nearing the time of His passion and death – this week we will be with Him as He celebrates the Last Supper, and is betray and denied. There is a story of His care by the women disciples that flows within this better known story. Please join us either live, or you can find the recorded video on Pastor Mary's FB page.



### Grace Groups

The two groups that have been established are continuing to deepen their walk with the Lord and with one another. Pastor Mary is ready to set up a third Grace Group as soon as she hears from a few of you that you would like to do so.

"Companions in Faith" Grace Group,  
Tuesdays 3pm

Second Grace Group (yet to be named), Tuesdays 6:30pm

**Campfire Time** - Sundays on ZOOM - next meeting  
February 28, at **9:00am**

This past Sunday the group decided that the last Campfire will be next Sunday, February 28, at 9am, over ZOOM -- we will press pause in the hopes that we will soon be able to have in person fellowship time. Thank you Mark King for coming up with this wonderful idea that helped us get through the cold (and lonely) winter months!



Mercedes Diego helped with Ash Wednesday set up and safety protocol – the ten people who attended the Worship Service are grateful for your help!

Thank you Phil Ochoa and Dennis Yoder for the wonderful special music that makes Worship SING!

Thank you Marcy Harper and the Sunshine Food Pantry for your generous donation of paper products for our Church to use.

Thank you to all who are helping support our UMW Boutique. So far, the total given to the General Fund is \$872. The Boutique will continue with many fine items for sale. If you would like a catalogue of items, contact UMW President Debbie Watters at 530-815-5144.

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### **A Word from our Sponsor, Methodist Founder, John Wesley**

Wesley counseled people to “eat a little less than you desire.” Staying slim was far from Wesley’s goal, though he did weigh in around 128 pounds. This was not the result of dieting, but rather of a practice to ensure that people were not ruled by their natural desires, but exercising control over them.



### ***Typos that gnash the teeth***

From an unknown church’s bulletin:  
Today’s sermon topic: “What is Hell?”  
Come early and listen to our choir practice.



LENT. Ever heard, “I’m giving up sweets for Lent”? Why does Lent make people want to give up something? And how do you calculate the 40 days of Lent? Stick with Chuck as he explains it!

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2:36



On-Line Worship - Available on **Saturdays** each week at [GaltUMC.org](http://GaltUMC.org).

Where the Seeds Fall



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### **God's Kids Say & Do the Funniest Things**

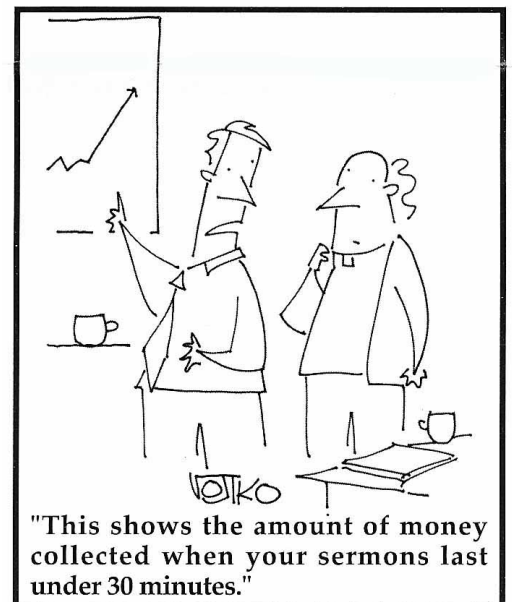
“I sure am happy to see you grandma,” the little boy said to his grandmother, his mother’s mother. “Now maybe Daddy will do the trick he has been promising us.”

What trick is that?” the grandmother asked.

“I heard him tell Mommy that he would climb the walls if you came to visit,” the boy replied.

A little boy in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed around the offering plates.

When they came near his pew, the boy said loudly, “Don’t pay for me, Daddy, I’m under five.”



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## **How the Bible Was Made Has Begun!**

For those of you who have not signed up for the class, but are interested in its content here is the outline for **Session One: A Living Religion Becomes a Collection of Writings**

### **Why a New Testament?**

Paul's need to stay in connection with the Churches he has planted

Converts asking about Christ, His teachings, and the meaning of His death

Jesus as the Messiah – and the interpretation of OT Scriptures – not as understandable to the uneducated Jewish poor or Gentiles

Combat heresies (more in Session Three)

### **Jesus: How do we know what He said and did?**

Oral tradition – repetition of teachings (30CE – 65CE)

“Sayings” Source aka “Q” for “Quelle” (which means “source” in German)

Paul's letters earlier than the Gospels: 1 Thessalonians, Galatians, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Philemon, Philippians, Romans

\*Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, the oldest book in the NT – written in the early 50sCE

\*Meant for reading aloud from start to finish in Worshipping community

\*Paul interested in why Christ died and for whom, not how Christ lived

### **The Gospels: Four portraits vs. Unified story**

Synoptic Gospels (synoptic means “seen together”): Jesus speaks in short sayings and parables, and preaches a coming reign of God

Mark 65CE

Luke/Matthew 85CE– they share “Q” Sayings Source, plus Mark

John 100CE – Jews expelled Jesus's followers from the synagogues in the 90sCE, thus the anti-Jewish content; long discourses, sermons, prayers, “I am” descriptions

Gospel's target people: Mark for Paul's Churches; Matthew for Jewish Community; Luke for Gentile Community; John for Synagogue Exiles

**Question for Pondering:** What happens to our understanding of Jesus when we read the New Testament in the order in which the books were written (chronological), not the order of the standard Bible?

Catch us OnLine at:

[galtumc.org](http://galtumc.org)

In person Sunday outdoor worship  
February 28, at 11:00am

**Galt United Methodist Church**

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Church telephone - 745-4133  
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