



Galt UMC This Week

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March 15, 2021

Bishop Carcaño Announces Appointment for Galt UMC

Yesterday, at morning worship, Staff/Parish Chair, Leesa Klotz, read a letter from District Superintendent Debra Brady announcing that Bishop Carcaño has appointed Pastor Mary Maaga to be with us for the coming year. I know we all rejoice in the fact that Pastor Mary will be leading us as we Grow our Faith and serve our community. Welcome back Pastor Mary! EA

P.S. A video of Leesa's reading of the letter, and a copy of the letter can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

Let's Talk

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



Only God can do what God is doing for Galt UMC, the Maaga family, and the Galt community! To say that I'm thrilled about returning to you for another appointment year (at least) is an understatement. And to learn this wonderful news during our Lenten season of Growing Faith, feels like the kind of perfection that ONLY GOD can create. So, let's continue to grow our faith, let's get busy with growing our Church, and let's grow the love of God throughout our beloved Galt community.

Blessings in His Resurrection Spirit, Pastor Mary



Upcoming Sunday Worship - March 21

Message: "Where's the Fruit?" Matthew 21:18-22

In person at 9am and 11am IN THE SANCTUARY

Online Worship also available



You can join us at 9:00 or 11:00am every Sunday.

This past Sunday 48 worshipers joined us. There is room for YOU too!




Holy Week

NEWS & Notes



Pastor Mary continues her **Growing Faith** series, taking a look at the often painful process of pruning.

 **Palm Sunday**
March 28
9am & 11am



 **Maundy Thursday**
April 1
12 Noon
Holy Communion



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 **Good Friday**
April 2
12 Noon



 **Easter Sunday**
April 4
9am & 11am

Sunrise Service
6am

He Is
RISEN
INDEED!



A man and his pastor went golfing. After a bad shot, the man cussed colorfully, and then apologized to the pastor

The pastor told his friend that was OK, because when he hit a bad shot he didn't say anything. He would "just spit — and where he spit, grass didn't grow."

Sign seen in Kalamazoo, MI

"Two things to make your day better:

*Do not watch the news.

*Stay off the bathroom scale."



United
Methodist
Women

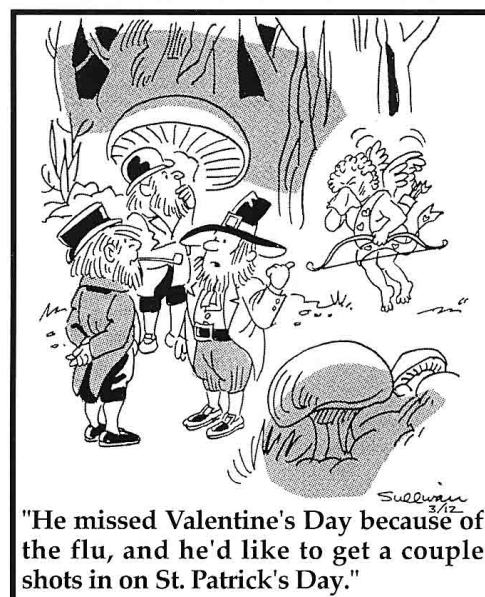
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Calling all Ladies!

Come to the UMW meeting this Saturday at the church. No worries, we will socially distant while in fellowship hall. If you would rather join by ZOOM, please let Pastor Mary know. This is an important meeting with many items on the agenda; as this is Debbie Watter's last meeting as President.



A group of Galt UMC hard workers were out long hours last Saturday preparing the ground for the 20 foot storage container we are about to receive from the County. Thank you George, Rob, Ed, Freddie, Chu, Sandie, Mark, Leesa – and our photographer Earl! All that hard work will be displayed in next week's newsletter.



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Your Church at work this week



Book Club - Meets Mondays at 11:00am, over ZOOM. Seven of us are reading and discussing Dr. M Scott Peck's book The Road Less Traveled. One of the topics we are engaging is the difference between "white" lies and "black" lies and the ways that each can lead you astray. Do you lie to save yourself or to save the feelings of the other person??

Website Renovation Coaching - Monday, March 15, 2:00pm

Videotaping Online Worship - Tuesday, March 16, 8:30am

Finance Team - Tuesday, March 16, 10:00am - In person, church fellowship hall.

Exploratory Committee - Tuesday, March 16, 5:00pm (ZOOM)

Grace Groups - The two groups that have been established are continuing to deepen their walk with the Lord and with one another. The "Tuesday's Children" Grace Group is open to have two or three more people join us - we will be reflecting on Paul's letter to the Thessalonians starting this week. Please let Pastor Mary know if you would like to join us.

"Companions in Faith" Grace Group, Tuesdays 3pm

"Tuesday's Children" Grace Group, Tuesdays 6:30pm

Matthew's Gospel Bible Study - Wednesday, March 17, 6:30-7:15pm FaceBook Live

We are on Good Friday and experiencing the riches of our Lord's love for us. You are sure to gain something that will make your own experience of Holy Week this year richer. Please join us either live, or you can find the recorded video on Pastor Mary's FB page.

Trustees Meet - Thursday, March 18, 4:30pm - ZOOM.

United Methodist Women Meet - Saturday, March 20, 10:00am - In person, church fellowship hall.

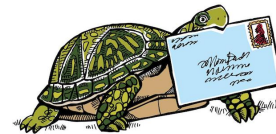
How the Bible Was Made - Session 5, Sunday March 21, 4:00pm, ZOOM. Continues for 1 more Sunday after this session.

Total Deposits for: **March 7 :**
General Fund *\$ 4292.20.
Lift 120.00

Total Deposits for: **March 14 :**
General Fund *\$ 830.71
Lift 1400.00

*Includes OnLine and Boutique giving this past week

Giving Possibilities



We love
getting checks

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A woman was visiting a church one Sunday. The sermon seemed to go on forever, and many in the congregation fell asleep.

After the service, she turned to a very sleepy-looking gentleman sitting in a nearby pew, extended her hand in greeting, and said, "Hello, I'm Gladys Dunn."

Without a moment's hesitation the man replied, "You're not the only one ma'am, I'm glad he's done, too!"

A Word from our Sponsor, Methodist Founder, John Wesley

WESLEY BELIEVED YOU COULD NOT BE A CHRISTIAN ON YOUR OWN.

He said that we needed to be involved in "social holiness." Though some often think this term is synonymous with "social justice," its meaning is quite different. Wesley believed we could only grow as Christians in community. In his preface to the 1739 hymnal, he was adamant that "the gospel of Christ knows of no religion but social; no holiness but social holiness."

The Roving Camera Eye

Activities from around Galt UMC



A group of local Scouts and their leaders collected two vehicle loads of canned goods from the Galt community. The four cart loads were presented to the Sunshine Pantry on Saturday March 13



Ed and Freddie Delgado keep the weeds to a manageable length



A group of church members and Trustees worked on yard cleaning



Hyo Chu manages the weeds in a nearby flower bed.

Pastor Mary assists with shovel and hands.



March 14, 2021

Leesa Klotz, Galt UMC SPRC Chairperson
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Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Galt UMC,

It is with great joy that I write to inform you that Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño has decided to appoint the Rev. Dr. Mary Maaga to serve your congregation for an additional year. As you know, her appointment was originally expected to be for one-year as an interim pastor while you determined whether you could sustain a full-time pastoral appointment. However, after prayerful consideration of your needs with input from your Staff-Parish Relations Committee, and the needs and issues of all the congregations in the conference, as well as those of Pastor Mary and her family, we have discerned it is best for Pastor Mary to remain in this appointment for an additional year.

We are delighted with how well you have adapted your worship, discipleship and community service during the pandemic. You have been faithful in living out what it means to be the church in a difficult and challenging season. We are excited to see the plans unfolding from your Exploratory Committee as you integrate your mission strategy with the development possibilities for your vacant lots. We believe Pastor Mary's leadership will be crucial in taking these plans to the next level.

As always, you remain in my prayers that God will continue to bless you and keep you, that you will be faithful in making new disciples of Jesus, and that God will use you to positively impact your community as you live out your faith. We look forward to the continued good news flowing from your ministry!

Walking with you as we follow Jesus,



Rev. Debra L. Brady
Central Valley District Superintendent

Leesa Klotz, Chair of Staff/Parish, announced that Pastor Mary Maaga has been appointed to serve Galt UMC for another year. A video was made of the announcement. To view the video:

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The following letter was sent to District
Superintendent Debra Brady

**Interim Report of the Exploratory Committee for Mission Expansion
Galt United Methodist Church, 10 March 2021**

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. We are in the heart of the City with a heart for the City. Even as we are discussing the possibility of our mission expansion project with community leaders there is ministry occurring. It is not lost on people that during a time when many Churches are shrinking their community efforts, Galt UMC is expanding its vision of mission and ministry.

While we are not yet ready to make any final recommendation for you to review, we would like to inform our Bishop and Cabinet about the progress we are making in exploring the possibilities for building affordable housing for seniors and veterans and expanding our facilities for our Sunshine Food Pantry by making use of the lots we own adjacent to our Sanctuary/Social Hall

The Exploratory Committee that was established by the Galt UMC Church Council in September 2020 has been meeting every two weeks, with the five members of the Exploratory Committee initiating and attending meetings with city, county, community, and Conference leaders to determine the viability of our project and to adjust our mission vision as questions are answered.

- 1) We began with a concept of a combined housing/food pantry complex on the three lots adjacent to our Sanctuary/Social Hall (and parking lot) – now after consulting with Sidney Stone at Christian Church Homes and county officials, it is clear that we will want to separate these two projects in order to get maximum outside funding for each.
- 2) Within the next several months our Exploratory Committee will receive information about the cost and potential funding sources as we clarify the specifics of the two separate projects.

Meantime, our members and constituents at Galt UMC are enthusiastic about moving forward. The timing of this exploration is in perfect alignment with the City of Galt's emphasis on building affordable housing. It's also clear that the devastating economic costs of the pandemic to our most vulnerable citizens will continue to increase the need for our Sunshine Food Pantry into the coming years.

In spite of the challenges of the pandemic, our members and friends have continued to support Galt UMC through their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. We have been able to pay a full-time appointed Elder without drawing on our savings. We are giving you this status report during this season of appointment making so that you can send us a Pastor who will match our zeal for mission.

Respectfully submitted,

Leesa Klotz, Member of the Exploratory Committee and SPRC Chair at Galt UMC

“How the Bible Was Made” Lenten Study – Sunday afternoons at 4 on ZOOM

Session Four: The Invention That Changed Christianity

Gutenberg’s Printing Press

Invented in 1454CE – printed 180 copies of a 42 line Bible

Translations – Who Gets to Read These Holy Words?

Latin Vulgate – 383-405CE – translated from original Hebrew and Greek – THE translation for 1000 years and still what Roman Catholics use

Most people until the Protestant Reformation only knew what was taught to them by Catholic priests

Concern by the Vatican that widespread access to Scripture by common people would lead to heresies and lead to God taking offence at people’s lack of reverence for the Holy Bible

John Wycliffe (1328-1384CE)

Translated Latin into common English – after he died of natural causes, his body was exhumed and burned with his writings

The Protestant Reformation

Martin Luther nails his theses on the door at a Wittenberg Church documenting abuses of power within the Church (1517CE) claiming that “only Scripture” not custom or tradition form the valid basis of Christian teaching

William Tyndale (1525CE) translated from Latin into English: *I defy the Pope and all his laws: and if God spare my life, ere many years I will cause a boy that driveth the plough shall know more of the Scriptures than thou dost.* Tyndale was martyred for his translation.

Availability of the Bible in the world’s languages gave rise to widespread literacy

King James’ Version of the Bible – 1611CE, 1769CE “modernized”

*50 scholars working together, though 84% direct from Tyndale

A Bible for Everyone

What happens when complex religious teachings are turned into teachings for children

The challenge of Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time (Marcus Borg)

Question for Pondering: Does the availability of so many translations, versions, and paraphrases of the Bible make it less “valuable” or special? If it were limited in access would it be more treasured?

Galt United Methodist Church

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Church telephone - 745-4133
Morning Worship
In person - 9:00am & 11:00am
Online at galtumc.org



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