

# 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.



March 22, 2021

#### Let's Talk

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



Holy Week is my favorite week of the whole year: the power of being TOGETHER as our Lord Jesus Christ enters Jerusalem to the cries of Hosanna, as we eat together The Last Supper, as we huddle at the foot of the Cross together, and then AND THEN **AND THEN** arriving at the Tomb to find it empty! All in a week!! TOGETHER! It never loses its power. In fact, this year it is feeling more powerful than ever since many of us were not able to observe these holy events last year. I hope that all of you who are reading this will join us for all 4 Worship services of Holy Week, either in person or on-

line. I am convinced that if you do you will receive a richer sense of God's grace, and a deeper connection with one another through the Holy Spirit -- not to mention abiding gratitude for the sacrificial love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am so grateful to be on this journey with you and to have the blessing of serving as your Pastor.

#### Blessings in His Resurrection Spirit, Pastor Mary

p.s. This year we will not be involved in the ecumenical Good Friday service so that we can assure covid safety for our members by having our own Galt UMC service at noon on Good Friday in our Sanctuary. Next year it will be a joy to be involved again in the community Good Friday service.



#### **Upcoming Sunday Worship - March 28**

Message: "Like A Child" Scripture: Matthew 21:1-17

In person at 9am and 11am IN THE SANCTUARY

Online Worship also available



Have you ever waved a palm in a worship service? If so, do you know why? Chuckle along and learn about Palm Sunday with Chuck.

Click Here

4:09







You can join us at 9:00 or

This past Sunday 54

worshipers joined us. There is

11:00am every Sunday.

room for YOU too!







April 1 12 Noon Holy Communion





April 2 12 Noon





April 4 9am & 11am Sunrise Service





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For the past month
Pastor Joe
Carmichael and
Dennis Yoder have
been working HARD
to create wonderful

online Worship, recording two full Worship services, plus music, plus Scripture readings. Your efforts mean so very much to us!

Betty Yoder made a hole in the lined pocket of Pastor Mary's white "celebration" robe so she can thread the microphone through it. One of those things our Pastor has been wanting done forever.

Deb Watters completed her time as UMW President at the meeting this past Saturday. Many words of gratitude were expressed for her excellent leadership.

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane



"If an apple a day keeps the doctor away, how many days do I get for an apple pie?"

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## More



#### Would You Like to Become a Member?

On Pentecost, May  $23^{\rm rd}$ , we will be receiving new members and celebrating our commitment to Jesus Christ and one another. If you would like to join our Galt UMC community of love and forgiveness, and grow in service to others, please let Pastor Mary know.

#### **Holy Week Gifts**

Be on the look out for a gift bag that will appear on your porch this week to help you more deeply engage in Holy Week. If you live far away (or we only have a p.o. box for you) you will receive a card with a gift enclosed. The items you receive were purchased using memorial monies from our beloved Doris Knauss.

## Holy Humor Sunday (Bright Sunday) – April 11

Many American churches are resurrecting an old Easter custom begun by the early Greek Christians --- "Bright Sunday" or "Holy Humor Sunday" happens on the Sunday after Easter. For centuries in all Christian faith traditions, the week following Easter Sunday was observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter" with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Pastor Mary will be telling a humorous sermon on April 11 – this is a great Sunday to invite guests!

A man went to his doctor for a check-up on his hearing aids. The doctor asked, "How did your family like your new hearing aids?"

"I haven't told them yet," the man replied.

"How come?" the doctor asked.

"Well, I decided to wait and just listen to them talking," the man said.

"So, what did you hear?" the doctor asked.

"I've decided to change my will three times already" the man answered.

"A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures for anything."

- - Irish proverb

#### **Pastoral Visits**

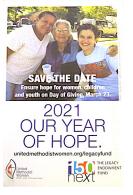
Pastor Mary is longing to get to know you better! As soon as she has received her vaccines, she can make home visits to those who have also been vaccinated.

## Would You Like to Help with Worship on Sunday Mornings?

Now that we anticipate being open from now on (WOW!) we need volunteers for the following at our 9am and 11am Services: Greeters, Scripture Readers, Advancing the Power Point Slides, Sound. Please let Pastor Mary know if you are able to make a onceamonth commitment to any of these. You need not attend both services, but can volunteer at the Worship you currently attend.

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United Methodist Women 150th Year Legacy Endowment Fund's Day of Giving is

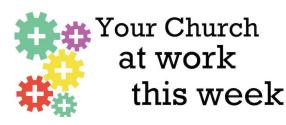


Tuesday, March 23 where all donations will be matched by generous donors. The Legacy Endowment Fund ensures UMW can continue serving women, children and youth around the world for the next 150 years. Ways to Give are: 1) online at unitedmethodistwomen.org/

150 or 2) by Phone at 1-800-278-7771 (8am-5 pm EST, M-F) or 3) by text at 41444 and enter Legacy 150 in the message area; or 4) by check/mail to: United Methodist Women attn: Development Legacy Endowment Fund, 475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor, New York, NY 1015 (Write Day of giving) in memo section.

The Legacy Endowment Fund is a permanent endowment to support the work of future generations of UMW and we need your help to make that possible.

Also please join us for our monthly meetings, women and men of all ages, to ensure we can continue to be a vital part of world wide mission and ministry.



**Book Club** - Not meeting this week, will resume March 29 at 11:00am.

**Videotaping Online Worship** - Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:15am (this is the fourth Tuesday in a row that the team has taped two services back to back – thank you Pastor Joe and Dennis Yoder!)

#### Grace Groups -

"Companions in Faith" - Tuesdays, 3:00pm "Tuesday's Children" - Tuesdays, 6:30pm

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

**Sunshine Food Pantry Setup -** Wednesday, March 24, 8 -10:00am - Extra help always welcome.

**Matthew's Gospel Bible Study** - Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm on Facebook Live – We are making our way from Good Friday to Easter morning! After this study is done we will begin a new class in May on ZOOM.

#### Sunshine Pantry Food Distribution

Thursday, March 25, 8 -10:00am - Extra help always welcome.

**Church Council** - meets Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm on ZOOM. All are welcome. Here is the ZOOM link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/</a>

**How the Bible Was Made** - Session 6, Sunday March 28, 4:00pm, ZOOM.

Sign outside a United Methodist Church in Dedham, MA

"Thou Shalt Wear a Mask. Hygenesis 24:7"



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Total Deposits for: March 7:

General Fund \*\$ 4292.20.

Lift 120.00

Total Deposits for: March 14:

General Fund \*\$ 830.71

Lift 1400.00

Total Deposits for: March 21:

General Fund \*\$ 2496,49

Lift 20.00

\*Includes OnLine and Boutique giving this past week

### Giving Possibilities



We love getting checks

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# "How the Bible Was Made" Lenten Study – Sunday afternoons at 4 on ZOOM

Session Five The Challenge of Science

#### What in the World?

16th century European explorers discovering new civilizations

Copernicus (1473-1543CE) and Galileo (1564-1642CE) proving that the earth is not the center of the universe

18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century geologists determining the age of the earth 19<sup>th</sup> century biologists with human evolution

#### How does the Bible Keep Up?

Inerrancy vs. Inspiration

Biblical "criticism" – cultural context of words, sociology of ancient world

#### **Overarching Themes**

Covenant - tribal God to universal God

Exile and Return

Davidic Kingly Line

Law and Grace

**Question for Pondering:** What parts of the Bible must be LITERALLY true for you?