



# 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 29, 2021

## Let's Talk

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



## Who Jesus Is

When I was a little girl, this was the week when Ben Hur starring Charlton Heston would show over two nights. In spite of my father's anger toward Christians – particularly their hypocrisy about civil rights – he always insisted that we watch Ben Hur together as a family. My father was a fan of Jesus, just not a fan of His followers. One of the reasons I love Holy Week is because it reminds us WHO JESUS IS -- WHO JESUS IS when we strip away our institutional failures and our individual stumbling. This is the week when we are reminded WHO JESUS IS and WHO HE WOULD HAVE US BE: people who show up; people who give; people who love; people who remember; people who speak out; people who pray; people who rise again. I hope to see all of you many times this week, either in person or on line. For many people, we are WHO JESUS IS.

Blessings in His Resurrection Spirit, Pastor Mary

## Worship this Week

**Maundy Thursday**, April 1, noon – “The Three Gifts of Maundy Thursday”

*Come join us as we remember the gifts of foot washing, the commandment to love one another, and the Last Supper. Holy Communion will be celebrated.*

**Good Friday**, April 2, noon – “Seven Words from the Cross”

*Christ's words from the Cross are an expression of His love for us. Come remember your salvation through His suffering and death*

**Easter Sunday**, April 4 – “An Idle Tale Beyond Belief”

**Sunrise Service** 6am in the Courtyard in front of our Sanctuary – we will be SINGING!

**9am and 11am Services** includes a special guest musician as well as Holy Communion. Remember, we have an “open Communion table” which means your family and friends are welcome.



Online worship  
also available at  
[galtumc.org](http://galtumc.org)

# NEWS & Notes

## Holy Humor 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!



### Pastor's on Vacation

As a fulltime appointed Elder, Pastor Mary receives 4 weeks of paid vacation per appointment year. She will take her second week of vacation starting Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. She will return to the office on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please respect her need for renewal by not texting or emailing her during her vacation. If you have a pastoral emergency, Pastor Joe Carmichael is available at 817-909-1555.

### **"How the Bible Was Made" Lenten Study**

Our final session in this study was held last Sunday. Between 22-35 people have been attending each week. Starting in May Pastor Mary will offer another class over ZOOM at 4pm on Sunday afternoons. Stay tuned for more information.



*In Loving Memory*

Our longtime member Margaret Duecker passed away on March 26. Her loving smile will be missed. Memorial service will be planned at our church in May. The date has not been set. Watch for announcements.

## Congregation Town Hall Meetings



**April 11 noon in person; April 21 4pm on ZOOM**

### Your Exploratory

Committee has been busy since October asking questions and exploring answers about the expansion of our Galt UMC Mission to include building affordable housing on the empty lots we own north of our current Church Offices, and building a free standing Food Pantry and Community Complex on the lot right next to our parking lot. So many questions! So many answers! Please join us for either of these conversations. While no decisions will be made at these meetings, it will be a great time to get your questions answered and hear all the exciting possibilities our Lord has in store for transforming our community.

### **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 Become a Member?**

On Pentecost, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

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

Pastor Mary needs Scripture readers for the 9am and 11am services. If you would like the privilege of reading Scripture, please let her know.



Pastor Mary guides us into Holy Week. It begins with LOUD hosannas. In a matter of days, there will be equally LOUD shouts of "CRUCIFY HIM!"

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



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## Finance Update

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

Total Deposits for: **March 28 :**  
General Fund \*\$ 1209.00  
Lift 10.00

\*Includes OnLine and Boutique  
giving this past week

## April



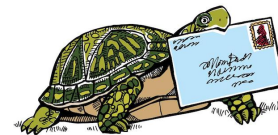
7 — Jack Hornor  
7 — Phil Ochoa  
14 — Monte Nelson  
16 — Linda Hulse  
17 — Dottie Farhat  
19 — Alan Weinell  
23 — Amanda Avery  
24 — Jung Chu  
24 — Marcy Harper-Seibel  
26 — Olivia Klotz  
29 — Pam Carmichael  
30 — Linda Mowery



None listed for April

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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getting checks

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## An Easter Prayer

Amazing God, send ripples of joy through all our days. Bring smiles and laughter. Birth hope and create opportunity. Make sweet melody in all our words, and dance in our lives. Amen.

"Jesus promised his disciples three things: that they would be completely fearless, absurdly happy, and in constant trouble."

- G.K. Chesterton

"Keep me away from the wisdom which does not cry, the philosophy which does not laugh, and the greatness which does not grow before children.

- Khalil Gibran



Two of our Galt UMC young ladies helped make the Holy Week Bags happen. Thank you Zola Maaga for stuffing the bags and thank you Olivia Klotz for helping deliver them.

Speaking of young ladies who deserve our gratitude: Mercedes Diego and Mariah Diego help make everything happen for in person Worship! This week they are doing a lot for all of us. You rock!!



# Your Church at work this week

**Book Club** - Monday, March 29, at 11:00am, over ZOOM.

## Grace Groups

**"Companions in Faith"** - Tuesday, March 30 - picnic lunch in the park, Tuesday, noon at Galt Community Park across from the tennis courts – bring your lunch and a chair – all are welcome!

**Tuesday's Children** - Tuesdays 6:30pm

**Matthew's Gospel Bible Study**, Wednesday, March 31st 6:30pm on Facebook Live – **final recap class**. Jesus tells us to make disciples and to teach them to obey everything that I have commanded you. We will review what that "everything" is (yep in under an hour!) Starting in May we will have a weekly Bible Study on Paul's Journeys and Letters, also on Wednesdays at 6:30 but using ZOOM instead.



**Holy Week** - Holy Week is the last week of Lent the week immediately preceding Easter. It is observed in many Christian churches as a time to commemorate the enact the suffering (Passion) and death of Jesus Christ.

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**Maundy Thursday** - It's also known as Holy Thursday, Covenant Thursday, Great and Holy Thursday, Sheer Thursday and Thursday of Mysteries! Whew . . but what exactly is this important day in the holy week?

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**Good Friday** - It's also known as Holy Friday, Great Friday, Black Friday or Easter Friday. We all know the terrible events of this day, but why is it called "good"?

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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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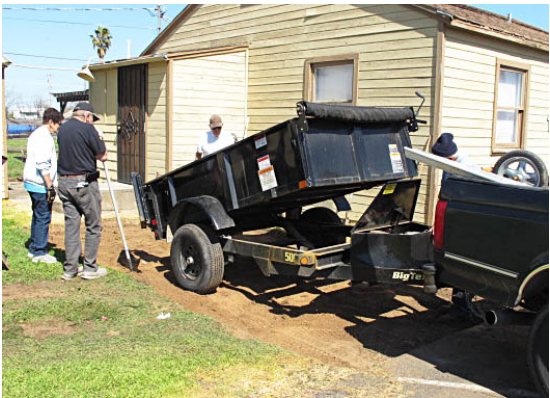
Sacramento County Public Health Dept. donated a shipping container to our Sunshine Food Pantry for storage. Our thanks to Supervisor Don Nottoli for making the arrangements.

# The Roving Camera Eye

Activities from around Galt UMC



A group of Trustees gathered a few weeks back to prepare a pad for the container



The 8'x20' container arrived last week. A group of Trustees and Sunshine volunteers were on hand to watch the arrival



The group could hardly wait to see what the interior looked like! They were pleased that the color of the exterior of the container matched the color of the church office building.





Last week Sacramento Food Bank delivered much needed produce to be handed out at our food distribution service on the fourth Thursday of the month.



Delivery was made to Real Life Church (in the industrial area of Galt). It took four pickup loads to bring the goods to our church.

It took many volunteer hands, (and several cart loads) to bring the goodies into the building.



When the volunteers were done, many piles of produce were stacked in one corner of the social hall.



On Thursday, March 25, over 85 families passed through our food distribution. Those 85 families translates to almost 500 individuals!

Many thanks goes to our volunteers for the many hours they put in making this project work. A big thanks also goes to the many churches and other organizations that help with the finances.

# April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
All meetings on ZOOM unless otherwise noted				1 Maundy Thursday Worship in person Noon also online	2 Good Friday Worship in person Noon also online	3
4 Easter Sunrise service 6:00am  In Person and OnLine Worship Holy Communion  Easter Sunday 9 & 11 & online	5  Book Club 11:00am	6 Exploratory Committee 5:00pm Companions in Faith Grace Group 3:00-4:00pm Grace Group Tuesday's Children 6:30pm	7  Set-up for tomorrow's Sunshine Pantry 8:30-10:30am	8  Sunshine Pantry open 8-10am	9  Pastor's Day off	10
11 In Person and OnLine Worship 9 & 11  Congregation Town Hall meeting - Noon after 11:00 worship in person	12	13	14 Pastor on vacation	15  Trustee meeting 4:30pm	16	17  UMW meet 10:00am, in person in Social Hall
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While Pastor Mary is on vacation, please contact Pastor Joe at 817-909-1555 in case of pastoral care emergencies

**Galt United Methodist Church**

Mary Maaga, Pastor  
Church telephone - 745-4133  
Morning Worship  
In person - 9:00am & 11:00am  
Online at [galtumc.org](http://galtumc.org)



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