



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.

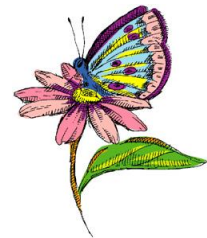


April 5, 2021

Let's Talk

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

Happy Easter! One of my favorite symbols of Easter is the butterfly. How does something so grand and beautiful come from something so squishy and gross? I marvel as I think about the impulse of life that causes the caterpillar to eat eat eat, then create a cocoon where it will silently become this exquisite creature that delights us every Spring. The butterfly so perfectly represents our own journey to Easter. We concern ourselves with everyday needs until God's resurrection spirit grabs hold of us and we "cocoon" ourselves in His grace. Then – watch out world! – we become the beautiful beings our God created us to be!



Blessings in His Resurrection Spirit, Pastor Mary



Worship this Week



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!

Online worship
also available at
galtumc.org

NEWS & Notes

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.



Many hands, many hearts, many hours went into providing the wonderful Worship experiences we had during Holy Week. Thank you Leesa Klotz and Beverly Sigafos for the wonderful visuals. Thank you

Pastor Joe Carmichael and Dennis Yoder for the inspiring online services. Thank you Mariah Diego, Mercedes Diego, Koshmick Kumar, and Dennis Yoder for taking care of our in person visuals and sound. Thank you Earl Arrants for the organ music. Thank you Rosie Kumar, Munoj Kumar, Sandie Benadum, Ryan Loesch, Mercedes Diego, and Faye Gaines for greeting and ushering. Thank you Olivia Klotz for preparing Holy Communion elements for Easter. And thank all of YOU for attending Worship in person and online and surely making God's heart glad!

Holy Week Worship Attendance

Maundy Thursday - 28.
Good Friday - 31
Easter Sunrise - 23
Easter both services - 67.



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 12th. She will return to the office on Tuesday, April 20th. 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.



On-Line Worship - Available on
Saturdays each week at
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Your Church at work this week

Book Club - Monday, April 5, 11:00am, over ZOOM.

Grace Groups

"Companions in Faith" - Tuesday, April 6 - 3:00pm, on ZOOM

Tuesday's Children - Tuesday, April 6, 6:30pm, on ZOOM.

Exploratory Committee, Tuesday, April 6, 5:00pm on ZOOM.

Looking Forward to May

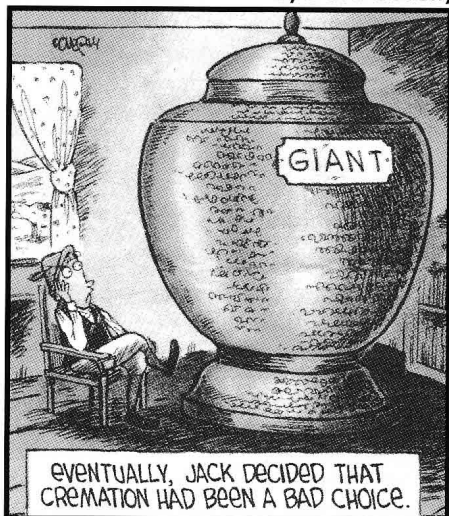
Tuesday Picnics: come join us for a socially distanced picnic at Galt Community Park every Tuesday in May at noon in the grassy area across from the tennis courts – begins May 4

Dreamers and Visionaries from the Bible: Sundays at 4pm we will have a conversation over ZOOM to explore the power of these stories then and now – this class will run for seven weeks from May 2 – June 13

Paul's Journeys and Letters: Wednesdays at 6:30pm on Facebook Live – begins May 5

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Finance Update

Total Deposits for: **March 1 - 31 :**

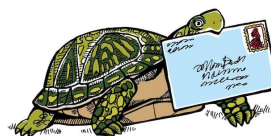
General Fund *\$ 9496.48

Lift 1550.00

*Includes OnLine and Boutique giving this past month

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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Galt, CA 95632

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The new altar boy was assigned the task of lighting the candles during the church service. He was to come out when he heard the choir singing, "And the angels lit the candles."

On the first refrain, he failed to appear. The choir repeated his cue, a bit louder. Again, he failed to appear.

The choir turned it up to their max on their third try: "And the angels lit the candles!"

At that point, a faint, nervous voice could be heard singing, "And the cat peed on the matches."

We give thanks for Derek Nelson, the Health Educator for Sacramento County Public Health, who arranged for our FREE storage container for use by the Sunshine Food Pantry.