



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.



May 10, 2021

Let's Talk

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

When I spoke in Worship about Emily my One Eyed Schnauzer as being an example of "Old Dogs, New Tricks" when she learned how to use our new doggy door, little did I know what was in store for us this past week! I got up Tuesday morning to a very sick little pup – her eye was swollen and infected like her other one had been before it was removed. After consultation with our vet and much

prayer, we decided to have her eye removed, leaving Emily blind. What swayed us was Dr. Canton's plea to not shortchange Emily's resiliency, or the power of the love we share. He had done a thorough physical on her and determined that other than her eye, she is in excellent health for a 16 year old dog. **Resiliency and the power of love: isn't that what makes it possible to put one foot in front of the other, even when we are blind to what is ahead?** Though it has only been days since her surgery, we are watching Emily we will rescue her if needed – but that we also believe in her ability to put one foot in front of another and navigate every obstacle. We are more in love with her than ever. I have wondered this week if God's love

for us grows when we are resilient and trust in the power of His love. Lots to ponder and give thanks for this week in MaagaLand!

Blessings in Christ's Resurrection Spirit, Pastor Mary



Upcoming Sunday Worship – May 16

Message: "Check Yourself Before You Wreck Yourself"

Scripture: James 3:1-12

We have been focusing on developing Kingdom Habits. The past two weeks have been on Kingdom THINKING and KINGDOM BEHAVING - the coming two weeks will be on Kingdom TALKING and for Pentecost, Kingdom LISTENING.



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NEWS & Notes



Would you like to “officially” join Galt UMC? It’s an important step for two reasons: first, it will help YOU to feel more like a member of our Church family; second, the Conference does look at numerical growth as a factor in reappointing Pastors. We will be taking in new members on Pentecost, May 23rd. If you would like to join, please plan to come to either an in person 90 minute Membership Class on Sunday, May 16 at noon, or if that can’t work, Pastor Mary will arrange for a ZOOM class for you at your convenience. Let her know you would like to join.



Book Club, Monday, May 10, 11am on ZOOM
(We are halfway done with *The Road Less Traveled*, but you are welcome to come on board if you want to read and get caught up.)

Grace Groups

“Companions in Faith” - Tuesday, May 11, 3pm on ZOOM

Tuesday’s Children, Tuesday, May 11, 6:30pm on ZOOM

Would you like to start a small group around an interest? Let Pastor Mary know.

Free TV - -

For Christmas Santa brought the Maagas a new giant t.v. – that means their 40” t.v. is available for anyone who wants it. Just let Pastor Mary know at 530-417-6584 (gotta get it out of the living room, so Em the No Eyed stops running into it!)

Do you have a loved one who passed away while serving in the military? We would like to lift up their names and give thanks for their sacrifice on Memorial Sunday. Please give Pastor Mary the person’s full name, service branch, rank, date of death, and relation to you.



Would you like one? In our on-going outreach program, the United Methodist Women of Galt UMC will be providing DVD players to those unable to attend 'in-sanctuary' church services. The players will be loaned, free of charge, to those interested in "watching" Pastor Mary's weekly service. The DVD players will be delivered with human instructions (Dennis Yoder and/or Mona Stratton) for set up and use. The CD's will be delivered to you each week. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in receiving a DVD player, please contact Mona Stratton at monastratton@comcast.net or call 334-235-1467. Please leave a message if necessary.



In Loving Memory

The memorial service for Margaret Duecker will be this Friday at 10am. Her family is deeply appreciative of all the ways that Margaret was loved at our Church.

Because of social distancing, there are limits to the number of people from Galt UMC who can attend. If you would like to go, you must RSVP with Pastor Mary.

Fun, Faith & Fellowship in May

Adult Class "Dreamers and Visionaries from the Bible" on ZOOM at 4pm on Sundays. Join Pastor Mary as we dig deeply into the dreams and visions of Jacob, Ezekiel, Joseph, Mary, Peter, and others from Scripture, as well as sharing some of our own experiences.

Bible Study "Paul's Journeys and Letters" did not get started this past week because of Pastor Mary's emergency with her puppy dog. But this week WE WILL BEGIN on FB Live every Wednesday at 6:30pm. Nobody other than our Lord has had a bigger influence on Christianity than St. Paul. Join Pastor Mary live on Wednesday nights, or log onto her Facebook page during the week to watch this 45 minutes long class.

Picnic For the Fun of It at Galt Community Park every Tuesday in May at noon. ALL are invited for a "bring your own lunch and chair" picnic just for the fun of it. We will meet in the grassy area across from the tennis courts. We had 17 people this past Tuesday and had a great time. This coming Tuesday promises to be even more fun since we will be singing a couple of hymns in addition to visiting!

Men's Breakfast Starting Up Again the third Saturday every month at 9am at the Velvet Grill. Mark your calendars now for this Saturday, May 15. All men at Galt UMC and your male friends are invited. Contact Dennis Yoder for more info 916-747-8771

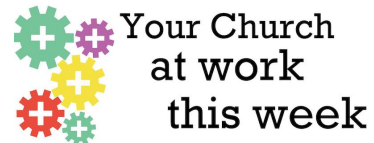
Women's Talk and Picnic with Pastor Mary this Saturday, May 15. 10am in the Sanctuary. Pastor Mary will share stories from the life of her South African mother-in-law Elizabeth. This is a wonderful event to invite women friends and family to – the talk is entertaining and there will be lots of laughter and fun. This will be followed by a picnic at noon in Marjorie and John Houck's lovely back yard. You can come to the talk OR the picnic, OR make a day of it and come to both!



The local Galt Starbucks conducted a canned food drive for the benefit of our Sunshine Pantry during the month of April. Patrons of the local store came forward with much needed food. Our thanks go to the local outlet.

Many thanks to all of you for your prayers and many texts and messages of kindness as our family walked through a challenging week with Emily's emergency eye surgery. Mary, John, and Zola Maaga appreciate all of you very much! So does Em!

Sandie Benadum provided beautiful carnations for all the mothers in church yesterday. Thank you Sandie for your thoughtfulness.



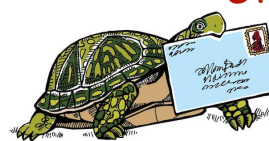
Recording of next Sunday's online Worship, Tuesday, May 11, 9:30am.

Exploratory Committee Tuesday, May 11, 5:00pm on ZOOM.



Food distribution this Thursday, May 13, from 8:00 to 10:00am. Extra help always welcome!

We can also use extra help on set-up day, Wednesday, May 12, from 8:00 to 10:00am. Contact Faye Gaines, 209-200-2628 if you would like to volunteer for either, or both, days.



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