



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 24, 2021

Let's Talk

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



Like every human family, our Church family is formed and reformed over time, as members are born, as they die, as members are adopted into our family, and as they leave our congregation for a new home, in a different place. These words are from The United Methodist Book of Worship, and how true they are for Galt UMC this week! This past Sunday we took in 7 new members. (See their photos and brief bios below.) And this coming Sunday we will say good-bye to Bill and Deb Watters as they move to Florida to be closer to family. Several of you have shared with me in the past week that you can feel the momentum of God's Holy Spirit at work in our Church. I feel it too! What joy to be a Church family that is growing in so many important ways: spiritually, numerically, and in terms of our impact on Galt. Praise God from Whom ALL these blessings flow!

Blessings in the Spirit of Pentecost, Pastor Mary



In Person
9:00 and 11:00
and
Online at galtumc.org

Upcoming Sunday Worship – May 30

MEMORIAL SUNDAY Sermon: "On Earth as It Is in Heaven: Jacob's Ladder" Scripture: Genesis 28:10-17 *We will speak the names and ring a chime for those beloved of our Church family who lost their life in war. If you have not yet given Pastor Mary a name, it is not too late!*



Listen, God is Speaking to You - - Pastor Mary recalls the unbelievable story of "Big Zola" and the reason she's lovingly called BIG Zola. You'll want to hear about Zola's radiant witness.

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NEWS & Notes



Dear Deb and Bill Watters,

And we do mean "DEAR." The two of you have become a treasure to this Church and to ALL of us. Bill, you are the wizard

behind the curtain. You have provided information, intelligence, enthusiasm, guidance, wisdom, and strength. Thank you. Deb, you were the little engine that could. And did. Your willingness to jump in with both feet was totally unselfish. If there was a void that needed to be filled, you filled it immediately. In a quiet, unassuming way, the two of you have become a strong and solid upright pillar of our Church. Your friendship to all has been uplifting, fulfilling, genuine, and GREATLY appreciated. You came to our Church for a reason. You stayed for a season. And in that season you planted many trees. We will continue to care and nurture those trees into a mighty forest to stand for a lifetime. Please know that you have made a difference in our lives and our congregation. For that we thank you and love you. Your Friends in Christ, Galt UMC (written by Church Council Chair, Mona Stratton) D=Dedicated to the Lord and our Church E=Energetic to tackle tasks A=Attuned to the needs of others R=Resourceful by looking and thinking outside the box

Pastor Mary will be lifting up the names of fallen loved ones during Worship on May 30th. So far she has been given the names of Faye Gaines father (WWII), Ann Mitchell's childhood neighbor (Vietnam), Clydia Marks' husband (Vietnam), and Candy Marhefka's cousin (Vietnam). We will honor these fallen with the ringing of a chime. If there are others to add, please let Pastor Mary know.



The Christmas boutique is just around the corner. Again. Fortunately this is not for the Christmas in July. But it is planning time. We are calling ALL crafters and 'doers'. Pandemic willing we hope to have a full blown boutique/bizarre. Put on your thinking caps and get your fingers busy with what you would like to craft, create or donate. We can use all the help we can get. Any questions, comments or offers of help, please call Mona Stratton @ 334-235-1467.



Book Club, Monday, May 24, 11am on ZOOM continuing our journey through The Road Less Traveled.


Grace Groups - Grace Groups have decided to shift from weekly to monthly meetings for June, July, and August. Their next meetings will be on Tuesday, June 1, on ZOOM.

Companions in Faith: 3:00pm
Tuesday's Children: 6:30pm



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Fun, Faith & Fellowship

 Your Church
at work
this week

Adult Class "Dreamers and Visionaries from the Bible" on ZOOM at 4pm on Sundays. So far Jacob, Ezekiel, Moses, Paul, and Peter have been our focus. We have three classes left and it's not too late to join! The discussion is lively and it's inspiring to hear the faith journey of others and how these stories from the Bible continue to impact our lives. Pastor Mary will be happy to send you a link.

Bible Study "Paul's Journeys and Letters": 6:30pm every Wednesday on FB Live. Pastor Mary started the class by stating, "Paul had a problem and we have a problem. Paul's problem was easier to solve than ours." Are you curious? If so, please join us live on Wednesdays, or you can watch the recording of the class on Pastor Mary's page.

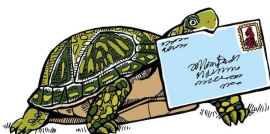
Picnic For the Fun of It We have been having a great time getting to know each other better. Please join us at Galt Community Park this Tuesday at noon for our final scheduled picnic. ALL are invited for a "bring your own lunch and chair" picnic just for the fun of it. We will meet in the grassy area across from the tennis courts.

Everyone's Invited
Lunch



Lunch Bunch: Mark your calendars now for Thursday, June 3 at 11:30am. We will meet at T2Yan Chinese in the Raley's shopping center. We are gathering in memory of Margaret Duecker, who loved lunch bunch so very much. But even if you never met her, you are very welcome to join us!

Giving Possibilities



We love
getting checks

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Galt, CA 95632

Give
Online

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Recording of next Sunday's online Worship,
Tuesday, May 25, 8:30am.

Church Council, Thursday, May 27, 4:00pm
on ZOOM. *This is the governing body for our local Church. Anyone who is a member is welcome to join us. Each Committee Chair gives a report and we make decisions about how best to fulfill God's mission at Galt UMC.*

Topic: Church Council May 2021

Time: May 27, 2021 04:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85815665695>



Money Matters: Because we have decided to continue doing all of our Online Worship and also continue with our Technology during In Person Worship, we have additional financial needs. If you can give a little more with each of your offerings, or a one time gift, or give us your loose coin, ALL of this will help us keep our Worship ministries reaching out to the world!



**Sunshine
Pantry**

This week - May 26 & 27

Set up - - Wednesday, 8:00-10:00am

Food Distribution - - Thursday, 8:00-10:00am

Extra help always welcome!

The brain is amazing. It begins working from the time we are born, and works 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, right up to the time you get up to speak in public!

Ushers & Greeters



Week 1 June 6

9:00am

Sandie Benadum
Sharon Drake
Manoj Kumar

11:00am

Faye Gaines
Leesa Klotz
Mercedes Diego

Week 2 June 13

Hyo Chu
Rosie Kumar
Manoj Kumar

Ryan Loesch
Mona Stratton
Mercedes Diego

Week 3 June 20

Colleen Hurley
Madeline Powell
Manoj Kumar

Faye Gaines
Rosie Kumar
Koshmick Kumar

Week 4 June 27

Marina Bruns/Hyo Chu
Colleen Hurley
Manoj Kumar

Ryan Loesch
Mercedes Diego
Leesa Klotz

Week 5 will rotate to Week 1



How great was it to have the Men's Trio (aka Three Old Dudes) sing for us? Thank you Dennis Yoder, Phil Ochoa, and Don Ross for your faith, your talent, and your enthusiasm. If anyone else would like to organize a singing group (maybe a Women's Quartet?) please go right ahead. How do you

do it? Ask people to join, pick a song, let Dennis Yoder know the song and he will get you background music on a c.d.; then you rehearse your group and let Pastor Mary know when you're ready to sing at Worship. It's THAT easy!



Tone Chimes

Also, in "Pastor Mary's so excited she's going to burst news" we are announcing a TONE CHIME CHOIR – we don't know who's going to play in it, or who's going to direct it – but we own several octaves of chimes, and Pastor Mary is determined to learn how to play them! If you would like to be in the choir, or have an interest in directing it, please let Pastor Mary know (or she'll BURST!)

God's Kids Say & Do the Funniest Things

After Sunday School, two little girls, ages 4 and 2, were running down the hall at church when suddenly the 2-year-old fell to the floor, crying hysterically.

When her Mom asked the 4-year-old if she knew why her sister was so upset, she answered: "Yes, I do! she trespassed me, and so I slapped her."

Sunday school teacher: "Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?"

"A teacher," Harold replied.

Sign outside Mansfield, OH, church:

"Too hot to keep changing sign.

Sin bad, Jesus good.

Details inside."

Sign seen in a convenience store:

"Live bait.

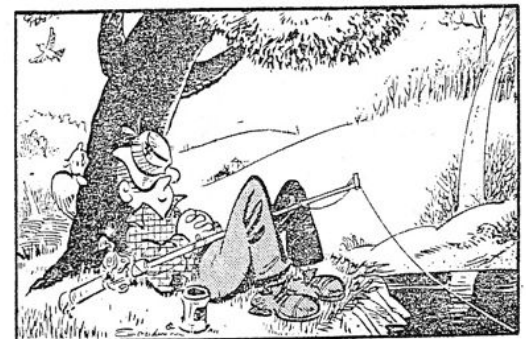
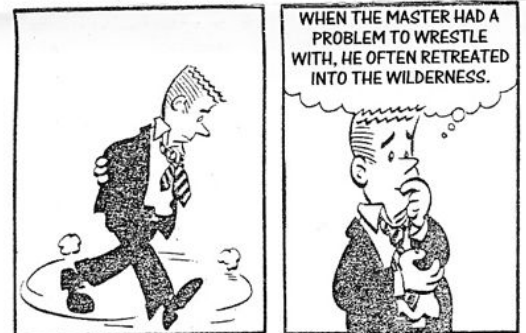
Our worms catch fish,
or die trying."

Sign outside UMC in Cheswold, DE:

"Sin burn is prevented by Son screen.

PHILLIP'S FLOCK

By Doc Goodwin



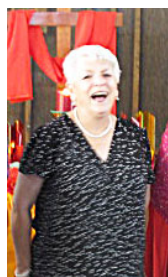
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Sunday, May 23,

The Roving Camera Eye

Activities from around Galt UMC



Sharon Drake

I have lived in Galt for three years now and moved here because of my very best friends (Jean and Monte Nelson). I lived up in Rescue, CA on 10 acres but it became too much to take care of. We lived in Rescue for 40 years. My husband and father-in-law built our home. I absolutely love living in Galt.



Ryan Loesch

Joining Ryan with an elbow bump is Pastor Mary



Sabrina Curlee

Sharing the celebration is Grandmother Dottie Farhat

I am 16 years old and I am a junior in high school. My birthday is June 11th. I was born in West Virginia then moved to Galt. I like anything and everything Disney, drawing, and singing musical theatre. I am very excited to be a member of Galt UMC!

My name is Ryan Loesch, and I have lived in Galt my entire life! I attended Valley Oaks Elementary, Greer Middle, and Galt High, and recently graduated from Delta College. I was baptized at Galt UMC as an infant and attended Sunday School here throughout my childhood. I enjoy reading historical and sports biographies, watching sports (Sacramento Kings, Dallas Cowboys, and San Jose Sharks), and traveling (New York, Boston, and Washington, D.C. are among my favorite travel memories.) I love spending time at Lake Tahoe and at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. I am fortunate to have family and friends nearby. I look forward to joining Galt UMC as an adult and creating new memories and friendships!



Jean and Monte Nelson

Joining in the celebration with Jean and Monte was Colleen Hurley (L)

Jean: Born in Yakima, WN
Grew up in Oroville, CA
Married childhood sweetheart, Monte
Raised two loving, successful sons.
Have two "darling" grandsons
Taught Special Education, middle school and intermediate



Monte: Born and raised in Oroville, CA
Served in Viet Nam
Married childhood sweetheart, Jean
Raised two fabulous sons.
Have two fabulous grandsons.
Retired from the railroad (Union Pacific) after 40 years.



Betty Metzger furnished uplifting music for the Pentecost Sunday in person worship



Don and Faith Ross

We have three children - Kim, Sean, and Ryan. We have 5 grandchildren 4 girls and 1 boy. After teaching in Oakland for 11 years we moved to Woodbridge in 1984 and Don started teaching music in Lodi. In 1985 we moved into our house in Galt and that is where we presently live. Don retired in 2005 from Lodi after teaching a total of 32 years.

When we moved in 1984 I was working in personnel at Macy's in Newark and was taking classes at Oholone College. I was able to get a job at the Macy's in Stockton and attended classes at Delta College. In 1990 I started attending Consumnes River College where I obtained my Associate's of Arts Degree. I transferred to Sacramento State College where I finished the required classes for my Bachelor's of Arts Degree and my Teaching Credential. I got my first teaching job in Galt in 1994 and retired from Galt in 2011, and substitute teach in the district.

Don and I became members of the Galt Methodist Church in 1985/1986? Don and I were in the choir and he was choir director for 17 years. We moved our membership to Lodi around 10 years ago and enjoyed the choir that was directed by Sharon Penner a teacher friend from Galt.

We are looking forward to attending church in Galt again and being part of Mary's ministry and the new vision of the church.



Pastor Mary was enjoying jazz versions of folk melodies



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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