



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.



Let's Talk

July 5, 2021

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



Thank you so much for your prayers and good wishes during my vacation. Our Galt UMC Board of Trustees was gifted with an anonymous donation to put a patch of lawn in the backyard of the Parsonage. EM loves it! Being blind is not so bad if you have lovely grass to sniff. I spent my vacation reading comic books and art books; cooking lots; planting flowers in pots; and hanging out with John and Zola getting caught up on favorite television programs. Zola and I love reality t.v., especially competitive cooking shows. John and I love Japanese anime (cartoons that tell a story). The three of us love watching the NBA together and playing board games. Our favorite is RumiCUBE. How blessed I am that the Galt UMC Parsonage is a place

all three of us can call home. John just graduated from UC Davis with a Biology-Psychology degree and got certified this past month as a nursing assistant. He is going to work for a year or two while he figures out what kind of medical practitioner he would like to be. Right now he is leaning toward physician's assistant. Zola has been working toward starting her own on-line business, and is working toward a certification. When you get a chance to know her I am sure she will tell you all about it! Now that we will be staying for another year, both John and Zola have said they will begin attending Galt UMC for Worship from time to time. You can just imagine how happy that makes me! Thanks for being WHO YOU ARE – it's because of the stories I come home with about how wonderful, generous, loving, and kind you are that my son and daughter want to come to know you too. That, my friends, is how we grow a Church!

Blessings, Pastor Mary



Missed the BIG Fourth of July worship celebration? You can experience it again - [Click Here](#) 32:06



9:00 & 11:00am
and online at
galtumc.org

On-Line Worship - Available at GaltUMC.org.
Recording online service - Tuesday mornings
at 8:30am.

**Church Office Hours – every
Wednesday from 9am - noon**

NEWS & Notes



- Sermon Series on Jonah

For the rest of July we will be with JONAH as he sleeps through a storm at sea, as he prays in the belly of the whale, and as he takes in the depth of God's mercy. Please read Jonah this week. It can be found in the Old Testament and is only 4 chapters long!

July 11- Jonah 1:1-17: "Sleeping Through a Storm: The Dangers of Denial" *Holy Communion

July 18- Jonah 2:1-10: "In the Belly of the Whale: When Turning to God is the Only Option Left"

July 25- Jonah 3:1-10 "Calamity Averted: God Changes His Mind"

*In the United Methodist Church we have an "open" Communion table which means you are welcome to join us for the Sacrament of Bread and Cup if you love God, repent of your sin, and wish to live at peace with one another.



Thank you to our 4th of July Worship Team! Dennis Yoder with sound, Ricky Toynbee and Earl Arrants for the readings, Candy

Marhefka for refreshments, Sabrina Curlee for bracelets, Sharon Drake for greeting, Don Ross on saxophone, Jan Ellis for the loan of all the flags, Ricky and Candy for set up, and Tom Hulse for the wonderful flag in our front courtyard.

Thank you to our 4th of July Float Team! Leesa Klotz with design, Earl Arrants for decorations transport, Sabrina Curlee, Mariah Diego, Mercedes Diego, Betty Price, Aspen Price, Joann Dale and Leesa Klotz for hours of decorating, Tom and Linda Hulse for providing the trailer and transport of our float, Pam Carmichael and Sabrina Curlee for giving out candy canes along the parade route!

All of you helped to make Galt UMC more visible to our community. **THIS IS HOW WE GROW A CHURCH!**

A T T E N T I O N : NEEDLEWORKERS AND ARTS AND CRAFTERS!



On October 16, 2021, Galt UMC will once again host our holiday bazaar here at church. We are looking for donated arts, crafts and homemade items to sell with proceeds

going to the United Methodist Women's organization which benefits many worthy causes, including the general fund of Galt UMC.

Also, if you have ANY UNWANTED SUPPLIES you would like to donate to the church such as buttons, elastic, yarn, beads, artificial flowers, etc. among your sewing and arts and crafts areas, please bring them, and we will bundle them to sell in our "Bargain Corner" at our bazaar.

Please either give these things to Madeline Powell at the 9:00 worship service or leave them in the church office with her name marked on them by October 6, 2021.

Bless you and Thank You. 🙏

Madeline Powell
209-400-8795



Wednesday, July 7, Sunshine Food Pantry Setup, 8:00 to 10:00am.

Thursday, July 8, Food distribution, 8:00 to 10:00am

Extra help always welcome!

Ways you can SERVE

Chamber of Commerce Representative for Galt UMC:

Pastor Mary is a member of the Chamber and attends events as her schedule permits. She would love to have a pal with her. Interested??

Office Volunteer: Our Church would LOVE to have the Church Office open on Monday mornings. We need volunteers to answer the phone, greet people coming in, and do easy tasks that Pastor Mary or Betty Bryant need to have done. Could you cover one Monday a month? Or maybe every other week? Many hands make light work!

Annual Conference Lay Member: We are required to have a congregational representative at Annual Conference. This position requires that you be willing to read materials emailed to you by the California-Nevada Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (some weeks there are quite a few, other weeks none) and also attend IN PERSON the Conference in Sacramento that will be held October 29-31. Pastor Mary will be commuting the Conference, so is happy to provide transportation. The days are long, but also filled with great Worship, interesting speakers, informative presentations, and a chance to be "in the know" as to what is happening.



New Members will Join August 8

Our Church is growing! Candy Marhefka, Ricky Toynbee, Erin Sigafos, Phil Ochoa, and Rob Seibel will be joining our Church family in August. If anyone else would like to join that day, please let Pastor Mary know. Also, if you have yet to be baptized, or have a baby (or babies) in your life who need baptism, please let her know. Pastor Mary loves to perform baptisms on Christmas Eve, but is happy to baptize any Sunday!

"Humor is by far the most significant activity of the human brain."

- - Edward deBono



Book Club: We are nearing the end of our journey on The Road Less Traveled. Our next meeting is Monday, July 5 at 11am. Do you have an idea for a book you would like to read and discuss with a group from Church? Let Pastor Mary know your recommendations.

Grace Groups—Tuesday, July 6: on ZOOM

Companions in Faith, 3:00pm

Tuesday's Children, 6:30pm.



Extra T Shirts Available

Pastor Mary ordered a few extras in Large and X Large. If you didn't order one in advance but would like one, please let her know. Cost is \$15 or whatever you can. We will put in another order for children sizes and other smaller sizes later this month. Let Pastor Mary know what you need.



Galt Sign & Screenprinting

What a wonderful job our neighbor next door did on our Galt UMC t-

shirts. They waved the set up fee and gave us a discount on the cost per t-shirt. If you ever need a banner or any other printed item, please use this business and let them know you are from Galt UMC.



Fun, Faith & Fellowship in July

NEW Adult Class Pastor Mary will start a new class in August called "Nature in Scripture." We will explore the mountains, valleys, wilderness, rivers, seas, and trees that enrich the Bible from start to finish. The class will be at 4pm each of the five Sundays in August over ZOOM. Let Pastor Mary know if you would like to be included.

Bible Study "Paul's Journeys and Letters" IS BACK! Wednesday, July 7th at 6:30pm on Facebook Live. You can also access the class anytime during the week by going to Pastor Mary's page

United Methodist Women – every third Saturday at 10am; all women are invited.

Men's Breakfast – every third Saturday at 9am at The Velvet Grill

Lunch Bunch – every first Thursday; in August we will meet at The Flames

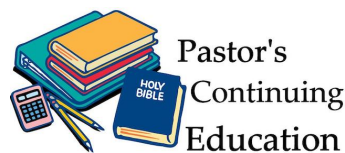
New



Jan Ellis would like to start a group to work on Boutique items for our Holiday Boutique. Let her know your preferred day and time. Her phone number is: 209-912-4041

Different Definitions

Avoidable: What a bullfighter tries to do.
Detail: Removing an animal's tale.
Fire escape: Way for a fire to go out.
Gossip: 24-hour teller.
Hay: Grass ala-mowed.
Lad: A short ladder.
Mohair: What bald men need.
Selfish: What the owner of a seafood store does.
Vitamin: What you do when someone comes to the house.



Every Pastor is required to keep learning as they serve. Pastor Mary will attend a ZOOM Class in two parts on Diversity, Inclusion, and Church Growth on Saturday, July 10 and Saturday, July 17 from 9am – noon. She looks forward to sharing with us what she learns!



From the Editor's Desk

*This 'N That
From Here and There*

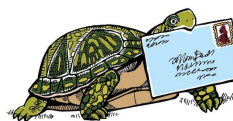
- - By Earl Arrants

We had a great time at our Lunch Bunch date last week. Twenty-five people gathered at La Arcoiris Taqueria on Thursday, July 1, for fun and fellowship.

Although the order line was long, we were impressed with the quick service this small restaurant provided. In general, we received mostly positive comments and would surely return in the future.

Our next Lunch Bunch date will be August 6. It has been suggested that we try another new (to us) restaurant in the Save Mart center - Flames. This is another new one for me so it will be another exciting adventure. Several couples will be investigating the facility before our next lunch date and reporting back to you. In the meantime you can examine their menu on line.

Giving Possibilities



We love
getting checks

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Galt, CA 95632

Give
Online

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Tell YOUR bank to send us a check EACH month! No cost to do this!

The Roving Camera Eye

Activities from around Galt UMC

Galt
4TH
of JULY
Parade



Float decorating



Our float theme - -
Christmas in July

The decorating Committee:

Leesa Klotz
Pastor Mary Maaga
Betty Price
Mariah Diego
Mercedes Diego
Sabrina Curlee
Aspen Price
Joann Dale





The finishing touches

The Fourth of July Worship Celebration



Fifty-Six people gathered outside to hear the music and words for the patriotic celebration



Ricky Toynbee and Earl Arrants shared words from The Declaration of Independence; Fredrick Douglas; George Washington; and Abraham Lincoln



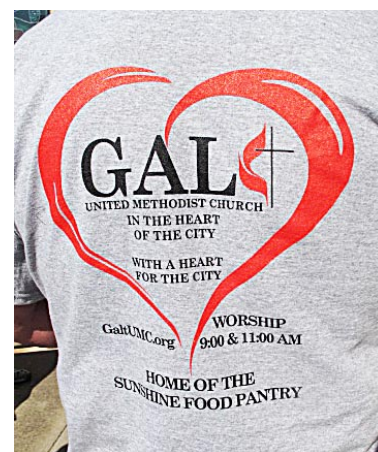
Pastor Mary shared the story of America the Beautiful



Don Ross regaled us with a Saxophone solo



Our new Galt UMC T-shirts caused quite a stir! We enjoyed Candy Marhefka's baked goods.





Spectators in front of the church eagerly await the parade arrival



Pastor Mary waved to the crowd as she marched by.

Pam Carmichael and Sabrina Curlee gave out candy canes along the parade route.

Our thanks to Tom and Linda Hulse for providing the float base and the motor power for the float.

