



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

August 16, 2021

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

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.



This Scripture has been on my mind this week, partly because I am preaching on it next Sunday, but also because it was so clearly evident during the Sunshine Food Pantry this past week. Yes, we distribute food at the Sunshine Food Pantry, but the more enduring gift is that we who volunteer participate in the living presence of God, giving “power to the faint, and strengthening the powerless.” I saw the Holy Spirit at work in the request of a 12 year old girl who asked that we would pray for her to find a friend this year; in the words of a woman in her 30s who cares for an elderly relative as well as raising her own kids and working a part-time job who said to me, “I thought getting help would be embarrassing, but you people make it feel like I am visiting with friends”; in the gratitude and joy and laughter of our time together. All of you who receive this newsletter are helping give power to the faint, and strength to the powerless. That’s the Good News of Jesus Christ – ALL participate, ALL are included; there is room for ALL OF US. Not everyone can come to physically help with Sunshine Food Pantry, but your prayers matter lots. Not everyone has the money to increase their giving to the Church, but every dollar you give counts. Not everyone has the time to volunteer, but making time for Worship (whether online or in person) strengthens the resolve of all. *Have you not known? Have you not heard?* Our Lord Jesus Christ is at the HEART of Galt UMC, with power and strength to transform lives.

Blessings, Pastor Mary

Due to new
COVID
restrictions
MASKS ARE
REQUIRED!



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



NEWS & Notes



Sermon Series "FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH"



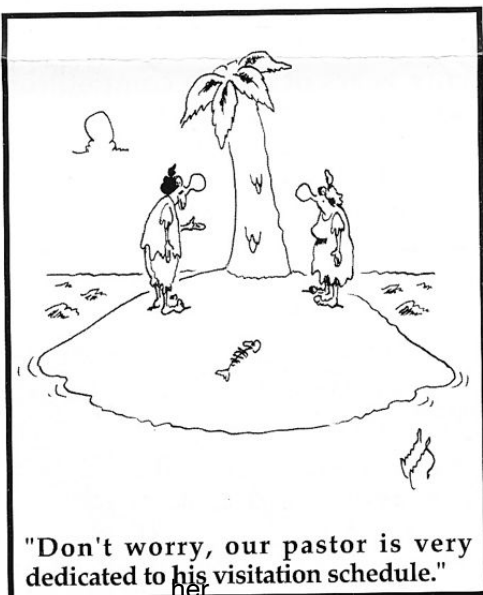
The painting on the altar for "Stormy Seas" was painted by Joanne Dale's mother Lola - that's Olivia and Andrew Klotz's great grandmother! Check it out online, and be inspired by the wonderful Online Worship experience Dennis Yoder created.

You may just want to pass it on to someone in need of spiritual encouragement.

Each week in August we will focus on a story from Scripture with a feature from nature. This week is "Wings Like Eagles" and we will be blessed again with Adam Gates playing piano. Scripture: Isaiah 40:21-31



Don't forget - Sunday, August 29, is FAMILY REUNION Sunday! There will be **ONLY ONE 10:00am** in-person worship service on this fifth Sunday of the month. Special music by John Miller and Jenny Silvestri. On-line worship will remain the same.



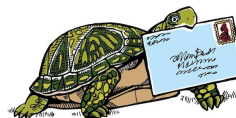
"Don't worry, our pastor is very dedicated to his visitation schedule."

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Office Closed for the Next Several Weeks

It sure has been fun to have people stop by over the last couple of weeks, and to have Betty Bryant in the office on Wednesday. But in light of our potential exposure to Covid, we will close the office to walk in visitors. Pastor Mary will still be working a lot from the office, but please phone, text, or email ahead of time if you want to drop something off or pick something up so she can make sure things are wiped down. Please wear your mask.

Giving Possibilities



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37:32

Pastor Mary told us why we need the Lord to be tangible, real, warm, and present. Talk to God. Pray to God. We need to see that "alone we can't, but with God we can"!

On-Line Worship - Available on **Saturdays** each week at GaltUMC.org. - Give us your email address and these services will arrive in your inbox automatically.



Tuesday, August 17, 8:30am
Recording of next Sunday's online Worship,



Meets on Tuesday, August 17, at 10:00am over ZOOM. **Please note This meeting is ZOOM only! Not as in-person as announced in the monthly calendar.** Anyone is invited to join in discussing the church finances.

Time: Aug 17, 2021 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82404207637>



Exploratory Committee – 5pm
Tuesday, August 17, in person, church office.



Every Wednesday, FB Live, 6:30pm or you can access Pastor Mary's class during the week on her FB page

Adult Class



NATURE IN SCRIPTURE

ADULT CLASS led by Pastor Mary Maaga
4pm Sundays of August on ZOOM

Never too late to join! *This past week we looked at birds in Scripture – this coming week we will look at the creation stories in Genesis.*

“Do more than belong, participate.
Do more than care, help.
Do more than believe, practice.
Do more than be fair, be kind.
Do more than forgive, forget.
Do more than dream, work.”

- - William Arthur Ward

Coming in
November



We're Home for the Holidays!

Holiday Stage Show, Gourmet Boxed Meal, Fun for the Whole Family – includes a visit by a special guest from the North who

will lead our Outdoor Holiday Lighting Ceremony

Sunday, November 21, 4pm in the Galt UMC Sanctuary

\$20 adult, \$5 child (12 and under) – tickets will go on sale in October



New updated Church Directories are now available. They will be emailed to most addresses receiving this newsletter later this week. Do not have internet access? Contact the church office for a printed copy.

IT'S **GREAT**
TO MEET
YOU!

Did you know most visitors to Church make a decision about whether to return immediately upon entering the building? The two questions that can be instantly answered are: Does the Church facility look inviting and well cared for? Am I welcome? Thanks

to the wonderful work of the Trustees while we were closed, we have new carpet, new pews, and Beverly Sigafos and Leesa Klotz make our altar area honoring of God and inspiring for Worshipers. Visitors tell me that instead of being put off by our Sunshine Food Pantry items in the social hall, they see them as an indication of how central our outreach work is to our mission and ministry. As for a feeling of welcome, that's the work of our greeters. Whether you are a member of our Church or a visitor, a friendly face (or half face when we wear masks!) at the door can make all the difference in our experience of Worship. Please sign up to be a greeter. You can do so on Sunday mornings, or by contacting Rosie Kumar at 916-508-6414.



Campfire Time – monthly time of stories and laughter

Tuesday, August 24, 3pm -- We sure had fun last winter getting to know each other better around our "virtual" Campfire! Please join us and plan to share a memory of an exciting or funny summer vacation. Here is the ZOOM link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82077007851>



We have received many good vibes from folks receiving our online worship service. Some of the good comments come from Galtonians who prefer to not attend

in-person services during this COVID pandemic. Some come from our out of town/state friends. A BIG thank you needs to go to Dennis Yoder and Pastor Mary. Let's also not forget to mention those who contribute \$\$ so this ministry can continue. Thanks to everyone!

The Roving Camera Eye

Activities from around Galt UMC



L to R: Galt Councilman Paul Sandhu; President of Interact, youth branch of Rotary, Jasan Kaur; Mark King, President of Sunrise Rotary; and Pastor Mary. (P.S. Mark is also a member of Galt UMC)



L to R: Supervisor Don Nottoli, Pastor Mary, Galt Mayor Shawn Farmer, and Councilman Jay Vandenburg.

Pastor Mary is "Out and About" connecting with city and county officials. This particular event was held by the Chamber of Commerce on a recent Thursday evening to celebrate the renovations at Best Western Hotel.



Off to school in Berkeley - - Pastor Mary extends blessings for Mariah Diego as she moves to complete her undergraduate degree in English.

Thank you to all who contributed to the gift for Mariah.

Planning for a Good End: Beyond Advanced Directives

Two-part Seminar 9/19/21 and 9/26/21

2 – 4pm in the Galt UMC Social Hall, 571 C Street, Galt

*join us for refreshments at 1:30

Dying is a part of life. Yet for all the planning we do for our work, our play, our education, and our celebrations, many people do not plan for the end that will come to us all. Who do you want there when you pass? What kind of paperwork can be done in advance, so your family isn't faced with both sorrow and chaos? How can your death be an expression of your life? Join us for this inspiring and thought-provoking seminar provided by Colleen Hurley and Mary Maaga that will help you prepare for a good end.

Part One, September 19: Definitions and explanations of medical and legal terminology; choices you have; support and resources available; beginning to develop your plan

Part Two, September 26: Part One is required for attending Part Two; planning for your dying space; communicating your wishes with others; thinking through the principles of a good end: *don't leave a mess, do leave a legacy, live the best life you can*

Optional Small Groups: If after attending the Two-part Good End Seminar you would like help in putting your plan together, there is an option to sign up for a 3 session small group facilitated by Colleen Hurley and Mary Maaga.

Colleen Hurley has lived in Galt for 40 years, while working as an educator in the school districts. Now retired, she works as an End-of-Life Doula, providing emotional, physical, and educational aid to a dying person and/or their family. She has been a Hospice volunteer for 6 years.

Mary Maaga holds a PhD in Religion and Society and was trained as an anthropologist in West Africa. Her teaching draws on her many cross-cultural experiences. She has taught classes on healing, wellness, and spiritual growth, including how to understand dying, death, and grief as an expression of love. She currently serves as the pastor at Galt United Methodist Church.

To register or for more information about the topics to be covered, contact Colleen Hurley at churley55@comcast.net or 209-712-1541

Registration must be made in advance. No walk-ins. Registration due by Sept. 13

Death is not the opposite of life, but a part of it.

Haruki Murakami

Book Club for Women

On ZOOM starting Monday, September 13 at 1pm
weekly through November 15

Who is in the Club? *Mostly women from Galt United Methodist Church, but others as well. The motto of the United Methodist Church is Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors, so that gives you a flavor of how welcome you will be.*

Who's in charge? *Pastor Mary Maaga from Galt UMC will send the ZOOM link and call on people to share. Other than that, we who come to the Book Club are in charge.*

What are we reading? *Gift from the Sea by Anne Morrow Lindbergh, in which she shares her thoughts on youth and age; love and marriage; peace and contentment.*

How long will this go on? *The book has 8 sections, so we figure 1 session to get to know each other, plus a wrap up session, so TEN SESSIONS in total.*

How do I get a book? *Please order your own.*

How do I sign up? This sounds wonderful! *Contact Pastor Mary at mjzmaaga@yahoo.com and she will put you on the ZOOM link list.*