



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 2, 2021

[A Word from Pastor Mary](#) mjzmaaga@yahoo.com 530-417-6584



Last Sunday I preached about how my brother Wally taught me this idea of “earning a view” when you hike up a mountain along a switch-back trail. I remember on that first hiking trip not being sure we were actually heading toward the top of the mountain, since sometimes the trail seemed to take us away from our destination, but then WOW suddenly we earned a view and we knew we were on the right track! In this week's issue you will have a report from our Exploratory Committee. In a lot of ways the hundreds of hours that the members of this committee have put in feels a bit like a switch-back trail, a trail we gladly hiked because we know we are serving God, our Church family, and our beloved community. At long last we are on the verge of “earning a view” and what an incredible view of care for our elders, our veterans, our children, and our vulnerable community members it is!

Blessings, Pastor Mary

p.s. With online Worship being available, I have gotten out of the habit of sending out printed copies of my sermons. I am happy to make a printed copy of any sermon you would like to read or pass on. I can even send them to you weekly. Just let me know.



Sermon Series “FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH”

Each week in August we will focus on a story from Scripture with a feature from nature. Last week was Mountaintop Experiences, this week will be the Valley of the Good Shepherd.

August 8 “Shepherd's Valley” Scripture: Psalm 23 *New Members will take vows*

Due to new
COVID
restrictions
MASKS ARE
ONCE AGAIN
REQUIRED!



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

NEWS & Notes



Men's Breakfast at the church, August 21, 9:00am. Joe Carmichael will be the chef for the morning. All men are invited to join us.

Home for the Holidays: Festive Variety 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



Have you noticed how great our grounds look? That is thanks to the hard work and dedication of our Galt UMC Board of Trustees, Chaired by Sandie Benadum. Members of the Trustees include Sandie, Rob Seibel, Eddie Delgado, George Bryant, Betty Price, and Jim

Parrish (who becomes an official member January 2022, but who is already giving his time and talent). The Maaga family has been blessed with a new shade structure in the Parsonage back yard installed by the Trustees. (See the photos on page 4 of this issue.)

Take a look at the calendar – we are an active Church with outreach to our community in so many different ways! Please invite your friends to come be a part of us!

Andy Peoples' Celebration of Life

Friday, August 6, 10am Lodi Funeral Home, 725 S. Fairmont Ave.

Andy's life will be celebrated with a Masonic ritual, followed by a service conducted by Pastor Mary and including words of remembrance by Pastor Norm. All are welcome.



Campfire ZOOM is returning:

The Fourth Tuesday of every month at 3pm we will meet around the "campfire" to share stories about our adventures and life experiences. Pastor Mary will let us know the topic in advance, like favorite childhood summer vacation, or what food reminds you of home, or who is your favorite t.v. or movie personality. It's fun to talk about things that are light and come to know each other better. The next date is Tuesday,



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38:13

Pastor Mary told us about Jesus taking Peter, John, and James to the mountaintop where they experienced the transformation of Jesus as He prepares for His exodus.

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.



Coming
This Week



Tuesday, August 3, 8:30am
Recording of next Sunday's online Worship,

This month, on August 5, we will meet at Flames, 1067 C Street, Galt. That's in the Save Mart center. Starting time is 11:30am. When you arrive, order at the counter. We will have a reserved area for our group.



Lunch
Bunch



Friday, August 6 - Farmer's Market informational booth, 5-8pm – please stop by!

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 Holy Mountains: Dangers and Gifts as we explored the experience of Moses and the people of Israel when they journeyed to God's mountain after being freed from Egypt. Then we looked at Jesus's Sermon on the Mount and how the Lord interpreted these dangers and gifts for the people of the New Covenant.

August

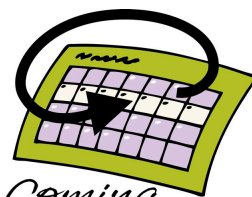
This
Month's
Birthdays



17 — Kimberly Smith
18 — Kerry Avery
18 — Greg Davidson
19 — Kim Stanley
22 — Jim Dunn
23 — Joel Uher
26 — Schelley Dunn
27 — Joe Carmichael
29 — Kirk Smith



29 — Norm & Linda
Mowery



Coming
Next Week



Coffee Catch-up: Second Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm we will meet at The Coffee Shop on 4th Street. This month the date is Tuesday, August 10. You can buy a cup of coffee and/or pastry and mingle with other Galt UMCers. This is a chance to invite a friend, family member, or neighbor to meet our Pastor in a casual atmosphere. Wear your T-shirt and the Pastor just might buy your coffee for you!



Wednesday, August 11,
Sunshine Food Pantry set
up - 8:00 - 10:00am

Thursday, August 12,
Sunshine Food Pantry food
distribution, 8:00-10:00am.

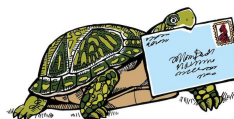
Sign seen in Kalamazoo, MI:

"Never be afraid to try something new,
Remember amateurs built the Ark.
Professionals built the Titanic."

Marriage counselor: "Your wife says you never buy her flowers. Is that true?"

Husband: "To be honest, I never knew she sold flowers."

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Activities from around Galt UMC



Sandie Benadum, Ed Delgado, Rob Seibel, Jim Parrish, and George Bryant spent most of one morning at the church parsonage. They refurbished the worn-out patio cover on the rear of the house. The back yard is livable again! Notice the green grass that has replaced a truck load of rocks!





A few words from

Your Exploratory Committee

The Exploratory Committee is delighted to share some of its preliminary findings with you! Our plan is to have an official proposal to present for feedback to our Galt UMC Board of Trustees in early September. We will also have a Town Hall meeting for our entire congregation shortly thereafter. From there the Bishop and Cabinet will review our proposal, then once they give the go ahead (we are prayerful that they will!) then we will have an official Church Conference where we will vote on our proposal. I know that sounds like a lot, but we have already come very far on this journey of developing our empty lots and expanding the Sunshine Food Pantry. Your Exploratory Committee, made up of Co-Chairs Pam Carmichael and myself, and including Pastor Mary, Faye Gaines, Mark King, and Leesa Klotz, have met twice a month since last October and have put in hundreds of hours exploring the many possibilities for the best use of our property for the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

- 1) Christian Church Homes (CCH), the developer recommended by the Bishop, found that our two lots were not large enough to place adequate numbers of living units to make the project feasible. After much prayer and lots of meetings, a .6 acre lot was found at 401 Lincoln Way that – combined with our .4 acre lots – will “pencil in the black” as the contractors say. This “scattered site” building project will provide affordable housing for seniors and veterans. CCH placed a bid of \$299,000 for the 401 Lincoln Way property. We anticipate being offered \$200,000 for our two lots.
- 2) It is the practice of the California-Nevada United Methodist Church Bishop and Cabinet to only allow the sale of local Church property if the monies received are directed toward a mission and/or ministry (not as a nest egg for general budget purposes). If Galt UMC decides to go through with the sale, and the Bishop and Cabinet approve that sale, then we will have \$200,000 to invest toward a free standing Sunshine Food Pantry and Resource Center in the lot where the current Church Office is. We will need to think through peeling off a bit of that money for renovating the current storage rooms on the first floor of the Sanctuary building for our new Church Offices.
- 3) Sunshine Food Pantry has contracted with architect Brian Pendley to create for us a site plan and floor plan for a one-story 4,000 square foot building. Your Exploratory Committee has given him a wish list of features so that we can best serve our beloved Galt community now and into the future.
- 4) We are excited to have gotten this far after all these months of exploring! Please be patient as we put together all the details of our proposal.

Respectfully submitted,
Earl Arrants, Co-Chair, Exploratory Committee

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>In Person 9 & 11 and OnLine Worship</p> <p>Holy Communion</p> <p>Adult class on ZOOM 4:00pm</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Book Club 11:00am last meeting until Sept. 13</p> <p>Craft Group at Jan Ellis' 10:00-noon</p> <p>AA group meets at 7:00pm</p> <p>2</p>	<p>AA group meets at 5:00pm women only</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Bible Study Facebook live 6:30pm</p> <p>NA group meets at 6:00pm</p> <p>AA group meets at 9:00pm</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Lunch Bunch Flames Restaurant 11:30am</p> <p>5</p>	<p>A Loving Memorial service for Andy Peoples 10:00am</p> <p>Farmer's Market informational booth 5-8:00pm</p> <p>Interact Club upstairs 3-4:00pm</p> <p>6</p>	<p>AA groups meet 5:00-8:30pm potluck</p> <p>AA group meets at 8:00am</p> <p>Nar anon meets at 9:15am</p> <p>7</p>
<p>In Person 9 & 11 and OnLine Worship</p> <p>Adult class on ZOOM 4:00pm</p> <p>8</p>	<p>AA group meets at 7:00pm</p> <p>9</p>	<p>Coffee Catchup at Coffee Shop on 4th Street 1:00pm</p> <p>Exploratory Committee in person 5:00pm at church</p> <p>AA group meets at 5:00pm women only</p> <p>10</p>	<p>Bible Study Facebook live 6:30pm</p> <p>Set-up for tomorrow's Sunshine Pantry 8:30-10:30am</p> <p>AA group NA group meets at 9:00pm 6:00pm</p> <p>11</p>	<p>Sunshine Pantry open 8-10am</p> <p>12</p>	<p>Pastor's Day off</p> <p>Interact Club upstairs 3-4:00pm</p> <p>13</p>	<p>AA group meets at 8:00am</p> <p>Nar anon meets at 9:15am</p> <p>14</p>
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<p>ONE SERVICE ONLY-FAMILY REUNION 10:00am</p> <p>OnLine Worship</p> <p>Adult class on ZOOM 4:00pm</p> <p>29</p>	<p>AA group meets at 7:00pm</p> <p>30</p>	<p>AA group meets at 5:00pm women only</p> <p>31</p>		<p>For more info on any activity, please contact Pastor Mary at 530-417-6584 or mjzmaaga@yahoo.com</p>		