



# 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.



August 23, 2021

## Let's Talk

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

**WE'RE  
IN THIS  
TOGETHER!**

When my husband was diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer at age 53, we were not prepared for all the decisions ahead. Our son John was only in Kindergarten and our daughter Zola just in pre-school. It had never occurred to us as new parents, with a thriving ministry, that we needed to take time out to consider what planning was needed to have a death consistent with the values of our life. So,

looking back now at the five months we had with Boikanyo between his diagnosis and death, I know his suffering would have been eased had we thought through the principles of a "Good End": *don't leave a mess, do leave a legacy, live the best life you can.* We are blessed to have in our Church a woman who has walked the path of catastrophic diagnosis and who is skilled at teaching others how to ask and answer the deep questions of life and death. Colleen Hurley joined Galt UMC last November and is a retired educator from Galt. She works as an End-of-Life Doula, providing emotional, physical, and educational aid to dying persons and/or their family. She has been a Hospice volunteer for 6 years. Together, we will be holding a two-part Seminar on Sept. 19 and Sept 26 from 2-4pm in our Galt UMC Social Hall. Registration is limited. You will find a registration form in this newsletter. Please join us for this inspiring and thought-provoking seminar.

Blessings, Pastor Mary

Due to new  
COVID  
restrictions  
MASKS ARE  
REQUIRED!



Only ONE in-person  
service next Sunday,  
August 29. at 10:00am

and  
online at  
[galtumc.org](http://galtumc.org)



# NEWS & Notes



## Sermon Series "FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH"

This is our final message in our series "For the Beauty of the Earth" – remember that all past Worship services in this series are online and can be found on our website [GaltUMC.org](http://GaltUMC.org)

We started on the mountains and earned a view with our perseverance, made our way into the valley to listen to our Good Shepherd's voice, survived stormy seas by a word of peace from Christ, learned to soar on wings like eagles, and now we will join the trees of the field as they clap their hands. Scripture: Isaiah 55:6-13.

Next 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.

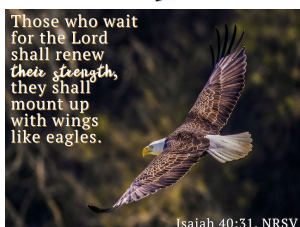
On-line worship will remain the same.



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On-Line Worship - Available on **Saturdays** each week at [GaltUMC.org](http://GaltUMC.org). - Give us your email address and these services will arrive in your inbox automatically.



Today Pastor Mary asks, "Have you not known? Have you not heard?" God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

## Office Closed for the Next Several Weeks

The church office will remain closed for visitors during the next several weeks. 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.

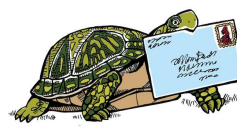


On Thursday, August 19, our Sunshine Pantry donated a pickup load of food for the evacuees of the Caldor fire.

The Sunshine Pantry has been blessed to have volunteers from the LDS church. They have been providing "muscle" help with unloading dry goods cases on shipment days from Sacramento Food Bank. This is certainly a great help to our other "senior" volunteer members.

Our church member Elaine Davidson has a keyboard and mouse she would like to give to someone. They're FREE! Contact Elaine at 209-294-8012.

## Giving Possibilities



We love getting checks

571 C Street  
Galt, CA 95632



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



Tuesday, August 24, 8:30am  
Recording of next Sunday's online Worship,



### **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:

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



**Exploratory Committee** – 5pm  
Tuesday, August 24, 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



Wednesday, August 25, 8:00-10:00am - - Set up.  
Thursday, August 26, 8:00-10:00am - - Food distribution.  
Extra help always welcome.



All interested Galt UMC members are welcome to join us!  
Topic: Church Council August 2021  
Time: Aug 26, 2021 04:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82704223999>

### **NATURE IN SCRIPTURE**

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

*This is our final class of this series. For six weeks starting in October our adult class will focus on Women in Scripture. Let Pastor Mary know if you would like to join us.*

## 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



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? Please sign up to be a greeter. You can do so on Sunday mornings, or by contacting Rosie



Friends and Family of Galt UMC,

We love our pastor! There is no doubt. Pastor Mary is always there with a smiling face and positive outlook on any challenge that comes our way. She is generous with her time and above all loves us back. In emergencies and times of crisis Pastor Mary has always stepped up to stand along side each one of us to help and remind us how God is in our lives; that God holds our right hand and she our left. We are surrounded by support and love. It is an exhausting task and I have never heard Pastor Mary (or God) complain.

I would ask that you are respectful of our Pastor's day off (Friday) so she can recharge her batteries and stay connected with her family. As always, for emergencies or crisis Pastor Mary is always available. But, for general business phone calls and texts, let's all keep it to Saturday - Thursday.

With much appreciate for this consideration,

Leesa - your SPRC Chair.







## From the Editor's Desk

*This 'N That  
From Here and There*

- - By Earl Arrants

*Every once in awhile an email crosses my desk that I feel should be sent on to the rest of the congregation. This past week such a letter arrived.*

*In last week's issue we mentioned several nice comments we have received concerning our online worship service. In my humble opinion, these recorded services are far superior to some that are out there. We can thank Dennis Yoder, and Pastor Mary for their hard work on this ongoing project! I know they are hesitant to "toot their own horns" on this matter, so it's up to me to "toot" for them! - - So, here is the letter from Bob and Maryann Janes of Elk Grove (used by permission):*

*"Pastor Mary,*

*My good friend Dan Malloy began forwarding Galt UMC services to me months ago from Texas. We attended Galt UMC a few times when he and Char were music leaders. I have been intending to write to say how meaningful your sermons have been to me. They are the best!*

*Your sincerity of faith in the application of the text to every day life shine through your words as well as your own experience. This is a way of saying how the spirit speaks through you so clearly.*

*In June, my wife and I moved into a new senior living building in Elk Grove called Bruceville Point. I suggested to the activities director that she schedule worship service Sunday mornings, meaning a live service by perhaps a local pastor. I was surprised 3 weeks ago when an internet service appeared in the theatre. The first two Sundays were disappointing, so I suggested Galt UMC.*

*This morning we attended your worship with the beautiful music and your amazing sermon on settling the storms of life. Response of those present was very positive. The director will be showing your service every Sunday until someone requests another.*

*My wife and I have rich Lutheran backgrounds, but have been inactive for a longtime. I am vision impaired at age 91, but have been wanting to share these thoughts and feelings for some time. God continue to bless the online ministry of Galt UMC.*

*- - Bob and Maryann Janes"*

*WOW! What a testament. Sure makes this part of our ministry worthwhile! There are other reports from out-of-staters who regularly watch. Keep up the good work folks. Remember, it's our extra \$\$ that keep this ministry alive!*



## Lunch Bunch

September 2, we will try to meet at Flames, 1067 C Street, Galt, this month. Last month COVID concerns limited our Bunch to only 3 persons. So - - we will try again! That's in the Save Mart center. Starting time is 11:30am. When you arrive, order at the counter. If weather cooperates we can enjoy eating in the patio area.

## The Roving Camera Eye

Activities from around Galt UMC



Here's a lovely picture that Anne Chu made -- she is back to in person art class. (used with permission)

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane



"No, Dolly, our father art downstairs watching football."

from JoyfulNoiseletter.com  
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## Planning for a Good End: Beyond Advanced Directives

### **REGISTRATION FORM – due by September 13**

Yes, I would like to attend the two-part seminar on Sunday, September 19 and Sunday, September 26 from 2:00 – 4:00pm in the Galt UMC Social Hall, 571 C Street, Galt. Doors open at 1:30.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Are there questions or topics you would like to make sure are covered in our seminar?

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*Space is limited. Registration must be made in advance. No walk-ins.*

***Mail form to Galt UMC, 571 C Street, Galt, CA 95632***