



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 9, 2021

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

I love resilient people – people who know how to bend and adapt to changing circumstances. They are like the mighty oaks we used to have in our backyard in Cameron Park. No matter how hard the wind would blow over the 17 years we lived there, not once did a branch snap. Not once. I think of this current season we are in at Galt



UMC as a season that is calling for us to be RESILIENT LIKE A MIGHTY OAK. Yep, we've had some exposure to covid, yep we are postponing a few things because of it, yep more people will be sheltering in place, yep we won't have the full impact of our visual and audio tech for in person Worship over the next couple of weeks. **But we are resilient people.** We will get through this like we have gotten through the past year and a half: with our faith, our kindness, our generosity, and our hope still firmly intact.

In addition to the Lord, we have three people to thank in our congregation for keeping us connected to God and to one another when we can't spend physical time with one another: Dennis Yoder for Online Worship, Earl Arrants for this weekly newsletter, and Margaret Luginbill for our Prayer Chain Devotions. I know I am speaking on behalf of the entire Church family when I say THANK YOU!

Blessings, Pastor Mary

p.s. You will see that we are postponing some things for the sake of caution. I will go ahead and be at The Coffee Shop on 4th street at 1pm on Tuesday – with my mask on – for those who may want to stop by and have a socially distanced cup of coffee.



Sermon Series "FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH"

People have shared that they especially loved last week's Online Worship "Shepherd's Valley" – if you haven't seen it yet, you're not going to want to miss it. Who can you pass it on to who will be blessed by it?

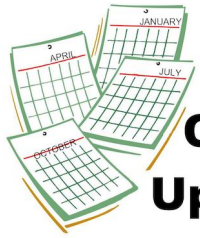
Each week in August we will focus on a story from Scripture with a feature from nature. This week is "Stormy Seas" Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

Due to new
COVID
restrictions
MASKS ARE
REQUIRED!



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

NEWS & Notes



Calendar Updates for August



The **Craft Group** meeting at Jan Ellis' for August 17, has been cancelled. Watch for new dates.



Men's Breakfast at the church, August 21, 9:00am. See you next month.



United Methodist Women (UMW) meeting on Saturday, August 21, at the home of Jan Ellis. See you next month.



Handchimes

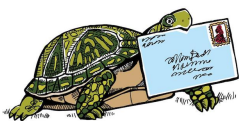


Handchime rehearsal for next Tuesday, August 17, has been cancelled. Our first rehearsal will be September 7, at 7:00.

"If you pick up a stray dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a dog and a man."

- - Mark Twain

Giving Possibilities



We love getting checks

571 C Street
Galt, CA 95632



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



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.

"Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment."

- - Benjamin Franklin



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33:08

Today Pastor Mary tells us about The Shepherd's Valley and explains the meaning behind walking through the valley of the shadow of death and why there is no fear.

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 10, 8:30am
Recording of next Sunday's online Worship,



Coffee Catch-up: Tuesday, August 10, 1:00pm. We will meet at The Coffee Shop on 4th Street.



Exploratory Committee – 5pm
Monday, August 9 & 5pm Tuesday, August 10, on ZOOM

NATURE IN SCRIPTURE

Adult Class



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

Never too late to join! This past week we looked at the tension in Scripture between God being located in Holy buildings made by human beings and God being in the wilderness of nature speaking directly to prophets.



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

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

Food distribution inside will happen in person as scheduled. Strict COVID protocols will be observed. Masks must be worn by ALL, volunteers and shoppers. Only 6 persons will be allowed inside at any one time - and social distancing will be observed.

Sign seen in Waynesville, NC:

"Bread is a lot like the sun.
It rises in the yeast
and sets in the waist."

Notice in a farmer's field:

"The farmer allows walkers to cross the field for free, but the bull charges."

Coming in November



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

"No matter how educated, talented, rich or cool you believe you are, how you treat people tells all."

—Author unknown



Welcome
New
Members

Since Pastor Mary arrived 14 months ago we have welcomed 17 people into our Church family. Here are our newest members. Since so many of you were not able to be with us in person to take your vows as existing members, Pastor Mary includes them here: *Will you surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God? **I will.** Will you pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life? **I will.** Will you be family to them, as they are family to you, sharing each other's joys and sorrows, and lightening each other's heavy loads? **I will.***

Ricky Toynbee, Candy Marhefka, Pearl Silva, Erin Sigafoos, Phil Ochoa, Ken Lee, Mattie Shepherd



The Roving Camera Eye

Activities from around Galt UMC



Mattie Shepherd

I was born in Texas and raised in Tucson, Arizona. Everywhere I have been educationally or professionally I have been "kicking down doors" so to speak. Either I was

the first woman, the first black person, or most of the time, the first of both in every organization I have been a part of. I worked for the Arizona Atomic Energy Commission and was the only female in the Western U.S. for Western Electric. I came to California to work in the Governor's Office for Emergency Services. You already know how much I love to sing and praise God! It is a joy to share my gifts with my Church family. I live in Elk Grove with my husband JP "The Bear" who is a retired police detective and WWE wrestler.



Pearl Silva

My husband and I were in the cattle business and we lived by the motto "Better to wear out than rust out". Lost my husband, Dayton four years ago, but still trying to live by our motto. So excited to be a member of the Galt UMC.



Phil Ochoa

Well, where do I start? -Born in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1937 -married the love of my life in 1956 -been singing since grade school and singing gospel for last 20 years. We have 4 children, 7 grand children, and 12 great grandchildren. When I lost the love of life of 60 plus years I was lost until Dan Malloy asked me to sing at the Galt Methodist Church and it has been a great joy ever since. Becoming a member again feels great. Thank you.



Erin Sigafos

Erin was a special delivery Christmas baby and what a joy she has been!

She attended and graduated from Elk Grove and Galt schools and attended Delta College community classes. She currently lives in Stockton in her own apartment and attends enrichment classes there. She is very happy.

She loves GUMC and considers it her home church and extended family. She is able to attend this church when she visits Galt, as transportation is difficult from Stockton on Sundays.

Ricky Toynbee I was born Richard Evan Toynbee at Ft. Meade, MD in 1947. My parents both grew up in Pennsylvania and my sister was born at Ft. Ord, CA in 1950. My dad's career in the U.S. Army provided the chance for extensive travel. We lived in many states in our country as well as Japan and Germany. This, or course, gave me great opportunities for learning and experiencing different cultures and their history. As a Life Boy Scout in Germany, I earned the God and Country Award, having completed a full year of Bible study and service to our Chapel there. I have two awesome daughters who have blessed me with 5 grand children. Two in Sacramento and 3 in Texas. They and their families are doing well. I have lived in the Sacramento Area, most in Rancho Cordova, since 1975. I was educated at North Salinas High and Highlands High, in N. Highlands, CA graduating in 1965 at which time I enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. Again, I was fortunate to continue my travel adventures. After concluding schooling in Arlington, VA, I was assigned to the American Embassy, Rabat, Morocco and later volunteered to go to Viet Nam. Left there with no combat wounds you could see. After discharge from the Corps, I got myself educated via American River College, and CalState Sacramento. My working career was in the telecommunications field, both marketing and service with what was then Pacific Telephone. Since then I've had the good fortune to meet Candace. Some how the Good Lord put us together and I am as happy as I've ever been. She was the one to introduce me to our church and the wonderful community of Galt. Our awesome Pastor Mary, Candy and our church family have played a big role in my coming back to worship services. Thank you all for your warm welcome!



Candace Marhefka

I was born Candace Lynn Lawson in Oroville, CA to Alan and Diane Lawson in 1952. My parents were married in the Oroville Methodist Church where I was later baptised as an infant. Upon graduating from high school, I attended college, majoring in Child Development and Social Services; and was soon employed by the State of California Department of Health Care Services, Amador County Social Services, and the Texas Department of Mental Health Services in Kerrville, Texas where I was a member of the United Methodist Church, which provided me with the opportunity to tour a number of Eastern European countries and visit their charming Methodist churches.

After retiring from civil service in 2015 I redirected myself and became a licensed ordained marriage officiant and also opened my own bakery. The two businesses worked hand-in-hand and allowed me to serve others in a way that was meaningful to me.

What brought me to the friendly small town of Galt and the United Methodist Church? Well, in December of last year, I downsized and sold my Amador County home. After all, I had lost my 17 year old son, Simon Joseph, in a tragic car accident; and my husband of 40 years had passed away in our home after a very long bout with Alzheimer's. I was ready to make new memories somewhere else far and away with the man that now owns my heart, Richard.

Thank you for welcoming us with open hearts

Ken Lee

I was born in San Francisco and raised in a diverse community with Irish and Italian influence, as well as Chinese. Professionally I have owned small businesses, as well as being a mechanic. One of my favorite things to do is buy special gifts for my Pastor and Church family. I am very active as an advocate for civil rights for Chinese-Americans and am engaged in bringing to light the history of the Chinese-American people in our region.



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.*