



Galt UMC This Week

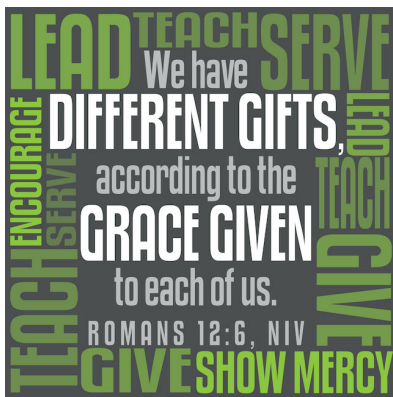
Galt UMC is a warm welcoming family who worship, pray, learn, and love one another by serving our community so that everyone can encounter the Risen Lord and experience transformation through God's Grace.



September 20, 2021

Let's Talk

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



Building on last week's article about being United Methodist: another funky thing about being United Methodist is the way we receive Pastors. Most Churches hire their own ministers, but in the UMC we have them appointed by our Bishop with the advice and discernment of her/his Cabinet of District Superintendents. Here's what I love about this system – as a woman, and my husband and I as a mixed-race couple, were unlikely to get hired by any particular local Church: too much of a risk of alienating people who are uncomfortable with change. But in the UMC we are evaluated by our gifts and appointed by the Bishop to a local Church based on how the Holy Spirit leads, regardless of gender or race. That is how I got appointed to Galt UMC. Now it's not all Spirit led. I have a chance to let Bishop Carcaño know whether or like I would like to return, and your Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) has a chance to let her know whether you would like to stick with the Pastor you have, or whether it is time for a change. This month some of those wheels are beginning to turn. SPRC, in consultation with Finance Committee, will be making a recommendation to Church Council as to whether to request a full-time Pastoral appointment in 2022. Then, at our Charge Conference on October 18th, we will meet with our District Superintendent David Niu and make that request official. Later in the Fall the SPRC will decide whether or not to ask our Bishop to re-appoint me in particular, and I will fill out a form requesting re-appointment or appointment to another Church or ministry. Spoiler alert: I will be asking to stay!



In Joyful Obedience, Pastor Mary

p.s. Many thanks from the bottom of our hearts for all the ways in which you prayed, posted, and texted your support during our sudden (yet not so sudden) loss of our beloved puppy dog Emily this past week.

Due to new
COVID
restrictions
MASKS ARE
ONCE AGAIN
REQUIRED!



NEWS & Notes



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11:00am
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What do Healthy Churches all have in common? The presence of the Holy Spirit! Love! Unity! Zeal for sharing the Good News! Last Sunday we were blessed with the singing of Phil Ochoa. This coming week the emphasis is on ZEAL.

September 26th sermon "Standing at the Door, Knocking" Scripture: Revelation 3:14-22

Galt Community Thanksgiving Basket Project



The annual Thanksgiving Basket project is about to get underway. For the past number of years our church has been a part of this community ministry. These baskets are a project of several Galt area churches, as well as businesses, schools, and other interested persons. This year we have been asked to provide canned chicken.



Last year we provided 120 families in need with a Thanksgiving meal and a week's worth of food. Names of families are supplied by outreach consultants through our Galt schools. We are starting a little early this year, but we can start collecting the chicken now. We have until early November when a collection will be made. More details as the time gets closer.



Donations to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), which responds to disasters throughout the world on behalf of Methodist people, can be given at any time. Just make a check out to Galt UMC and put UMCOR in the memo line. 100% of your offering goes directly to those in need.



ORNAMENTS: Ever see a meerkat ornament? Here is one. It's glass and made in Poland. A meerkat sounds unusual for an ornament. Snow monkeys and llamas and others keep him company. All from the Discovery Channel store. Come check them out at the Holiday Bazaar **October 16, 8am to 2pm.**



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Pastor Mary explains when differences are treated with hospitality instead of hostility, love flourishes!

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, September 21, 8:30am
Recording of next Sunday's online Worship,



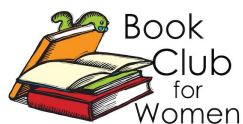
Tone Chimes

Tuesday, September 21, 7:00pm
Tone Chime Dingaling rehearsal in the Social Hall. Want to know what this is all about? Drop by for an introduction.



Finance Team

Tuesday, September 21, 10:00am
in person, church office.



Book Club for Women

Our Gift from the Sea book study is in full swing. Each week between now and November 15 when our study is completed, I will share a line or two from the chapter we are discussing. This week the chapter is "The Beach" and Anne Morrow Lindbrgh writes: *The sea does not reward those who are too anxious, too greedy, or too impatient. To dig for treasures shows not only impatience and greed, but lack of faith. Patience, patience, patience, is what the sea teaches. Patience and faith. One should like empty, open choiceness as a beach waiting for a gift from the sea.*

Join ZOOM meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85189287553>



Thursday, 4pm, Church Council on ZOOM - anyone involved in the life of Galt UMC is welcome to attend Church Council with a voice, but no vote. Only the Chairs of Committees, plus the Lay Leader, the Lay Member to Annual Conference, and at-large Members have a vote. Remember, if you would like to serve on a Galt UMC committee, let Pastor Mary know.

Topic: Church Council September 2021

Time: **Sep 23, 2021 04:00PM** Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Sunshine Food Pantry

Wednesday, September 22, 8:00 - 10:00am - Set up for Food Distribution on Thursday.

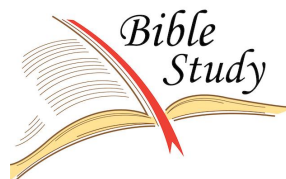
Thursday, September 23, 8:00 - 10:00am - Food Distribution. Extra help always welcome.



Next Saturday, September 25, 2:00 on ZOOM. Watch for link.

Many thanks to Galt UMC member Colleen Hurley for leading "Preparing for a Good End" on Sunday. Twenty-four people were there, most from the community or other churches.

Continuing Weekly



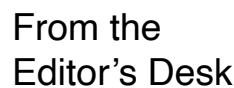
Bible Study on Facebook every week 6:30pm on Wednesdays

Last week

Pastor Mary had to cancel

Bible Study because of the

illness of her dog. So, this week will ACTUALLY be the story of Paul, Silas, Timothy, and Luke on Paul's Second Missionary journey. They are in Phillipi, where they meet up with women who are worshiping and praying outside of the synagogue and outside of pagan temples. Paul goes where they are - down by the river - and finds Lydia with an open heart for God. This is a thrilling story that speaks to finding people for God who are not in the usual places. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, declared "the world is my Parish" - he got that idea from studying Paul! Where will our study of Paul's Journeys and Letters take us? You can join our Pastor live at 6:30pm on Wednesday evenings, or watch from her page anytime during the week.



The Beloved Will Rogers

Rev. Cy Eberhart, a Will Rogers biographer, reported this response from Rogers when someone questioned him about his faith: "People often ask me, 'What are you, Will?' Well, I was raised predominately a Methodist, but I have traveled so much, mixed with so many people in all parts of the world, I don't know just what I am. I know I have never been a nonbeliever. I do know that I am broad-minded in a religious way. Which way you serve your God will never get one word of argument or condemnation out of me. There have been times when I wished there had been as much real religion among some of the creeds as there has been vanity."

Rogers kept Americans laughing and lifted their spirits during the dark days of the Great Depression. When he died, 100,000 people paid their respects to him in his coffin.

Rev. Eberhart reported that the ecumenical Rogers' memorial service was presided over by a Protestant minister, a Catholic priest, and a Jewish performer singing a Hebrew mourning chant. Mexican-American citizens nearby placed a memorial wreath in their neighborhood. "The Friends of Ethiopia," an African American group, joined a parade in Rogers' honor. In Oklahoma, where Rogers was born of Cherokee Indian parentage, Cherokee Indians performed a death dance in his memory.

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In person - 9:00am & 11:00am
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