



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

September 27, 2021

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



Emily, my family's wonderful puppy dog companion, has been very much on my mind since she passed away last week. I am remembering when she was young and we lived in Cameron Park, how she would "guard" her family every morning by patrolling the perimeter of our backyard. She would run along the fence line, and only after she had satisfied herself that there had been no breach, only then would she come in to eat, drink, play, and rest. But even as she rested, she would often face toward the back yard "just in case." You never know when a squirrel might attack, right??? What this has got me thinking of is how important it is that we *invite the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, to guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus* as Paul put it in his letter to the Philippians. For me this means starting my day with prayer, Scripture, and a time of devotions – basically, like Em, I guard my perimeter against small mindedness, resentment, self-righteousness, judgment, etc. When I don't "guard my perimeter" guess what happens?? Invariably those squirrels of "stinkin' thinkin'" take over my brain and my day is not everything God wants and needs it to be. So, here's to you, my Beloved Em – as I guard my perimeter against sin and the wiles of the devil, I will think of you and give thanks to God for ALL that you have taught me.

In Joyful Obedience, Pastor Mary

Due to new
COVID
restrictions
MASKS ARE
ONCE AGAIN
REQUIRED!



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



NEWS & Notes



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY - October 3rd



Pastor Mary's husband Boikanyo grew up in a Methodist parsonage in South Africa, where his father Rev. Amos Maaga was a full-time appointed Pastor in the Methodist Church of South Africa. They celebrated World Communion Sunday the first

Sunday of October, just like we do. To celebrate the worldwide diversity of Christian communion, please wear colorful or "international" clothing to Worship next Sunday!

In the United Methodist Church we have an "open Communion table" which means that if you love God, repent of your sin, and desire to live at peace with one another, you are welcome to join us for this means of grace!

9am and 11am Worship In Person, or Online

Sermon: "Mary and Martha: The Better Part"
Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

GREETERS SCHEDULE

October 3 - -

9:00am -	11:00am -
Mark King	Eva Roach
Sharon Drake	Rosie Kumar

October 10 - -

9:00am -	11:00am -
Madeline Powell	Mona Stratton
Rosie Kumar	Mercedes Diego

Instead of setting up a specific day and time for office hours, Pastor Mary welcomes you to let her know when you would like to stop by the Church Office. She is available to meet with you, or get you something you need, every day except Friday. (Even on her day off, if it is an emergency, please do not hesitate to reach out.)

In his farewell sermon to his church the pastor excelled. He was eloquent and well prepared. His text: "In my Father's house are many mansions. . . I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am, there ye may be also." It was later learned that the preacher had accepted a position as chaplain at the local prison.

OOPS!! Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.



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32:43

Listen, I am standing at the door, knocking. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come to you and eat with you and you with me.

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.



Adult Class

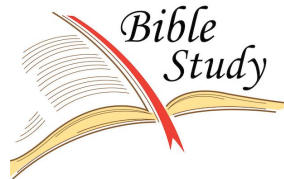
Adult Class: Women in Scripture Oct. 3 – Nov. 14, Sundays at 4pm on ZOOM



Women AND men are invited to join us for this fascinating, and often painful topic. We will start with the story from Exodus of the five courageous women who made Moses's life possible, then we will make our way to the genealogy in Matthew's Gospel that includes five women whose choices demonstrate faith, resilience, intelligence, and adaptability. Of course, we will also make our way to Eve, the Virgin Mary, and Mary Magdalene over the weeks. If you would like a link, please let Pastor Mary know.

Continuing Weekly

Bible Study on Facebook every week



90 people logged on either in person or after the fact to watch this past week's Bible Study

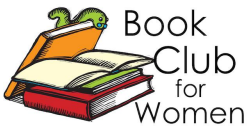
on Paul's Journeys and Letters. It is easy to do: go to Pastor Mary's FB page at 6:30 on Wednesdays, or look for the class on her page any time at your convenience during the week. This past week we got to know Lydia, the women at the river, and the jailer in Philippi. This coming week we will study Paul's letter to the Philippians, which takes on more power now that we have come to know several of the people whose faith in Jesus Christ was the beginning of the Church there. To read "rejoice in the Lord always" from the pen of a man who rejoiced after being beaten with rods and fastened with chains in a jail – knowing that one of the people who received that letter was his jailer who came to Christ because of Paul's rejoicing – well that's just thrilling!



8:00am Tuesday, September 28, Recording Online Worship.



5:00pm Tuesday, September 28, in the church office.



Our Gift from the Sea book study has 12 women participating, half from Galt UMC and half from other communities. This week the chapter is called "Channelled

Whelk" and in it the author Anne Morrow Lindbergh writes: *Vague as this definition may be, I believe most people are aware of periods in their lives when they seem to be "in grace" and other periods when they feel "out of grace"... I have learned that certain environments, certain modes of life, certain rules of conduct are more conducive to inner and outer harmony than others. There are, in fact, certain roads that one may follow. Simplification of life is one of them.*



Now that we are able to get together in person more often, there is less interest in ZOOMing for fellowship. So, we will not meet monthly for "Campfire."

This just in - - -

Many have requested a return to one weekly Worship Service on Sunday morning. Your wish has been granted! Starting October 31, we will have a 10:00am service ONLY. This 10am service will continue through November/December.



Pastor Joe purchased a new banner advertising our in person Worship for the front of the Church, and Chu came and helped him put it up.

Don Ross has taken on directing the Dingalings, our newly formed Tone Chime Choir!

We appreciate very much our singers and musicians who enrich Worship on Sunday mornings: Phil Ochoa, Mattie Shepherd, Dennis Yoder, Don Ross, Earl Arrants. Your generosity of time and talent are a blessing to all of us.

Many thanks to Faye Gaines, Mark King, and Linda Seashore, for setting up a Sunshine Food Pantry booth to receive canned goods at the Jeep Show at Veteran's Field last Saturday.

Judy King gave us several hours of help in the Church Office this week and has promised to help in the weeks to come as well. Thank you, Judy!



Picnic at Galt Community Park on Tuesday, October 5, at 12 noon. Bring a lunch, your chair, and meet us across from the tennis courts. All welcome.



Chuck is back explaining all things Methodist! This series of 3 to 5 minute videos seeks to enlighten serious church happenings in a humorous way. Take a look at his newest one.



It's a special worship service observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October. But, what exactly are we celebrating?

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3:10



Home for the Holidays:

Holiday Stage Show & Gourmet Boxed Meal, plus Outdoor Lighting Ceremony. PEARL SILVA is our "ticket master" – you can buy your tickets from her starting next Sunday.

Adults \$20 Children (12 & under) \$5 *advance tickets only – no sales at the door

All proceeds to benefit the Galt UMC General Fund to help support a full-time Pastor



Renewal Days for Pastor Mary

Sometimes Pastor Mary works on a Friday (her day off) because of a pastoral emergency, or a funeral. The Staff Parish Relations Committee will be encouraging her to "bank" those days off she is not able to take – plus an extra day off a month – for "spiritual enrichment and restful reflection." During these days Pastor Mary will not be in the Church Office, but is available for any emergencies that might arise.



The Holiday Bazaar is just 3 very short weeks away. To make this a success, the United Methodist Women is in need of many more homemade, Fall and Christmas items. Don't forget that the UMW supports our church's video ministry and we need to be able to continue this project. This bazaar is our main source of income for such an endeavor. If you would like to donate items or your time, please contact Mona Stratton at 334-235-1467. And it would really be great if you could get your items to Mona by October 3. Please remember that the UMW is sponsoring this event but it is open to ALL. Please help. Please donate. And please help us to be able to continue this ministry.



From the Editor's Desk

*This 'N That
From Here and There*

-- By Earl Arrants

Last week as I was wondering around the social hall late in the afternoon my gaze shifted to the front of the sanctuary. To my amazement, the beautiful sunflower piece on the altar, so ably assembled by Leesa Klotz and Beverly Sigafoos, stood out like a beacon in the afternoon sun.



Usually the altar centerpieces as gorgeous as they are, are subtly hidden in the background. On this day the sun shone brightly through the stain glass windows on the centerpiece (and me without my digital camera!). My mind quickly took in the image and urged Pastor Mary to record the moment with her camera phone- (Which she did.) In deed, it was a fleeting moment! Within five minutes the brilliant yellows and oranges had once again faded.

WOW! What a lesson! Some emotional things need to be acted upon

almost immediately because they will be gone before you can even get the camera out of the bag. At other times it is prudent to stop, think, and enjoy the moment. My wife, Patricia, as a plein air artist knew that well. She was a very fast oil painter as she captured the fleeting emotional impact of the changing light patterns on a subject.

This was the case of the attached photos and the sunflower arrangement. Seize the moment while it is available!

Sign posted in a French church:

"It is possible that on entering this church, you may hear the call of God. On the other hand, it is not likely that He will contact you by phone. Thank you for turning off your cell phone. If you would like to talk to God, come in, choose a quiet place, and talk to Him. If you would like to see Him, send him a text while driving."

October



This Month's Birthdays

- 2 Bill Watters
- 4 Dan Malloy
- 5 Mattie Shepherd
- 6 William Diego
- 11 Pat McReynolds
- 15 Andrew Klotz
- 23 Debbie Courtnier
- 30 Bruce Wickland
- 30 Jean Nelson
- 31 Jean Jones



- 24 Koshmick Kumar & Saira Kanwal
- 27 Jim & Schelley Dunn

A man is dying on his deathbed in Los Angeles. With him are his nurse, his wife, his daughter, and two sons. He knows the end is near so he says to them"

"Sam, I want you to take the Beverly Hills houses." "Sylvia, take the apartments over in Los Angeles Plaza." "Bernie, I want you to take the offices over in City Center." "And Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings downtown."

All this boggles the nurse's mind, and as the man slips away, she says to the wife, "Ma'am, your husband must have been such a hardworking man to have accumulated so much property."

The wife replies: "Property shmoperty....the old man had a newspaper route."

SPEED BUMP

by Dave Coverly



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October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	For more info on any activity, please contact Pastor Mary at 530-417-6584 or mjzmaaga@yahoo.com				1 Pastor's Day off	2 AA groups meet 5:00-8:30pm potluck AA group meets at 8:00am Nar anon meets at 9:15am
In Person 9 & 11 and OnLine Worship World Communion Sunday Women in Scripture Class, ZOOM 4:00pm	3 Book Club 1:00pm ZOOM AA group meets at 7:00pm	4 Tone Chime practice in the social hall. 7:00pm Picnic in Park, 12 noon AA group meets at 5:00pm women only	5 Bible Study Facebook live 6:30pm AA group meets at 9:00pm	6 Lunch Bunch Mountain Mike's Pizza in Raley's Center 11:30am NA group meets at 6:00pm	7 Pastor's Day off Interact Club upstairs 3-4:00pm	8 AA group meets at 8:00am Nar anon meets at 9:15am
In Person 9 & 11 and OnLine Worship Women in Scripture Class, ZOOM 4:00pm	9 Book Club 1:00pm ZOOM AA group meets at 7:00pm	10 Exploratory Committee 5:00pm Coffee Catchup at Coffee Shop on 4th St 1:00pm AA group meets at 5:00pm women only	11 Bible Study Facebook live 6:30pm Set-up for tomorrow's Sunshine Pantry 8:30-10:30am NA group meets at 6:00pm AA group meets at 9:00pm	12 Sunshine Pantry open 8-10am	13 Pastor's Day off Interact Club upstairs 3-4:00pm	14 Men's Breakfast 9:00am Velvet Grill UMW Holiday Bazaar 8 - 2:00 Nar anon meets at 9:15am AA group meets at 8:00am
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