



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 6, 2021

Let's Talk

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



**DISASTER
RELIEF**

One of the best things about being a United Methodist, in my opinion, is our connection with UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief. 100% of gifts given to UMCOR are used to help people in crisis. Our Conference tithe helps support the administration and staff of the organization, so that all donations go directly to people in need. Here is how UMCOR describes itself on its website:

UMCOR brings God's hope, healing, and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by war, conflict or natural disaster. UMCOR provides humanitarian relief and disaster response to people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. After the recovery has begun, wounds have been tended, basic needs met, and the world's attention has faded, The United Methodist Church continues to be present by providing ongoing assistance. UMCOR provides survivors not only temporary relief, but also long-term education, training, and support. While UMCOR cooperates with other aid organizations, the most important partners in the work of recovery are those being served.

For me, the donations I make to UMCOR help me to feel less hopeless in the face of such widespread suffering due to fires, earthquakes, storms, and floods. I know that by doing my small part, alongside so many others, we are making a big difference. If you would like to donate to UMCOR, please write a check to Galt UMC and put "UMCOR" in the memo line. We will write a single check to UMCOR that includes all the individual donations.

In Joyful Obedience, Pastor Mary

p.s. I was already planning to write this article when Jackie Parker asked me if I would mind promoting UMCOR – she is proud to be part of a connectional denomination that does so much for the whole wide world!

Due to new
COVID
restrictions
MASKS ARE
ONCE AGAIN
REQUIRED!



NEWS & Notes



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



Sermon Series "Healthy Churches"

In the process of creating sermons and Worship services for September, Pastor Mary has shifted from "Nice Churches, Naughty Churches" to "Healthy Churches" as our current theme. The shift is because with so much heart-breaking bad news in the world and in our community right now, Pastor Mary wants to accentuate the positive! What do Healthy Churches all have in common? The presence of the Holy Spirit! Love! Unity! Zeal for sharing the Good News! Last week we were blessed with Dion Jergo, Mattie Shepherd's brother, who definitely raised the spiritual energy in our Sanctuary! This coming week the emphasis is on love.

September 12th Sermon: "Love Builds Up"
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

We will be blessed with the music of Phil Ochoa at both services, and with the organ played by Earl Arrants at the 11am service.

Best of all, Azaad Praveen Naidu, newborn daughter of Saira and Kosmick, will be baptized during the 11am worship service on September 12th



TOPPER: This airy, silver angel tree topper would love to add sparkle to the top of your Christmas tree. She will be available along with a ton of other items at



the **Holiday Bazaar, Oct 16, 8am to 2pm.** Remember all proceeds go to supporting the UMW's ministry of videoing sermons for online use and CDs.

Galt Character Award Winner: MARK KING!

At the Galt City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 7 at 6pm our own Galt UMC member Mark King will be given a Galt Character Award for RESPECT. The City Council meeting will be held online. Here's how to find it:

Event: Presentation of Respect award to 3 individuals

When: Tuesday, Sept. 7 6:00 pm at Galt City Council meeting

Location: Virtual: Watch it

live: www.ci.galt.ca/i-want-to

Click on the I Want to banner top right and go to Watch Tonight's Council Meeting Live



The peacekeeping meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.



[Click Here](#)
37:12

Pastor Mary asks, how can we show the world WHO GOD IS? By saying YES TO THE UNQUENCHABLE SPIRIT OF GOD!

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 31, 8:30am
Recording of next Sunday's online Worship.



Tone Chimes

This will be our first Ding-a-ling rehearsal. Sound interesting? No experience is necessary.. All you need to know is count to four, and recognize orange and yellow colors. Stop by for a visit. OUR FIRST MEETING WILL BE THIS COMING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, AT 7:00pm IN THE SOCIAL HALL.

Bible Study on Facebook every week

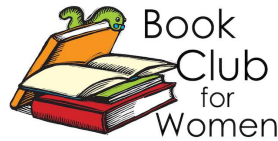
We are continuing on our journey with Paul, as he travels, as he writes, as he challenges the young Christian Church to live up to its primary ethic of "love your

neighbor as yourself" and to embrace the grace of God at the heart of faith. Oh, if only it were that simple. Join Pastor Mary on an exploration of the challenges and conflicts of preaching, living, and sharing GRACE as we study Acts of the Apostles, with side journeys into Paul's letters. You can join our Pastor live at 6:30pm on Wednesday evenings, or watch from her page anytime during the week.



Wednesday, September 8,
8:00-10:00 — Set up.

Thursday, September 9,
8:00-10:00 — Food distribution. All folks are welcome. Extra help always needed. Contact Faye Gaines for more information.



On ZOOM starting Monday, September 13 at 1pm weekly for ten weeks. Contact Pastor Mary for a link. We will

be reading Gift from the Sea. Anne Morrow Lindbergh writes her reflections on life, love, marriage, solitude, and the beauty of the earth. Her writing is poetic, powerful, and will lead to many powerful conversations in our Book Club. We have 12 women so far who have signed up.



Meet next Monday, September 13, 5:00pm in person at the church. This is scheduled to be a JOINT meeting with the Exploratory Committee.



Meets Tuesday, September 14, 5:00pm in person in the church office.

"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 person."

- - Mark Twain



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 on sale starting October 1.**

Coming Soon - -



Welcome
Our New
Member

Darla Ervin joined our Church this past week. She took her vows from Pastor Mary in her living room with Mona Stratton and Anne Albrecht present. Thanks to the UMW Beulah Fund mission project, Darla has been joining us in Worship every week with a dvd player and dvds that Denny Yoder copies, and Mona Stratton delivers every week. Do you know anyone who can't attend Worship in person, but would like a simple to use player and weekly dvds? Let Mona Stratton know: 1-334-235-1467

Darla is a poet. She wasn't comfortable with us including a picture of her in the newsletter, but she is willing for us to share a poem she wrote on Jonah:

*Jonah knew the will of God, but he chose to flee;
So he was thrown into the deep blue sea.
Then God prepared a great fish to swallow him that
day,
And then oh how Jonah began to pray.
Three days, three nights, experiencing hell;
then God caused the fish to vomit and on dry land
Jonah fell.
Now four days he traveled to now go to where he
had been sent;
Nineveh he cried against it and they soon began to
repent!
Now God saved Nineveh - contrary Jonah was very
angry and said,
"Oh I wish I was dead." Yes, Jonah, well said!!!*

Welcome to our Church family, Darla Ervin! If you would like to write a note to welcome her she lives at Heritage Park: 700 Second Street, #36, Galt 95632



Lunch
Bunch

Our Lunch Bunch met at Flames Restaurant last Thursday with 14 people present. Consensus of the group decided we could meet at Mountain Mike's Pizza in the Raley's Center. At this time their All You Can Eat Salad/Pizza Bar is open! Everyone is invited!!! Watch for more details when the time gets closer. Next month our Bunch will meet on October 7.

Planning for a Good End: Beyond Advanced Directives

Two-part Seminar 9/19/21 and 9/26/21
2 - 4pm in our Social Hall

Dying is a part of life. Who do you want there when you pass? What kind of paperwork can be done in advance, so your family is not faced with both sorrow and chaos? How can your death be an expression of your unique life? This two-part Seminar will help you to think through the principles of a good end: don't leave a mess, do leave a legacy, live the best life you can.

Registration required: contact Colleen Hurley churley55@comcast.net
209-712-1541.

We have 18 people registered so far - we have room for more. Registration deadline is September 13.

Surprise!

We were surprised with a visit from Bishop Minerva Carcaño at our 11:00 worship yesterday. Accompanying her were her daughter Sophie and Sophie's boyfriend Josiah. On her way out she quickly scanned the property we are proposing for the Sunshine Food Pantry.



The Holiday Bazaar is just 5 very short weeks away. Here is just one of the items that may interest you:

THROW: Cold winter nights are coming. Its true. Maybe not soon enough for some, but they are coming.

This extra soft, extra fuzzy fleece throw is just one of the many items that will be available at the Holiday Bazaar on **Oct 16, 8am to 2pm**. If this throw is not for you, then it would make a great gift for someone who enjoys cuddling. See you there.





From the Editor's Desk

*This 'N That
From Here and There*

*Our Exploratory Committee read the following
Introductory Statement at our All Church Town Hall
Meetings yesterday. Here is that statement as read. EA*

Town Hall Introductory Statement – Sept. 5, 2021

It is with great joy that the Exploratory Committee is bringing forward a viable plan that meets both our mission vision of outreach and the needs of the community we serve. This conversation is about what our current resources of two empty lots can do to better serve our community with the Sunrise Food Pantry. I want to start with a word about process:

It is important to note that we, the people of Galt UMC, do not own the empty lots. All of our property, including the lot the Church is on and the lot the Church Office is on, as well as the empty lots, belong to the California-Nevada Conference of the United Methodist Church. In order to gain permission to sell these empty lots, we presented a proposal to District Superintendent David Niu to take to the Bishop and Cabinet of our United Methodist Church Conference. If the answer is no, then this proposal is finished for now. If the answer is yes, we do not have to act on what we have proposed but will be granted permission to have a Church Conference to decide as a Church family what will take place.

The Exploratory Committee has been working with Christian Church Homes, a trusted developer for other United Methodist Church properties. They are very interested in building affordable apartments for seniors and veterans in Galt. We have a limited number of weeks before they pull out of their interest in our lots. Besides awaiting approval from the Conference for selling our lots, Christian Church Homes is awaiting news from the City of Galt about the availability of monies from the State that are specifically earmarked for this kind of housing.

The architectural drawings of the Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center, which we submitted to the Conference along with our proposal, are not blueprints. They exist for purposes of visually demonstrating to the Conference and the City our commitment to investing monies from the sale of the lots toward this mission.

Sandie Benadum, Chair of Trustees for our Church, came to the Pastor unhappy with the Exploratory Committee process. It was always our intention – while we wait for the powers that be at the Conference and in the City to make practical and regulatory decisions – to now turn to the Trustees, with their considerable individual expertise and contacts, to say “Here’s a vision for the food pantry, please improve it.”

Ultimately, if God sees fit to have everything fall into place, the Exploratory Committee will dissolve, our work having been completed. It will be the Trustees of Galt UMC, in consultation with our Galt UMC Church Council, who will build the free-standing Sunshine Food Pantry. At that point a temporary Fundraising Committee will be convened that will strategize about how to obtain grants, gifts, and bequests to underwrite this work. This is not the work of any one individual. Hand in hand, the Trustees and Fundraising Committee, along with your prayers of support will guide this project to completion. God willing, together we will build a stronger connection with the community and share the love of God. Thank you for being a part of this journey.