



# 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*

October 18, 2021

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

To say that I am thrilled by the unanimous vote to sell our empty lots to Christian Church Homes is an understatement! To say I am impressed beyond measure with the United Methodist Women and the Holiday Bazaar is also an understatement! To say that I am grateful to God for all the blessings I am witnessing in our Church and community is the biggest understatement of all! WOW!!! As in, Watch Out World! Galt UMC is doing what Methodists do best – loving God and neighbor with our whole heart, soul, strength, and mind -- that has always been the Methodist “brand”: personal commitment to disciplines of holiness AND transforming the communities in which we are planted. And now I am going to take a few days off to get re-energized for the holidays ahead. It will be fun with the newest member of the Maaga family needing lots of

attention. Meet Freya, a shorthaired border collie after we got her home from Red Bluff – sure hope she has the energy to keep up with us!



In Joyful Obedience, Pastor Mary

p.s. Look at this cute photo of Mona Stratton in the midst of the Holiday Bazaar donations. This looks like a lot, but I am told this is after she and Jackie Parker took several dozen boxes over to the Church.



Due to new  
COVID  
restrictions  
MASKS ARE  
ONCE AGAIN  
REQUIRED!



9:00am and  
11:00am

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

# NEWS & Notes



## **Our Journey with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus Continues – October 24**

This coming Sunday we will have a rare treat in hearing the preaching of Rev. Craig Brown, the Executive Director of Congregational Development for the California-Nevada Conference of the United Methodist Church. His sermon will focus on how to apply the lessons of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus that we have been learning this past month. Pastor Mary will be here to lead Worship and enjoy Rev. Brown's preaching too.



## **Monday, October 18,** **6:30pm in the Social** **Hall**

Once a year the District Superintendent for the Central Valley District of the United Methodist Church comes and

meets with our Church leaders. While it is only the Church Council that has a vote in setting the Pastor's salary, electing committee members, and accepting the membership report, all Church members are invited to attend. Even if you can't attend, a Charge Conference Booklet is available in the Church Office. More can be made if we run out.



Mickey told his mom he was afraid the pastor would throw an egg at him because in his sermon he said: "Take my yoke upon you."



**Sunday, November 21, 4:00pm**

## **Tickets on SALE NOW!**

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

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

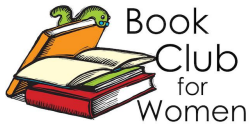
All proceeds to benefit the Galt UMC General Fund to help support a full-time Pastor.



**[Click Here](#)**  
36:35

Pastor Mary takes us on a journey of how Jesus felt at the death of his friend Lazarus. He feels what it is like to have someone He dearly loves die, and to see the impact that death, and its finality, have on those who share that love.

**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.



Mondays thru November 15, 1:00pm on ZOOM. Our Gift from the Sea book study is reading Chapter 5 this week, "Oyster Bed" in which Anne Morrow Lindbergh suggests that

middle age is a great season in which to shed the "shells" of ambition, material accumulations, ego, mask, and armor, so that we can be open to receiving beautiful spiritual and emotional growth. This is a great book to ponder and discuss.



Meets Monday, October 18, 6:00pm - just before our annual Charge Conference.



Monday, October 18, 6:30pm. District Superintendent David Niu presiding with our church leaders.



8:00am - Recording online worship - Tuesday, October 19, please avoid the Sanctuary while recording is happening; Pastor Joe will be working with Dennis Yoder this week.



Tone Chimes

7:00pm Tuesday, October 19, in the Social Hall.



Pastor's Time Off

Pastor Mary will be taking Tuesday, October 19 – Friday, October 22 off as comp time for some Fridays that she has been working. While she will not be in the Office at all on those days, she is available in case of an emergency.

## Continuing Weekly

### Adult Class



**Women in Scripture Oct. 17, 24, and Nov. 7, 14**  
**Sundays at 4pm on ZOOM**

Here's the link in case you would like to join us for our second session

Topic: Women in Scripture

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87126628766>

**Bible Study on Facebook every week**

**Bible Study on Facebook will not meet this Wednesday**



Our class will be back on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> to continue on the adventure of Paul's Journeys and Letters.



Picnics in the Park has been discontinued for the time being. Watch for future announcements.



The Sunshine Pantry is in need of egg cartons. If you can save your 1 dozen size, it would be appreciated.





## Coming Up

For the first time in two years, the clergy and lay representatives of the California-Nevada Conference of the United Methodist Church will be meeting in person in Sacramento October 29 – 31. Thank you Mercedes Diego for being willing to represent our Church!



**Don't Forget! 10am Worship starts  
October 31 and Continues Thru November  
and December**



Just a small note filled with a full heart of thanks to EVERYONE who had helped to make the Holiday Bazaar 2021 a huge success. Thank you to the hardworking women of the UMW for

their support and endless hours of crafting on an endless list of homemade and home grown items. Thanks to everyone who donated so much of everything. Thank you to everyone who had helped with set up and clean up. Thank you to the 'sales clerks' and cashiers who had helped dozens and dozens of customer, all with beautiful smiles all day long. Thank you to all the 'customers' from Galt, from Sacramento, from Stockton, from Lodi, from Elk Grove and every point around, near and far. Thank you to every one for helping me in my first attempt at a project of this type and size. Thank you Pastor Mary for being such a wonderful spark to this church. I believe this weekend, once again, we proved that we are the church with open hearts and an open door. Again THANK YOU from the bottom of my grateful heart. I feel so blessed.

Mona Stratton



The canned chicken is starting to pile up. We are on our way to providing 130 cans for the Community Thanksgiving baskets. You can bring yours now!



Our new order of Galt UMC t-shirts have arrived. We have sizes Adult XL, Adult L, Adult Small, Youth Large, Youth Medium available. They are \$15.

## GREETERS SCHEDULE

**October 24 - -**

9:00am -

Colleen Hurley  
Mark King

11:00am -

Anne Albrecht  
Mercedes Diego

**October 31 - -**

10:00am -

Manoj Kumar  
Rosie Kumar

## **Invitation to Membership and Baptism**



It is a special feeling to take vows before God and the Church to become FAMILY! We pledge to support the Galt UMC through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, but even more importantly we pledge to support one another through good times and bad through acts of love, caring, and generosity. If you are interested in joining Galt UMC, please let Pastor Mary know. The next time we will take in new members is December 12<sup>th</sup>. Also, if you or someone you love would like to be baptized, Pastor Mary will do baptisms on Christmas Eve during our 5pm Candlelight Service.

Galt United Methodist Church  
Special Church Conference Minutes  
October 14, 2021, 6:30pm, in person in the Sanctuary at Galt UMC

The meeting of the Special Church Conference was opened by Rev. Mary Maaga to present and vote on selling of the church's two lots to Christian Church Homes for the development of affordable housing for seniors and veterans. Proceeds from the sale to be held in trust for building a free-standing Sunshine Food Pantry and Resource Center on the lot adjacent to the parking lot. Pastor Mary recognized Rich Lozano, Galt City Council Member, Sidney Stone, Director of Real Estate Development of Christian Church Homes, Bonnie Rodriguez of the Galt Herald attending and introduced Rev. Gary Pope-Sears presiding on behalf of District Superintendent David Niu.

Rev. Pope-Sears presented devotions from scripture in Hebrews 12:1-2 and lead the congregation in prayer. He introduced Earl Arrants, historian for the church and Exploratory Committee Co-chair. Mr. Arrants gave a short analysis on dates when the lots were purchased, how we retained them and subsequently used them for a community garden. They have been vacant land for several years.

Faye Gaines told her story as director of the Food Pantry and its growth. In a video prepared by Rev. Joe Carmichael, participants in the Food Closet told of the benefits many have had with the food pantry and in person.

Pam Carmichael, Co-chair of the Exploratory Committee talked about, from beginning to end the year project of research the committee has used to get where it is today.

A video presentation by Sidney Stone explained overall what Christian Church Homes does and told of meetings with the City of Galt and Rich Lozano.

Leesa Klotz fielded questions from attendees as a member of the Exploratory Committee. She and Sidney Stone answered questions and comments from members of the congregation. Sandy Benadum, Joe Carmichael, Alan Weinel, Olivia Klotz, Michele Weinel, Mattie Shepherd, Madeline Powell and Colleen Hurley received thorough straightforward and concise answers.

Mark King, as a member of the committee, explained his position and his enthusiasm for the Sunshine Food Pantry benefiting from this project. He called for a vote on the motion: **Approve the selling of the church's two empty lots to Christian Church Homes for the development of affordable housing for seniors and veterans, with proceeds from the sale to be held in trust for building a free-standing Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center on the lot adjacent to the parking lot.**

The ballots were distributed and counted. The tally was reported by Betty Yoder, with 29 votes of "Yes." One ballot was blank. Thirty-nine Interested individuals attended.

Rev. Maaga closed the Special Conference with a happy, excited congregation in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Yoder, Membership Secretary