



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.



November 15, 2021

Let's Talk – A Word from Pastor Mary mjzmaaga@yahoo.com 530-417-6584

What's Up?



Inquiring minds want to know: WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR MISSION PROJECT? You know how when you are boarding a plane how you have to "hurry up to wait"? That's basically where we are at right now! We have done our part in voting unanimously to sell our two empty lots to Christian Church Homes (CCH) to build affordable housing for seniors and veterans, and now we wait to see whether CCH will be able to access some American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies in order to make their investment in our community affordable. Your

Exploratory Committee has been hard at work communicating with Supervisor Nottoli, who serves our Galt community on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, to see what we can do to see the sale of our lots through to completion. We have also been in touch with Assemblyman Cooper's office in the hopes that state monies might be made available. A representative from Assemblyman Cooper's office will be attending our Thanksgiving Basket give away on the 20th. In addition, a team from the Central Valley District Union of our United Methodist Church will be visiting for one of our Sunshine Food Pantry give aways in December. I always remind our team: if God wants this mission project to happen, then it will happen! Just praying it happens sooner than later! I will keep you updated as things behind the scenes unfold. As soon as the sale of our empty lots goes through, then we can "take off" at last! Once we are airborne, so to speak, I will appoint a Building Committee and we can begin our year of fundraising for the Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center. Meantime, I give thanks for all of you who care so much for the vulnerable people in our community.

In Joyful Obedience, Pastor Mary Maaga

Due to new
COVID
restrictions
MASKS ARE
ONCE AGAIN
REQUIRED!



NEWS & Notes



November 21 at 10am, Thanksgiving Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 100 Sermon: "Home for the Holy Days" What better way to prepare for Thanksgiving Day than by attending Worship? *Most Gracious God, You crown the year with Your goodness. We bless You for the beauty of earth and sky and sea, and for the providence that year by year supplies our need. We thank You for Your blessing on the work of those who plowed the soil and sowed the seed, and have now gathered in the fruits of the earth. And with our thanksgiving for these blessings, accept our praise, O God.*

Worship is Always One Service Now at 10am

Isn't it wonderful to Worship together as one Church family?? Please invite friends and loved ones to join us for the old fashioned warmth of our faith family.

GREETERS SCHEDULE

November 21 - -

10:00am -

Hyo Chu

Eva Roach

November 28 - -

10:00am -

Colleen Hurley

Faye Gaines



Sunday, Nov. 21, 4pm - Festive Food and Fun!

Many thanks to the team that has put together this event that puts the FUN back in FUNdraising! Thank you Dennis Yoder for organizing the Variety Show! Thank you Candy Marhefka and

Linda Hulse for organizing the Boxed Suppers! Thank you Tom Hulse and Ricky Toynbee for organizing the Outdoor Lights and Decorations! Thank you Pearl Silva for organizing Ticket Sales!

Message on a T-shirt:

"I stopped accepting the things I cannot change.

I'm changing the things I cannot accept."



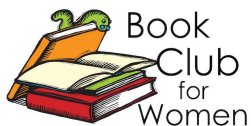
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This week Pastor Mary tells us about a man who served several tours of duty in Afghanistan and was returning home at last. Home is not always what we think it will be. He thought home would mean forgetting. But try as he might, there were too many memories, too much trauma, too much that was hard to explain. The rest of the story is how he found his way out of exile and returned to the life he wanted.

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.



8:00am Tuesday, November 16, Recording Online Worship. Dennis Yoder and Pastor Mary record Online Worship – please avoid coming into the Sanctuary and Social Hall during this time if at all possible



Our final meeting is on Monday, November 15, followed by a break until mid-January. Please stay tuned as we announce our next book, how many sessions we will meet, and the day and time of our meeting over ZOOM.



Tuesday at 1pm,
November 16, at The
Coffee Shop on 4th Street

Once a month we get together for a cup of coffee and have a chance to catch up with each other for a time of informal fellowship. The coffee cake at The Coffee Shop is delicious!



Rehearsal - November 16, 7:00pm- It's FUN to tone chime! We have learned Twinkle Twinkle, Holy Holy Holy, and are about to practice a Christmas Carol to share during Worship on December 19. Newcomers are always welcome! No musical experience required.



Turkey/Thanksgiving food distribution. Saturday, November 20, 10:00-12noon at Galt UMC.



Saturday, November 20, 9:00am at Squeeze Burger. All men invited. Full breakfast menu available.

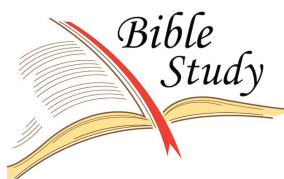
Continuing Weekly

Adult Class: Women in Scripture

Adult Class



We finished our adult class with 14 people on average in attendance for the 6 weeks of class. After the first of the year we will have another Adult Class on offer over ZOOM, and by spring one in person as well.



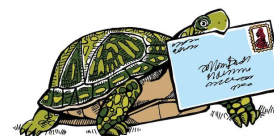
Bible Study on Facebook live **Wednesdays at 6:30pm**

Did you know that between 60 – 100 people watch Bible Study with Pastor Mary on FB Live? What people have expressed they like best is that she jumps around in the Scriptures so that the teachings can be more deeply understood. This week we will finish up in Thessalonians and then make our way back into Acts of the Apostles. Please join us live on Wednesday on Pastor Mary's FB page, or you can watch a recording of the class anytime during the week.

Inscription on a tombstone:

"Here lies an atheist,
all dressed up and no place to go."

Giving Possibilities



571 C Street
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Give Online
[Click Here](#)

We regularly receive checks from banks. Tell your bank to send you contribution regularly. It doesn't cost anything to do it that way.



Our Sunshine Food Pantry volunteers pour themselves out as a thanks offering to God and for the good of our community day in and day out. During the

holidays they pull out all the stops! God bless Faye Gaines, for all that she does to organize and sustain the Sunshine Food Pantry.

Thanksgiving Sunday (Nov 21) – praise and gratitude to God for our blessings!

First Sunday of Advent (Nov 28) – HOPE & the Promise

Second Sunday of Advent (Dec 5) – LOVE the Christmas Star & Holy Communion

Third Sunday of Advent (Dec 12) – PEACE & Angelic Song

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Dec 19) – JOY & Exuberant Shepherds

Christmas Eve (5pm) – Christ is Born! Candlelight, Music, Scripture

Top Ten Favorite Christmas Carols & Songs (Dec 26) – Pastor Mary will share the stories behind the writing of these Top Ten, with a recorded performance of each by pianist Betty Metzger. It will be a fun, Casey Kassem style countdown from 10 to 1!

Please invite loved ones to attend with you. There is nothing better than experiencing the reason for the season. All Sunday morning services are at 10:00am.

Sound Tech Needed

Dennis Yoder would like to train someone as a backup for running the microphones/sound system during Worship on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please contact him at 916-747-8771. It is a wonderful way to volunteer in our Church and will give Dennis the support he needs so he and Betty can travel from time to time.

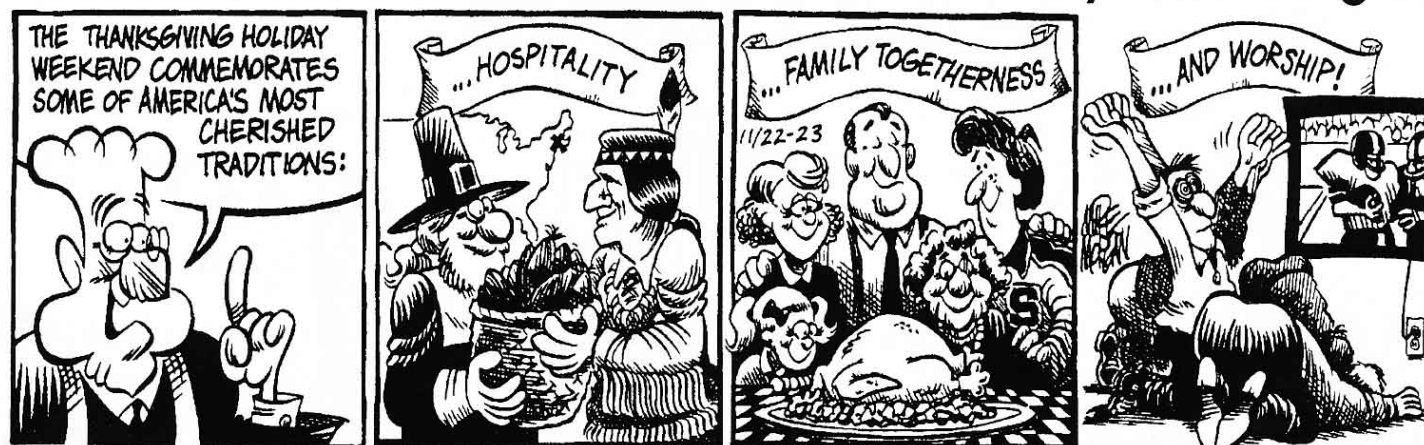
Dear brothers and sisters,

I will take a few words to tell you that we are very close to meeting the average giving needed to support our beloved church. Our total giving for the General Fund for the month of October was \$12,157.43.

Each month the Finance team looks at the giving and expenses to see that we are on track to accomplish our goals. At this time of the year and with costs for heating expected to rise it is always welcome that we give as we can. May you all have the comfort of home and hope for the holidays.

Ann Mitchell, Finance Chair

FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE



By Mike Morgan

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From the Editor's Desk

*This 'N That
From Here and There*

- - By Earl Arrants

Remember several weeks ago I showed this photograph of the control booth where all the electronic gizmos were located in our sanctuary??? Well, that's not exactly correct.



This past week, as I finished working in the Sunshine Pantry, I happened to pass the front of the sanctuary. Here was Senior Electronic Maintenance Supervisor Dennis Yoder working behind a tipped over pulpit!!

Little did I realize after almost 20 years that there are lots more electronic gizmos underneath the pulpit. Supervisor Yoder was installing a new power amplifier. There laying all over the floor were lots of miscellaneous parts and what seemed like miles of electric cables. My next question was, "Why did we need a NEW ONE?" "The old one is 20 years old. It has been distorting the microphone sounds for some time now."



As I watched, he explained that the connections reached from way up here in front - clear back under the floor - finally reaching the control booth in back. Here in the power amplifier were indeed individual connections for six separate microphones! Cables seemed to snake in and out of the one hole in the floor. One cable even crawled up the wall and eventually reached the two large overhead speakers.

Little do most people know that it takes lots of wiring and know-how so we can hear, and see, clearly the different parts of our morning worship. Thanks once again, to Supervisor Yoder for keeping us hearing AND seeing! - - Earl



Humor for the Hard Times

United Methodist Bishop Joe E. Pennel, Jr. told this story about Comedian Minnie Pearl.

"The Comedian Minnie Pearl was a member of the congregation that served in Brentwood, TN. She had performed at The Grand Ole Opry. She knew how to use words to evoke laughter and applause from audiences. One of her favorite sayings was, 'Laughter is the hand of God that rocks the cradle of a trouble world'.

"One day I went to see her because I was getting some painful feedback on my sermon. I shared some of the critical notes I had received, and I shared my pain. I asked her to give me feedback on my sermons. She was reluctant to do so, but I insisted.

"Finally, she spoke the truth in love to me. She said, "Joe, just give us one take-home that we can apply to our lives. You also need to work on your punchlines. Those were the loving words I needed to hear."

—Upper Room Disciplines

A Sunday school teacher began her lesson with a question: "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

"He's an artist!" a little boy replied.

"Really. How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"Our Father, who does art in Heaven," the boy replied.

Here is one of my favorite cartoons I've shared in the past - - Earl

