



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 28, 2021



Did you know that the first Sunday of Advent is the start of the Christian New Year? The year starts with the prophets proclaiming the coming of the Messiah and ends on Christ the King Sunday (which also usually falls on Thanksgiving Sunday) with our giving thanks to God for the gift of God's Son Jesus Christ, for the Grace that Transforms and Sustains us, and for His Kingship over our individual lives, our Church, and all of humanity. I love how the Christian year starts in preparation and ends in proclamation. Put another way, **the year starts in hope and ends in thanks!** This next month of Worship will be among the richest of the whole year. People are hungry for what we offer, especially during this time of year: spiritual nourishment and emotional encouragement. So, please think about who you can invite to Worship with us. And more than that, I want to offer myself to your loved ones if they are struggling with feeling overwhelmed or lost or alone or afraid. I am not a miracle worker, but I know from personal experience that sometimes just having someone who has compassion to speak with confidentially about the things that are on my mind really helps! I can be that person for you. I can be that person for your loved ones. It will be a privilege.

In Comfort and Joy, Pastor Mary



December 5 at 10am, Second Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-7 Sermon: "The Wise Men Set Out" Holy Communion: In the United Methodist Church we have an "open Communion table" which means that ALL are welcome who love God, repent of their sin, and endeavor to live at peace with one another.

We welcome our talented and beloved John Miller this Sunday! "Mary Did You Know" is one of the songs he will be singing!

NEWS & Notes

This Month's Birthdays



December

- 6 Ann Mitchell
- 8 Earl Arrants
- 12 George Bryant
- 13 Sue Buckmaster
- 15 Betty Pinnell
- 15 Erin Sigafos
- 17 Shirley Read
- 19 Betty Yoder
- 23 Durlynn Garten
- 24 Eva Roach
- 26 Manoj Kumar
- 28 Jan Ellis



Advent is the four weeks leading up to the Birth of our Savior. The Latin word *adventus* means "coming" and during Advent we anticipate THREE "comings" of Jesus Christ: His birth in Bethlehem, His

continual rebirth in our hearts through God's Grace, and our anticipation of His return in final victory. Last week our focus was on HOPE.



Anniversaries
This Month

- 8 Cal & Debbie Courtnier
- 14 Don & Faith Ross
- 22 Dennis & Betty Yoder

Second Sunday of Advent (Dec 5) – LOVE & the Christmas Star & Holy Communion
The Wise Men Set Out

Third Sunday of Advent (Dec 12) – PEACE & Angelic Song *The Angels Sing*

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Dec 19) – JOY & Exuberant Shepherds *The Shepherds Went with Haste*

Christmas Eve (5pm) – Christ is Born! Candlelight, Music, Scripture *Mary Treasured and Pondered*

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!



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.

Chrismon Tree. Does your church have one in the sanctuary at Christmas time? If so, what do those symbols mean on the tree? Watch to the very end for a special treat.

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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 10am.

GREETERS SCHEDULE

December 5 - -

- 10:00am -
- Mark King
- Sharon Drake

December 12 - -

- 10:00am -
- Ann Albrecht
- Mona Stratton

Ponder this: Some of us learn from the mistakes of others. The rest of us have to be the others.

In The Mailbag



Our Beloved Joanne Dale has moved to Reno to live with her son Pastor Craig Dale and his wife Pam. Her daughter Leesa Klotz is looking for homes for Joanne's cats. (209-744-9530)

Meet Oreo, a sweet 6 year old neutered female, who is both indoors/outdoors.



Meet Kitsel, who is Joanne's pride and joy, a total (heavy!) lap cat who weighs in at 25lbs. She is an indoor cat only. She has been fixed and is up to date on all shots. If we can give a home to Kitsel it will give the whole Klotz/Dale family peace.



DVD Players and DVD's of Worship Available

Do you have a loved one or neighbor that would like to borrow a DVD player from Galt UMC and have weekly delivery of a Worship DVD? We have three remaining DVD players available through the United Methodist Women Beulah Fund Grant. Currently we have 6 people who are making use of this wonderful ministry. Thank you Margaret Luginbill, Mona Stratton, and Dennis Yoder, for making this ministry possible.

After Sunday school, a five-year-old girl complained to her mother that she had a stomach ache.

"That's because your stomach is empty," her mother said. "You'll feel better if you have something in it." She gave the girl a snack, and the girl felt better right away.

That afternoon, the family pastor dropped by for a visit. While chatting with the mother, he mentioned he had a bad headache all day long.

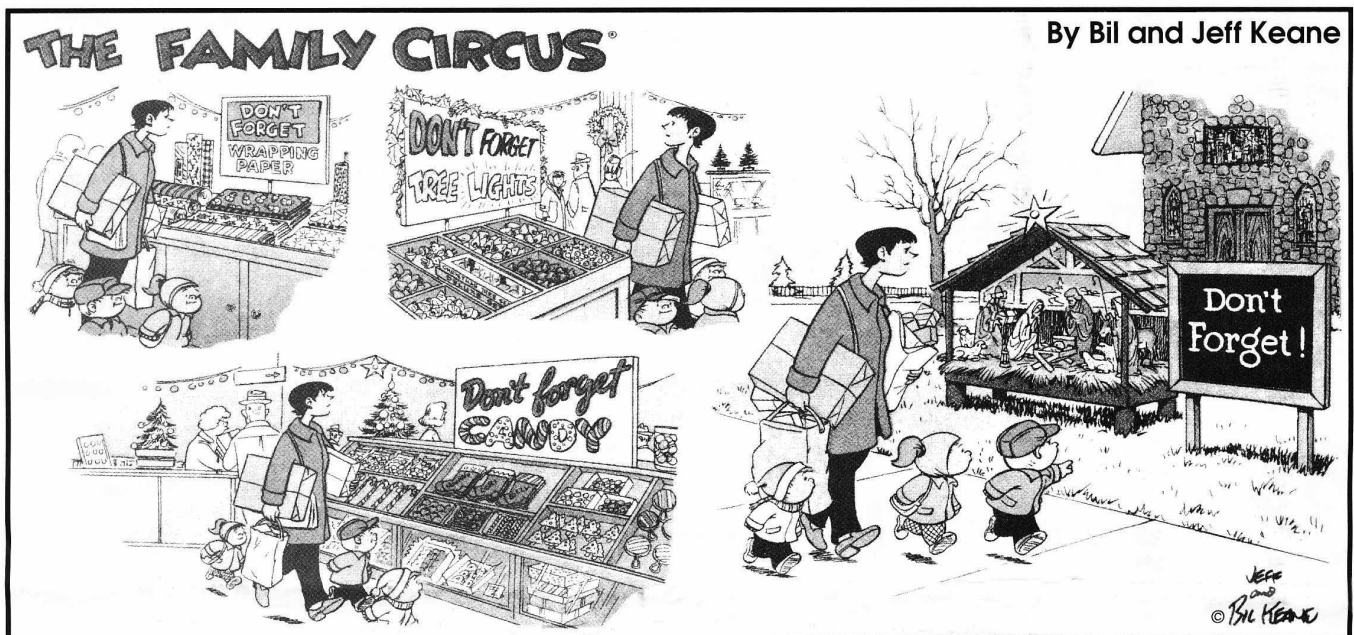
"That's because it's empty," the girl promptly said. "You'll feel better if you had something in it."

God's kids say the funniest things.

A little boy came home and announced, "I learned all about the very first Christmas in Sunday school today! There wasn't a Santa Claus way back then, so these three skinny guys on camels had to deliver all the toys. And Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer with his nose so bright wasn't there yet, so they had to have this big spotlight in the sky to find their way around."

--via Peter Dring
Land O Lakes, WI

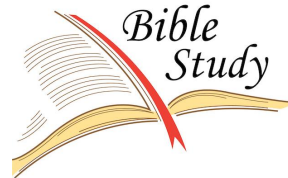
--via Bart VanGiesen
Texas Township, MI





Continuing Weekly

Bible Study on Facebook every week



This Wednesday we are back on the adventure with Paul as he leaves Athens and heads to (drum roll please!) Corinth, where he will stay

for 18 months. We know that Paul makes deep connections with the Christians of Corinth. We also know that in a city as large and diverse as Corinth, that the Christians will struggle with something familiar to modern Christians: what does it mean to live a Christian life? In the next three weeks, before we take a Christmas break, we will journey further with Paul, Silas, Timothy, and Luke in Acts of the Apostles, and then begin our study of 1st Corinthians. Remember, even if you miss being with us live you can always watch the video on Pastor Mary's FB page during the week. Our last class had over 75 views!



Tuesday, November 30, 8am-11am: Dennis Yoder and Pastor Mary record Online Worship – please avoid coming into the Sanctuary and Social Hall during this time if at all possible



Tuesday, November 30, 5pm Exploratory Committee in person in Church Office



Our “Dingalings” will be rehearsing every Tuesday at 7pm in anticipation of our debut performance at Worship on December 19th. It's not too late to join if you would like to be a part of us. For more information show up or contact our director, Don Ross at 209-639-2179.



Thursday, December 2, 11:30am at Mountain Mike's Pizza in the Raley's Center. Many of our regular Bunch are either out of town or on other appointments.

We felt Mountain Mike's would be the best place for a small bunch of us that still wants to meet.



Conference Work

Pastor Mary is hard at work completing administrative paperwork that is due to the Conference on December 1st. A little birdy told me that she will be officially asking to be reappointed to Galt UMC for the Conference year that starts July 2022!



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This week Pastor Mary tell us about the prophets. The prophets understand more about the heart of God than the rest of us do. The prophets always have their shoes off, for they know that all of life is holy ground. In YOU God lives, breathes, and has His being. Take off your shoes. We are preparing for the Birth of our Savior in history, in our hearts, and when He one day returns. We are standing on holy ground.

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.



November 20, 2021

The Roving Camera Eye

Activities from around Galt UMC



Pastor Mary and Betty Metzger serenaded us with music through the ages



John Miller reminded us of being Home for the Holidays



Don Ross gave us a selection on his Saxophone



Jebby Moats played and sang one of his own compositions



Dennis Yoder portraying Biblical character Noah, received building instructions from God.





Earl Arrants read Clement Moore's 1822 poem "The Night Before Christmas"



Santa and Mrs. Claus made a surprise visit with gifts for the children



Following the program, Santa and Mrs. Claus lead the congregation to the front courtyard for a lighting of the night ceremony.



Box lunches were prepared for everyone by Linda and Tom Hulse, and Candi Marhefka.

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2	3	4	
For more info on any activity, please contact Pastor Mary at 530-417-6584 or mjzmaaga@yahoo.com			Bible Study Facebook live 6:30pm	Lunch Bunch 11:30am Mountain Mike's Pizza	Pastor's Day off	AA groups meet 5:00-8:30pm potluck AA group meets at 8:00am Nar anon meets at 9:15am	
In Person Worship 10:00 and OnLine Second Sunday of Advent Holy Communion	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Finance Team meet 10am Tone Chime practice in the social hall. 7:00pm AA group meets at 5:00pm women only	Bible Study Facebook live 6:30pm Set-up for tomorrow's Sunshine Pantry 8:30-10:30am AA group NA group meets at meets at 9:00pm 6:00pm	Sunshine Pantry open 8-10am	Pastor's Day off	AA group meets at 8:00am Nar anon meets at 9:15am	
In Person Worship 10:00 and OnLine Third Sunday of Advent	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Tone Chime practice 7:00pm Exploratory Committee 5:00pm Coffee Catchup at Coffee Shop on 4th St 1:00pm AA group meets at 5:00pm women only	Bible Study Facebook live 6:30pm NA group meets at 6:00pm AA group meets at 9:00pm	Church Council meet 4:00pm Budget adoption for 2022	Pastor's Day off	Men's Breakfast 9:00am at Velvet Grill Christmas Box distribution 10-noon Nar anon meets at 9:15am AA group meets at 8:00am	
In Person Worship 10:00 and OnLine Fourth Sunday of Advent	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			NO Bible Study NA group meets at 6:00pm AA group meets at 9:00pm	Pastor's Day off NO Sunshine Pantry this week	Christmas Eve - 5:00pm Worship	Christmas Day	
In Person Worship 10:00 and OnLine Top Ten Carols & Songs	26	27	28	29	30	31	
		AA group meets at 5:00pm women only	NO Bible Study	Pastor's Day off	Pastor's Day off New Year's Eve		