



# 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.



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**Let's Talk – A Word from Pastor Mary** [mjzmaaga@yahoo.com](mailto:mjzmaaga@yahoo.com) 530-417-6584

Things I have learned from having a new puppy:



- 1) No is a complete sentence, unless you really really really want something.
- 2) Play biting and real biting feel the same to the one being bit.
- 3) Having the desire to get from here to there is not enough; also sometimes jumping is not enough. Falling in the cracks between things is when desire and jumping are thwarted by gravity and physics.
- 4) A need for rest can come on all of a sudden when you are growing, learning, and playing up to your potential.

Thank you Freya!! You are my teacher! In Joyful Obedience (something I am trying to teach Freya!),

Pastor Mary

p.s. Spent last weekend with Mercedes Diego attending the Annual Conference of the California-Nevada United Methodist Church. Only cried about a dozen times during the preaching, prayers, and praise songs. I am proud to represent Galt UMC and always grateful for the desire and intent of the United Methodist Church to have Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors. We are blessed to have Rev. David Niu as our District Superintendent and Bishop Minerva Carcaño as our Episcopal Leader. Mercedes and I heard great sermons from each of them. Also, I learned that we are one of the few Churches in our Conference that grew in membership during the pandemic and also paid our full tithe. I want to give thanks and praise to God for all of you, and also for the wonderful pastoral leadership of Pastor Norm Mowery and Pastor Joe Carmichael. What joy to build on their ministries.

Due to new COVID restrictions MASKS ARE ONCE AGAIN REQUIRED!

# NEWS & Notes



## November 14 at 10am, Veteran's Sunday

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:10-14 Sermon: "The Journey Home" We will be giving thanks for those who have served. If you know a veteran, please invite them to attend.



Many thanks to Pastor Joe, Chu, and Tom Hulse for adjusting the Worship time on our signs outside the Church to reflect our 10am single service!

We are grateful for the team that is putting together our Home for the Holidays event: Candy Marhefka, Ricky Toynbee, Tom Hulse, Linda Hulse, and Denny Yoder. It is going to be a blast, and you will be proud of the "curb appeal" of our Church during the holiday season!

## GREETERS SCHEDULE

### **November 14** - -

10:00am -  
Mona Stratton  
Mercedes Diego

### **November 21** - -

10:00am -  
Hyo Chu  
Eva Roach



## Home for the Holidays:

A total of 100 tickets are available – they are going fast! We don't want any of you dear people to be #101! Buy your tickets from our Ticket Master Pearl Silva this Sunday after

Worship or contact her at 209-609-2235 to reserve yours now.

Holiday Stage Show & Gourmet Boxed Meal, plus Outdoor Lighting Ceremony.

Adults \$20 Children (12 & under) \$5 All proceeds to benefit the Galt UMC General Fund to help support a full-time Pastor and all our other ministries.

Tickets are going fast! **Next Sunday, November 14 is the final day to order tickets** for the Home for the Holidays. \*advance tickets only – no sales at the door



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31:47

This week Pastor Mary explains that homesickness can be a beacon that leads us to what we most deeply value. For the Jews in exile in Babylon it took them back to God in a fresh and powerful way.

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.



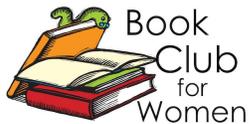
Coming  
This Week



mark  
your  
calendar



8:00am Tuesday, November 9, 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



Book  
Club  
for  
Women

Monday, November 8, 1:00pm on Zoom

This week we are reading the final chapter of Gift from the Sea "The Beach at my Back" in which Anne Morrow Lindbergh observes: *The here, the now and the individual have always been the special concern of the saint, the artist, the poet and – from time immemorial – the woman. In the small circle of the home she has never quite forgotten the particular uniqueness of each member of the family; the spontaneity of now; the vividness of here. This is the basic substance of life... We may neglect these elements, but we cannot dispense with them. They are the drops that make up the stream. They are the essence of life itself.* Our group has had a wonderful time discussing this book and coming to know one another more deeply in the process! In January we will start a new book for seven sessions. Please consider joining us then! We meet an hour a week over ZOOM and we have a wonderful time sharing confidentially and deeply about what we are reading. You do not need to be a member of Galt UMC to participate.



Exploratory  
Committee

Tuesday, November 9, 5pm Exploratory Committee on ZOOM



Sunshine  
Food  
Pantry

Wednesday, November 10, 8:00-10:00am Set up.

Thursday, November 11, 8:00-11:00am Food Distribution.



UMW

Meets Saturday, November 13, 10:00am at Heritage Park Clubhouse.

## Continuing Weekly

Adult  
Class



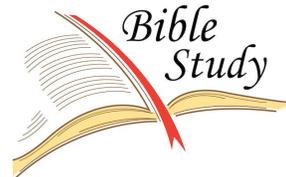
**Adult Class: Women in Scripture November. 14. Sundays at 4pm on ZOOM**

We are continuing to make our way into the life stories of the women who are in Jesus

Christ's genealogy from Matthew's Gospel. It is not too late to join us! This week we are studying the Scriptures about Bathsheba and may begin our conversations about the Virgin Mary.

Topic: Women in Scripture  
Join Zoom Meeting

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

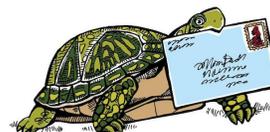


Bible  
Study

**Bible Study on Facebook every week**

This week we are continuing in Paul's letter to the Thessalonians for a lesson about abuse of power, as well as an encouragement to love "more and more." These teachings are not as well known and are very impactful. 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.

## Giving Possibilities



We love  
getting checks

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Online  
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**Veteran's Sunday (Nov 14)** – giving thanks for those who have served

**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

*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.*



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\*Finance Committee, Staff Parish Relations (SPRC), Trustees, and Church Council will take a holiday break from meeting during the month of November. In December Pastor Mary's annual review will take place with SPRC and Finance will be formulating a budget for 2022 and recommending it for adoption by Church Council.



We have almost reached our goal of providing 120 cans of chicken for the **Community Thanksgiving baskets**. Thank you to all who contributed.

The Sunshine Pantry still needs more empty egg cartons. If you could save yours, it would be appreciated. Bring to church on Sunday.



United  
Methodist  
Women

FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

Will your feet be cold for Christmas? The Galt UMC United Methodist Women's group is planning to donate warm winter socks this year to the Mary Elizabeth Inn, a safe home for 92 very needy women. Would each of you in this congregation also join the UMW and send one or more pairs of socks for Christmas to them? These can be any type of regular socks, Christmas socks, warm funny socks, or the extra-thick fuzzy kind.

A box will be marked "SOCKS FOR THE INN" and placed in the fellowship hall through Sunday, November 21st for your gifts. (We're shipping early.) If you have questions, call Sabrina Curlee at 209-638-9693 or Madeline Powell at 209-400-8795, co-presidents of UMW. Let's stamp out cold feet for Christmas! Tiny Tim would say, "Bless you"...



# ANNUAL CONFERENCE Report

Greetings  
Church Family,

Thank you all for trusting me to be our church's lay delegate at this year's Annual Conference. I hope I represented you well! I learned so much about the United Methodist Church, and I would be glad to share my experience with you if you would like to ask me about it. I also enjoyed being able to spend time with Pastor Mary and learn about her life. I had the opportunity to meet some new people which included the wonderful youth delegation. Pastor Mary and I also ran into Pastor Norm on the second day of the conference! On the last day I as well as the other youth were invited to the stage to be recognized, and I was of course embarrassed. It was, however, great to hear about the perspectives of some of the teenagers at the conference because they are the future of the church.

The theme for this year was ¡Presente!, which in English means to be present. Discussions focused on how to be more present in our communities and to actually take action on the things that concern us. We heard from people all over the conference who have started or are involved with newly created ministries that focus on improving their communities. One of the efforts the conference made to help these communities was to collect funds to help people that are in the United States because of DACA. As a Hispanic person whose grandfather was an immigrant from Mexico, I was very inspired by this.

There were a lot of formalities that took place during the conference such as voting and financial reports. Some things definitely went over my head, but I was able to learn a lot about the different processes of the United Methodist Church. Through these discussions and reports I saw just how many people are involved in keeping the church running and how much effort is needed to maintain it.

Thank you all again for allowing me to have this experience. I will be giving a more in-depth report of my takeaways from the conference at our service on November 14th, so I hope to see you there!

With love,  
Mercedes Diego

Sign seen in Kalamazoo, MI:

"Never be afraid to try something new.  
Remember amateurs built the ark;  
Professionals built the Titanic."

Notice in a farmer's field:

"The farmer allows walkers to cross the  
field for free, but the bull charges."

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*"Be grateful for each new day. A new  
day that you have never lived before.*

*Twenty-four new, fresh, unexplored  
hours to use usefully and profitably.*

*We can squander, neglect or use it.  
Life will be richer or poorer by the way  
we use today.*

*Finish every day and be done with it.  
You have done what you could; some  
blunders and absurdities crept in; forget  
them as soon as you can.*

*Tomorrow is a new day. You shall  
begin it well, and serenely, and with too  
high a spirit to be encumbered with your  
old nonsense."*

- - Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Thanksgiving time is near — here are a  
couple things to be thankful for:

"I am thankful for the alarm clock that  
goes off in the morning hours because it  
means I'm alive."

"When asked if my cup is half-full or  
half-empty, my only response is that I am  
thankful I have a cup."

"I am thankful for the man behind me  
in church who sings off-key because that  
means I can hear." -author unknown

"if the only prayer you said in your  
whole life was, 'Thank you,' that would  
suffice." - - Meister Eckhart

Earl Sez: "The older we get, the fewer  
things seem worth waiting in line for."