



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.



December 13, 2021

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

What are symptoms that you are CATCHING CHRISTMAS? First, a goofy smile on your face when you see decorations; Second, humming along to a favorite carol or song; Third, heart full of warmth as you think about others receiving the gifts you have for them; Fourth, generosity flowing even beyond what you had planned; Fifth, thinking of those who are lonely, sick, grieving, or lost, then doing something to help them; Sixth, really looking forward to Worship like it's a party (which it is!); Seventh, a feeling of excitement of something good about to happen. At its heart Christmas is a promise fulfilled, a promise that was made out of God's love for humanity, a promise that has the power to make our lives better. I can not begin to express how thrilling it has been to prepare Worship for you during this Holy Season of birth and new beginnings! I hope that you will make every effort to be here for Christmas Eve and to invite family members and friends too. Every year the Churches I serve have grown because someone who came to Worship on Christmas Eve felt such a sense of homecoming that they kept coming back.

**A PROMISE
FULFILLED**

In the Spirit of Comfort and Joy, Pastor Mary



December 19 at 10am, Fourth Sunday of Advent: JOY

Scripture: Luke 2:15-20 Sermon: "The Shepherds Went with Haste"
Dennis Yoder singing "Come & See What's Happening in the Barn"

NEWS & Notes



Card Shower for Jean Jones

How difficult it is to be in the hospital during the holidays! Would you take a minute and send a Christmas card to our beloved Jean Jones? She is at Vienna Nursing and Rehab Center, 800 S. Ham Lane, Lodi 95242



10am Sunday Worship

HOPE in an empty manger.
LOVE as we follow a star.
PEACE as we hear the angels' voices. Next week JOY as we chase behind the shepherds!

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! Wear your Christmas sweater to Worship, the uglier the better!

Epiphany (Jan 2) – The Three Kings arrive with gifts for the Newborn King!

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.



Rob Seibel, husband of Marcy Harper-Seibel, is already very active in our Church as a member of the Board of Trustees and as a volunteer with the Sunshine Food Pantry. We are happy you are now “officially” a member of our Church family!

John Maaga, son of Pastor Mary, took his membership vows privately since he is working on Sundays. John volunteers for the Sunshine Food Pantry when his schedule permits, and is a constant support to his mother. Welcome John! (Now let's work on your sister Zola!)

GREETERS SCHEDULE

December 26 - -

10:00am -
Mark King



Pastor Mary on a recent Sunday morning explains about the shepherds and the Wise Men. The Word of the Week was PEACE. Make plans now to attend Christmas Eve service, December 24, at 5:00pm.



Continuing Weekly

Bible Study on Facebook every week



This week we are starting in on Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, a letter that he wrote from Ephesus, a place

that he lived for three years. It is in that context of Paul owning his authority, as well as putting down roots, that he is able to write with clarity to the Corinthians about the conflicts and confusions that have arisen as the believers seek to apply Christian ethics, values, and principles in a broken world. Sound familiar?? We will get started this Wednesday, then take a three week break for Christmas week, New Years week, and Pastor Mary's vacation.

Tuesday, December 7, 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



Our “Dingalings” will be rehearsing this Tuesday at 7pm.



Tone Chimes



Tuesday at 1pm will likely be our final Coffee Shop Fellowship time. Now that we have more time together at Church it is not as necessary for us to meet “off campus” – but please do come this Tuesday if you would like to spend some time together visiting with Pastor Mary.



Thursday, December 16, 4pm on ZOOM Church Council – ALL interested people are welcome to join us. We will be discussing and adopting a Budget for 2022. If you would like a copy of the proposed budget, please let Pastor Mary know and she will email one to you.

Join Zoom Meeting

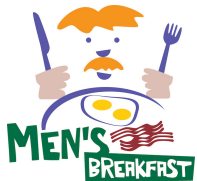
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Wanna Become a Christian?

If you or a loved one have never been baptized, how about Christmas Eve? Contact Pastor Mary right away for a new life!

Next Saturday, December 18, 9:00am -

All men from Galt UMC and your friends are invited for “pay your own way” breakfast at 9am Saturday at the Velvet Grill. It is a great way to get to know one another better!



Next Saturday morning, December 18, our **Sunshine Pantry** will host a Christmas meal box sponsored by Galt's Sunrise Rotary here at our church. Sign ups were held and over 100+ families responded. Each family will be given a box and they can pick the foods for their meal - turkey included. The giveaway will be from 9 to 11:00am.



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In this week's sermon, Pastor Mary asks the question "Who does God favor?" as we listen for the answer from an Angel sent to Bethlehem to announce the birth of God's Son.

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From the Editor's Desk

*This 'N That
From Here and There*

- - By Earl Arrants

THANK
you.

To say that I was surprised is to say the least!! I was totally speechless! As I walked into the church building on the afternoon of December 5, and hearing the "Surprise" by the crowd gathered, I couldn't imagine

what was going on. It soon became apparent.

Thank you all for the honor. It had to have taken lots of work on those who organized the event to keep such a secret. This editor is always poking around for news items. Now that I think about it, the planning had to have started at least 2 months ago when someone asked for a couple telephone numbers. There sure are some sneaky persons around this church!

In case I miss talking to you, I want to thank each of you who expressed either congratulations (or condolences) through the many cards and greetings. It took several days to get through the stack of cards and enjoying each one of them. Please know that this church is a major part of my family. Thank you for allowing me to participate in our mission with you. It has been a pleasure for the last 60 years.

P.S. As another octogenarian once said a number of years ago - "83 years - another year, Ho Hum".

I MAY NOT BE A "WISE MAN," BUT AT LEAST I NEVER GOT SO LOST I HAD TO ASK HEROD FOR DIRECTIONS.



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.

A distinguished group of wise men brought gifts to the baby Jesus. Is that all you know? Stretch your knowledge and smile a little with Chuck as he explains the Wise Men. *Test your knowledge of the Christmas story.*

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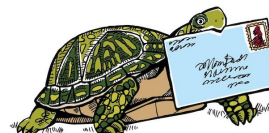
Prayer Labyrinth

Holy Cross United Methodist Church Labyrinth

Remember Rev. Gary Pope-Sears who presided over our Church Conference this past October? His

Church has just consecrated an outdoor labyrinth for use by any of us as a place for prayer and pondering. The Holy Cross UMC has been working on this project during the pandemic and are thrilled to have it complete just as life is opening up again. If you are looking for a place of "pilgrimage" to take a spiritual walk, please go walk the labyrinth: 1200 W. Hammer Lane, Stockton.

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