



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 20, 2021

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



We have truly come Home for the Holidays at Galt UMC! HOPE in an empty manger. LOVE as we follow a star. PEACE as we hear the angels' voices. JOY as we chase behind the shepherds! And now, born to us a Savior, Christ the Lord. Last year feels forever ago now for me. This time last year I was organizing Christmas Eve celebration bags for each of you and figuring out where everyone lived so I could deliver them with the most efficiency: north Galt, Acampo, Lodi, Elk Grove – that's when I realized that the Weinels live way far away, so I asked the Yoders to deliver theirs; and Dan and Stacy Mitchell and Barbara Anderson live in Sacramento too -- I asked Ann Mitchell to deliver theirs. I drove around for two days and prayed for you and sent you love as I left the bag that contained a Christmas Eve prayer, and a candle, and hot chocolate and a cookie, an ornament, and a gift. I knew it wouldn't be the same as coming to Worship on Christmas Eve, but I wanted to do something to let you know that you are loved. I think it is because last year was so strange and painful for so many that this year feels precious. Christmas Eve at 5pm will be a wonderful celebration with lots of visitors, making social distancing difficult if not impossible. So don't forget that we will also have a wonderful celebration of Christmas during Worship on December 26th with fewer people, I am sure. During that Worship service I will share the stories behind the writing of the Top Ten Favorite Christmas Carols and Songs, and we will hear a recording of each by pianist Betty Metzger. It will be fun! Please wear your Christmas sweater to Worship, the uglier the better!

Christmas Blessings, Pastor Mary



Friday December 24, 5pm, CHRISTMAS EVE

Stories, Carols, Candlelight – what could be better?? Invite your family and friends and REJOICE!



NEWS & Notes



Our Christmas celebration continues on December 26, at 10:00am in person, (also available online) as Pastor Mary shares the stories behind some of your favorite Christmas carols and songs,



Welcome New Member!

Jack Hornor, husband of our Lay Leader Beverly Sigafoos, has joined the Church as a celebration of the goodness of God in bringing him home after several months in the hospital! We love you, Brother Jack!



L. to R.: Pastor Mary, Jack Hornor, Erin Sigafoos, Beverly Sigafoos. Thanks to Faith Ross for sharing the photo



Every year between July 1 – June 30 fulltime pastors are given 4 weeks paid vacation. Pastor Mary will take her first week of vacation this conference year from January 3 – January 10. Pastor Joe Carmichael has generously offered to preach on January 9 and also to cover for any pastoral needs that might arise while Pastor Mary is on vacation. His phone number is 817-909-1555.



Thank you to Rob Seibel for doing the electrical work in the Sanctuary on behalf of the Board of Trustees in bringing our wiring and extension cords up to fire safety standards.



Denny Yoder shared the innkeeper's song - "Come 'n see what's happening in the barn" at yesterday's morning worship service. Thanks to Rosie Kumar for sharing the photo.

Sign seen in a nursing home:

"Remember, old folks are worth a fortune - silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet, and gas in their stomach."



GREETERS SCHEDULE

December 26 - -

10:00am -
Mark King



Continuing Weekly

Bible Study on Facebook every week



Bible Study will take a break for three weeks during Christmas, New Years, and while Pastor Mary is on vacation.

RESUMES Jan.12



Tuesday, December 21, 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



Will **not** be open this week. The next distribution will take place on December 30.



Candles, Carols, and Stories
5:00pm, December 24, (Friday).
All are welcome. Invite a friend.
Also online.



Top Ten Carols and Songs -
10:00am, December 26,
10:00am. Also online!

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!

After the family sang some Christmas carols, five year-old Jimmy said, "Wasn't it good of the shepherds to put on clean clothes when they went to see baby Jesus?"

"What do you mean?" his father asked.

Jimmy replied "Well, we just sang, 'While Shepherds Washed Their Socks by Night.'"

Inherit the Mirth by Cuyler Black



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40:12

In this week's sermon, Pastor Mary asks, "What will the Shepherds find when they get to Bethlehem? Christmas JOY!"

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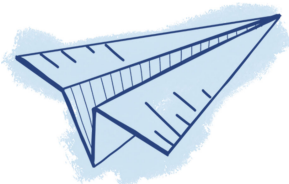
To all
ladies in the congregation:

The next United Methodist Women's group is meeting on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 10:00. The location is yet to be determined. We warmly welcome all of you to our meeting. The agenda will include a discussion and vote on how to allot monies received at the October 2021 Holiday Bazaar (approximately \$3500).

We will also discuss the formation of an organized Care Team which will be an immediate outreach of aid to members of the GUMC congregation who need help of various kinds known to Pastor Mary.

Every lady in our congregation is a member of United Methodist Women. Thank you again to all of you who helped wrap warm socks and crocheted or knitted items in November. Together we bring Jesus' message of loving and caring to others.

Merry Christmas to all! 🎵 🍷
Madeline Powell



We have received a reply to our Beulah grant letter sent earlier this month. Officially we are done now. And we know they have received our unused monies.

- - Margaret

Margaret:

What a beautifully written letter of your grant completion. How you used the money to share God's love through so many new ways was inspiring! United Methodists are creative...Thanks for returning unused funds. Be sure to apply again for another grant...Share with treasurer Faye my thanks.

—Judy Church.

Galt UMC is grateful to Bill and Debbie Watters for applying for and orchestrating this technical help for our church members." Thanks,

"Unbeknownst to most theologians, there was a fourth Wise Man who was turned away for bringing a gift of fruitcake.

- - Gary Larson



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.

Chuck asks:

"Which star are you following this Christmas?"

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The Nativity: Okay, 3 wise men, some cows, donkeys, and a few angels were all with baby Jesus at his birth, right? Think again!

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Merry Christmas from all the staff and volunteers of Chuck Knows Church!

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A pastor was 10 minutes into his sermon when he noticed his 7-year-old son in the balcony with a pea-shooter. The boy was leaning over the balcony rail, carefully aiming and popping people in the head.

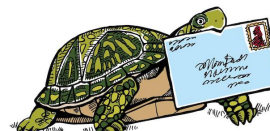
As the pastor was about to deliver a very public scolding at the boy, the boy hollard: "You keep preaching, Dad, and I'll keep them awake!"



Tone Chimes

Our Tone Chimes continue to practice for future performances. We have room for one or two more people. Like to join us? Contact Pastor Mary.

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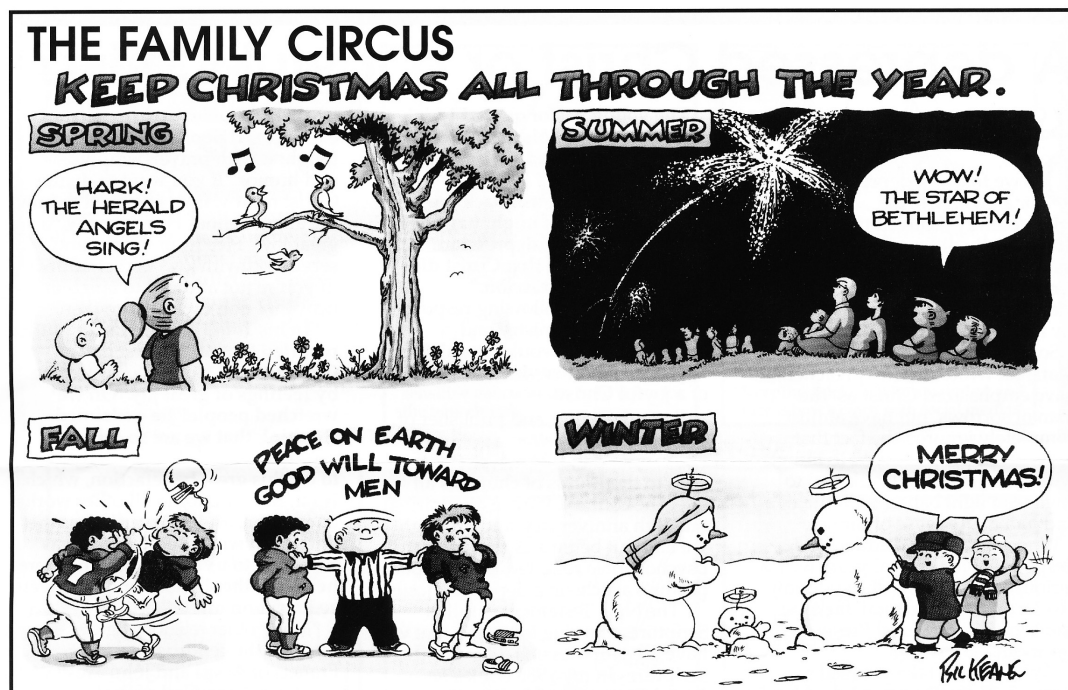
Leesa Klotz and her mother Joanne Dale created the wonderful nativity figures that have blessed our Sanctuary this season. Leesa has come in each week to add figures and hang banners, no matter how busy she was with work and moving her mother to Reno. Dennis Yoder has recorded and produced the online Worship service that has blessed so very

many people during this holy season. I have heard from several for whom this will be their last Christmas, who have given thanks for his faithfulness and creativity. Our outdoor decorations would not have been possible without Pearl Silva, Ricky Toynbee, and Tom Hulse – what a delight to see people stopping to admire the nativity and take pictures in front of it. What would the Christmas season be without the wonderful music? Thank you Earl Arrants for playing the organ for us, and for Dennis Yoder, Saira Kanwal Kumar, Madeline Powell, and John Miller for singing for us! And how special to have our Tone Chime Choir. Thank you Don Ross for rehearsing us, and Earl Arrants for leading us when Don is unavailable, and for all the “Ding-alings”: Faith Ross, Colleen Hurley, Freddie Delgado, Mona Stratton, Michelle Weinel, Alan Weinel, Dennis Yoder, Pastor Mary, Don Ross, and Earl Arrants. A shout out also to Adam Gates for playing piano for us when he is home from college. A special thanks to Pastor Mary’s best friend Betty Metzger who recorded a ton of music for us to use during this holy season. And last, but certainly not least, what a wonderful job Sabrina Curlee is doing in selecting seasonal backgrounds to delight and inspire for our Worship slides.



United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

Jackie Parker called Pastor Mary this past week to remind all of us that one of the best things about being United Methodist is UMCOR! UMCOR is often the first on the scene of natural and humanitarian disasters, and we are always the last to leave. UMCOR specializes in rebuilding efforts, often leaving communities that have experienced devastation in better shape than before the disaster. Our Conference tithe monies support the administrative arm of UMCOR, which means every dollar you give goes toward helping rebuild devastated communities. There are two ways to give. One is you make a check out to Galt UMC and put UMCOR on the memo line. The other is to give online directly to UMCOR (Put United Methodist Committee on Relief into your computer’s search engine and follow the prompts).





Galt United Methodist Church

Mary Maaga, Pastor
Church telephone - 745-4133
Morning Worship
In person - 10:00am
Online at galtumc.org



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