



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 6, 2021



On December 1st of each year dozens of pages of reports are due to the United Methodist Conference. I have to admit that I was feeling a little grumpy about doing administrative work during the holiday season. Guess I was feeling a bit like Mazie the Lazy Bird – *tired and bored and kinks in my legs from sitting just sitting, I'd much rather play!* But all that reluctance and fatigue evaporated as I took in the good news of the story that the statistics tell about the health of our beloved Galt UMC! Our average Worship attendance in person is 50 and our average Worship attendance online is 59 – per week! For a Church with 110 members, those are excellent numbers. Plus, our trend with financial giving is also up. With great joy I checked the box to say I would like to return as your Pastor for another Conference year. Your Staff Parish Committee Chair Leesa Klotz checked the box saying that you would like me to return for another year. What a blessing it will be to continue the work that the Lord has placed before us to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

In Joyful Obedience, Pastor Mary



December 12 at 10am, Third Sunday of Advent: PEACE

Scripture: Luke 2:8-14

Sermon: "The Angels Sing" We welcome Madeline Powell and Saira Kenwal singing a duet of "Angels We Have Heard on High"

NEWS & Notes



Here's Pastor Mary in her winning entry at the Galt Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party. She won the ugliest sweater contest wearing an ensemble put together by her stylist Pam Carmichael.



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.

For some of us Christmas can be a time of stress and anxiety. Joy and cheer sometimes are overwhelmed by sadness. Chuck talks about "Blue Christmas" and what we can do to help others who feel the weight of the season.

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10am Sunday Worship

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

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! 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.

GREETERS  SCHEDULE

December 12 - - December 19 - -

10:00am -

Ann Albrecht
Mona Stratton

10:00am -

Hyo Chu
Colleen Hurley

Sign outside a church:

"Be yourself. Everyone else is taken."

Sign on the back of a septic tank truck:

"Caution. This truck is full of political promises."



Many thanks to Leesa Klotz, Staff Parish Relations Chair, and Sandie Benadum, Trustees Chair, for helping Pastor Mary to complete the Conference forms that were due this past week.

We are also grateful to John and Shirley Jackson for their generous Memorial Gift given to Galt UMC from their estate after they had passed on. We spent a portion of it on new banners and a new advent wreath/Christ candle that we will debut on Christmas Eve.

Wanna Join our Church Family?

Next Sunday new members will be welcomed into our Galt UMC family! If you are interested in joining please call Pastor Mary right away 530-417-6584.

"May you have the gladness of Christmas
which is hope;
The spirit of Christmas which is peace;
The heart of Christmas which is love."
—Ada V. Hendricks

Inherit the Mirth by Cuyler Black



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Mariah Diego will be graduating from UC Berkeley on December 18th! We are very proud of you, Mariah!



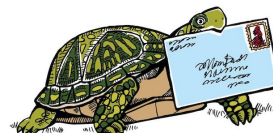
Our beloved Joanne Dale, artist, mother of Leesa Klotz and Rev. Craig Dale, has moved to Reno to live with Craig and Pam. Her new address is 3230 Show Jumper Lane, Reno, NV 89521 We will miss you, Joanne!

Pastor's Conference Work

Pastor Mary serves on the Conference Board of Trustees. They will be meeting this week to discuss how best to make use of Church properties from local Churches that have closed. Pastor Mary says that while it is always sad when a Church closes, that the hope of the resurrection means that the Holy Spirit will lead the Board of Trustees to make use of the properties in ways that please the Lord.

The three stages of life: You believe in Santa Claus, you don't believe in Santa Claus, you are Santa Claus.

Giving Possibilities



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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



Meets Tuesday, December 7, 10am in person in Church Office to draft a 2022 budget



Tone Chimes



Set-Up: Wednesday, December 8, 8:00-10:00am.

Food Distribution: Thursday, December 9: 8:00-10:00am.

Extra Help always welcome



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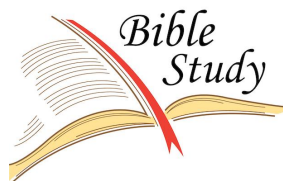
This week Pastor Mary speaks about the Wise Men setting out to follow a Star as they ask themselves the question: Does God's LOVE include me too?

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.



Continuing Weekly

Bible Study on Facebook every week



This past week our Bible Study spent time with Paul in Corinth, where he lived for 18 months, then completed his second missionary journey by returning “home” to Jerusalem. This week we will begin to delve into Paul’s letters to the Corinthians where we will discover that being a Christian has always been super complicated. Figuring out what God would have us do to show the world that love is victorious can only happen through God’s GRACE. Paul will be our guide toward grace.



Now he is a soft Shelled Crab

Earl Arrants was genuinely surprised with a SURPRISE celebration around his December birthday AND his 60th year of membership in Galt UMC. A large number of Galt UMC members, friends, and neighbors were on hand to yell “surprise” when he entered the room. After the celebratory “roast”, cupcakes were served to the guests. Everyone kept the secret secret! Not a peep exposed the whole plan!

Earl Sez: Thank you to everyone who made this day very special to me. Your cards and well wishes are appreciated. Thank you all for being my friends.

Beulah Fund Update for Galt UMC



In late 2020 UMW President Debbie Watters and assistant Bill Watters filled out an application to the UMW Beulah Grant Fund and named it the "Senior Connection". project. The hope was to meet the needs of our senior Galt UMC members with ways of staying connected with our church through an on-line worship service during the pandemic. Both Debbie and Bill canvased our senior members to see what technology was being used and what technology was needed still to make this project viable. Unfortunately the Watters moved; but our project carried on with Margaret L making sure purchases were being made under the grant guidelines and sending the final report to proper people. Faye kept an accurate account of all purchase invoices and wrote out many checks for those articles.

Our media wonder, Denny Yoder came on board for advice and help in the necessary purchases to make this a true workable on line worship service. We soon got the initial on line service operational and throughout the year have put in a lot of effort to bring a bright, clear, emotional, church worship into our homes. This beautiful creation had the help of many - Pastor Mary, Denny Yoder and Joe Carmichael with video production; Leesa Klotz and Beverly Sigafoos with the altar and banners; singers Mattie Shepherd, John Miller, Phil Ochoa, and Denny Yoder; instrument playing by Earl (and story telling), Betty Meztger, Don Ross, Adam Gates, and Jenny Silvestri.

There are also the individuals who receive and distribute the DVDS. They have had training on the use of the (more or less) new technology and every week Mona Stratton or Faye Gaines personally distribute the discs for our home viewers. This personal touch helps us keep tabs on our members with proper social distancing.

Our \$9126 grant money paid for \$5366 of our Senior Connect Project. The remaining money has been returned to Beulah as specified in our contract. That money purchased 6 DVD players, 4 iPads, Discs, Camera Phones with chargers for videoing; phone lapps, a laptop, CD drives, flash drives, light kits, phone tripods, musical monitor, speakers, computer camera, costs that included the mailing of hard copied sermons and any discs, wires and odds and ends.

This was not just a one person operation and I know all of us want to thank EVERYONE involved. And I apologize if I missed anyone.

Through this we did stay connected and we grew because the on line worship service was put on our website and on our facebook page and we have had many wonderful, thanking us comments. We had people not only from little Galt UMC, but from other states and overseas. We also took our project out beyond the church members to seniors of the community and in doing so these individuals are now members of our church - the church that could and does.

So on behalf of UMW, and the Beulah Fund, we would like to thank everyone who made this project possible. God led us, we persevered, and our hope was met!



- - Margaret Lugenbill