



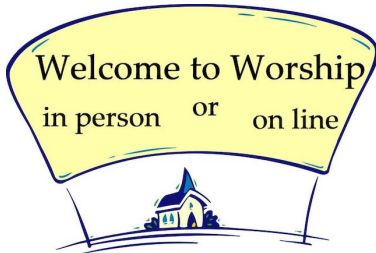
# Galt UMC This Week

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.



January 17, 2022

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



Thank you for your prayers during my “sabbath” week – I feel much restored from the demands of the holiday season. One of the things I did that has continued to delight my heart is putting more of our things up on the walls of the Parsonage, specifically in my bedroom. It really feels like home now! Home is one of my favorite words. I especially like it when people call Galt UMC their “Church Home.” How grateful I am that your generous offerings, combined with Dennis Yoder’s talent, make it possible to COME HOME to Galt

UMC online when concerns about health and safety make it challenging to come in person. Some United Methodist Churches in our Conference have decided to shut their doors to in person Worship in order to protect their Church family from this current covid surge. I have decided to keep our doors open, trusting that each of you will make the choice that is best for you to either Worship online or Worship in person. If you come in person, please be vigilant once again to practice social distancing. We will continue to require masks, and hand sanitizing upon entering. We will limit singing to a single hymn while seated. As the weather warms, we will start keeping the doors open. You are loved by your Church family, by your Pastor, and most assuredly by your God. With us you are HOME.

Love in the Light, Pastor Mary



## **Sermon Series on Christian Love Languages**

Twenty years ago a ground breaking book in relationships was published and has been all the rage ever since. In his book, Gary Chapman identified five Love Languages of human relationships: words of affirmation, acts of service, receiving gifts, quality time, and physical touch. In this sermon series which started on Martin Luther King weekend and ends on Valentines weekend, Pastor Mary identifies five Christian Love Languages: justice-seeking, sacred bonds of friendship, grace/evangelism, mystic connection, and endurance/care-giving. On January 23 we will explore “Sacred Bonds of Friendship” Scripture: Mark 2:1-12

# NEWS & Notes



## Faye Gaines Galt Volunteer of the Year

The Galt Herald selected our own Faye Gaines as Volunteer of the Year for 2021 for all that she does in directing the Sunshine Food Pantry! We are very proud that this faithful woman is part of our Church family!

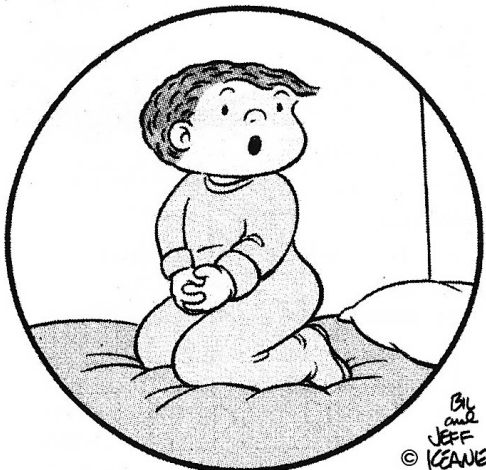


The next UMW meeting will be held on Saturday, January 22, 10:00am here at the church. Important discussion will consist of deciding disposition of proceeds from Holiday Bazaar.



Annual Giving Statements are now being distributed on Sunday mornings at morning worship for those folks attending church. Our out of town members will be receiving them in the mail.

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane



"God's never gonna have to retire, is he?"

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## Our Board of Trustees

### Those Who Lead

This week we give thanks for our Board of Trustees! Elected by our yearly "Charge" Conference (think

Church Conference) that happens each Fall, they are the one committee that elects their own Chair. Yesterday they had their first meeting of 2022 and elected Rob Seibel to be their leader. Other Trustee officers elected were: Vice-Chair Jim Parrish, Secretary Candy Marhefka, Treasurer Pearl Silva. The Trustees work for us is to oversee and maintain all our Church properties, which in the case of Galt UMC includes our Sanctuary building, our Church Office building (plus shed and storage container), our empty lots (until the sale to Christian Church Homes is finalized), and the Parsonage. It's a lot of work and we are grateful that four of our Trustees who have been serving this past year are continuing on: Sandie Benadum, Ed Delgado, Jim Parish, and Rob Seibel. Joining their ranks are three new Trustees: Monte Nelson, Candy Marhefka, and Pearl Silva. A special shout out to Sandie Benadum who chaired Trustees during a pandemic and who managed to get carpet replaced in the Sanctuary and our pews redone in the midst of it, not to mention a thousand and one other things that came up these past two years.



The new Board of Trustees has started off the new year **making a list of necessary church upkeep items.** Their first item on the list is **to ask for volunteers to take on any individual, or**

**all, church landscaping projects.** They are writing a job description of what this project might entail. Contact Trustee Chair Rob Seibel for more information, (480)363-9986.



Tuesday, January 18, 8am-10am:  
Dennis Yoder and Pastor Mary will be  
recording Online Worship



Finance Team meets Tuesday, January 18, at 10:00am  
in the church office.



Tone Chimes

Tone Chimes have changed their meeting  
days and times starting this week. The new  
meeting day will be Thursday, January 20,  
the new time will be 4:00pm.



United Methodist Women - Saturday,  
January 22, at the church, 10:00am.



Church Council

meets immediately after Worship on  
Sunday, January 23. \*All Church  
members are welcome to attend and  
see how our Church makes  
decisions.

**Coming:** Adult Class, February 6 and 13,  
4:00pm on ZOOM. Who Was Mary Magdalene?  
Let Pastor Mary know if you would like a link.



Pastor Mary begins her five part series on  
"Christian Love Languages" with a message  
about Justice-Seeking.

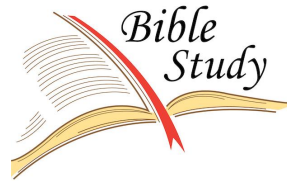
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On-Line Worship - Available on **Saturdays**  
each week at [GaltUMC.org](http://GaltUMC.org). - Give us your  
email address and these services will arrive  
in your inbox automatically.



## Continuing Weekly



**Wednesday, 6:30pm,  
Facebook Live.**

As of this writing, 77  
people have logged  
onto Pastor Mary's  
Bible Study this week  
to hear her teach  
about Paul's letter to

the Corinthians. About 30 people watched live.  
Most watched it as a recording when it was  
convenient for them to do so. This is a great time  
to hop on board since Pastor Mary just started  
teaching from Corinthians last week. Her teaching  
is energetic, informative, and she pushes us to  
apply Scripture to our current social and personal  
challenges. Please join us!

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## God's kids say and do the funniest things.



The teacher was helping one of her kindergarten  
students put on his cowboy boots. he asked for  
help and she could see why. Even with her pulling  
and him pushing, the little boots still didn't want to  
go on. Finally when the second boot was on, she  
had worked up a sweat. She almost cried when the  
little boy said, "Teacher, they're on the wrong feet."

She looked and sure enough, they were. It wasn't  
any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting  
them on. She managed to keep her cool as together  
they worked to get the boots back on this time on  
the right feet.

He then announced, "These aren't my boots."

She bit her tongue rather than get right in his  
face and scream, "Why didn't you say so?" like she  
wanted to. And once again, she struggled to help  
him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet.

No sooner than they got the boots off, he said,  
"They're my brother's boots. My Mom made me  
wear 'em."

Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry,  
but she mustered up the grace and courage she  
had left to wrestle the boots on his feet again.

Helping him into his coat, she asked, "Now where  
are your mittens?"

He said, "I stuffed 'em in the toes of my boots."





Our own Leesa Klotz invites all Galt UMC members who are interested in understanding more about recycling and see how everything gets

sorted to come for a tour on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. To sign up, go to the City of Galt website and choose the *Galt Winter Bird Festival* tab. The tour is free, but you must sign up in advance.



### Let Them Know You Care


Each week we will include the names and addresses of 3 people to send a card or note to – even if you don't know them personally and would like to sign it as “Angel Friend” or “Member of Your Church Family” know that

your love and prayers will be very welcome!

**Jean Jones**, Vienna Nursing and Rehab Center, 800 S. Ham Lane, Lodi 95242

**Margaret Luginbill and/or Ike Luginbill**, 707 Simons Street, Galt 95632

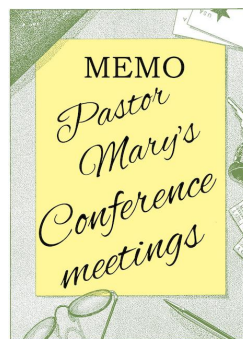
**Jan Ellis**, 144 Emerald Drive, Galt 95632



The United Methodist Church is a connectional Church, which means we have organizational and prayer based connections with other United Methodist Churches in Lodi and Stockton. Each week a prayer focus is given.

January 16: This week the prayer focus is for First UMC Lodi.

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### Pastor Mary Beyond our Church

Within the next two weeks Pastor Mary is required to attend a Circuit

Meeting of United Methodist Churches in our region, plus an all-day Gathering of the Orders for all ordained Elders in our Conference – plus all the 2021 statistics are due by January 30<sup>th</sup>. She is also making a presentation for the Galt Character Coalition and attending a half-day Conference Board of Trustees meeting.



## GREETERS SCHEDULE

### January 23

Colleen Hurley  
Eve Roach

### January 30

Kim & Dottie Farhat  
Rosie Kumar



**Galt United Methodist Church**

Mary Maaga, Pastor  
Church telephone - 745-4133  
Morning Worship  
In person - 10:00am  
Online at [galtumc.org](http://galtumc.org)



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