



# 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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The daffodils are blooming in our backyard planter. It's impossible for me not to smile at their cheerful yellow faces as I toss the ball for Freya first thing in the morning. They give me special delight because I didn't plant them for me. I planted the bulbs last year when I thought we were moving, thinking that they would surprise and delight the Pastor that followed me at Galt UMC. Surprise! The Pastor that followed me is me! I was thinking about how amazing God is this morning as the sun rose in beautiful shades of pink and orange and the daffodils smiled at me and Freya ran back and forth across the patio. *Do unto others as you would have them do unto you*, the Lord said. The daffodils represent that for me now. I want to be loved, so I love. I want to be forgiven, so I forgive. I want to be treated with respect and kindness, so I do my best to be respectful and kind. Daffodils planted for others have become my delight. May it be so with all that I think, feel, say, and do.

Blessings, Pastor Mary



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

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 30 we will explore "God's Expansive Grace" Scripture: 2 Timothy 4:1-8 We will be blessed with the singing talents of John Miller, who will sing the Elvis Presley version of Amazing Grace, as well as Mighty to Save. ***This is a great service to invite a friend!***

# NEWS & Notes



## Leesa Klotz elected Sunrise Rotary Co- President

Two members of Galt UMC are now Co-Presidents of our local Rotary chapter! Mark King has been leading solo this past year, and is now joined by Leesa Klotz, our Chair of Staff-Parish Relations Committee. How proud we are for the community activism of our members!



Do you have a family member, friend, or neighbor who is musical and would like to participate in providing special music for Worship at Galt UMC? We pay a small honorarium to those who do. If you know of someone, please contact Dennis Yoder at 916-747-8771.

## Church Membership

Taking vows to support Galt UMC with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness is an expression of gratitude for all that the Lord Jesus Christ has done for you. And it feels good too! The next time we are taking in new members is Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. It's Transfiguration Sunday (when Jesus met with Moses and Elijah on the Holy Mountain) and Mattie Shepherd's brother Dion will be blessing us with his musical talent. If you would like to join the Church that day, please let Pastor Mary know.

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



Teacher: "Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?"

"No, ma'am," Clyde answered. "It's the same dog."

## Church Council



## Those Who Lead

This week we give thanks for our Church Council! The Church Council is the primary decision-making body of our local United Methodist Church.

It is comprised of all the Committee Chairs, plus several other representatives. Anyone in the Church is welcome to attend Church Council meetings and have a voice, though voting is reserved for official members of the Council. We met over ZOOM the past 18 months, but will now be meeting in person (with masks, at a social distance) after Worship on the 4th Sunday of the month. We give thanks to God for these leaders who have stepped up to serve on our Church Council: **Mona Stratton**, Chair; Membership Secretary **Betty Price**; **Mercedes Diego**, Lay Member to Annual Conference; **Rosie Kumar**, Lay Servant; **Beverly Sigafos**, Lay Leader; **Earl Arrants**, Finance Secretary; **Eva Roach**, Treasurer – these are voting members of the Church Council, along with our Committee Chairs: **Rob Seibel**, Trustees; **Leesa Klotz**, Staff-Parish Relations Committee; **Ann Mitchell**, Finance; **Madeline Powell or Sabrina Curlee**, United Methodist Women's Co-Presidents. If you would like to serve on Church Council, we are allowed to elect an "At Large" member. Please sit in on a meeting and see if this is a good fit for you. We are always looking to develop more leaders!

Many thanks to Betty Yoder who has served the past several years as Membership Secretary and who spent many hours when Pastor Norm Mowery was here improving the accuracy of our membership records. We are grateful that she can now retire from that position and that Betty Price has said yes to serving our Church in this way. Guess you have to be named Betty to serve as Membership Secretary???



## Continuing Weekly



Tuesday, January 25, 8am-10am:  
Dennis Yoder and Pastor Mary will be recording Online Worship, and John Miller will record singing also.



Tuesday, January 25, 5pm. in  
Church Office



Wednesday, January 25,  
8:00-10:00am, Set up for Distribution  
  
Thursday, January 26, 8:00-10:00am  
public Food Distribution



### Sorting Upstairs – 11am next Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>

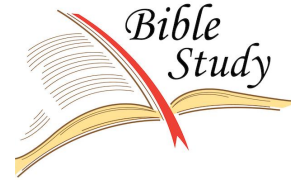
Creating a space for  
Children's Sunday School;  
treating our Worship  
decorations with respect;

storing our hospitality and United Methodist Women's items – it's going to take some muscle to move things around and make decisions about what to keep, what to toss, and what to give away. Even if you don't have muscle, but would like to participate in the decision making, please come. This is an important step in the further reawakening of our Church!



Sunday, January 30, Staff  
Parish Relations Committee  
immediately after Worship.  
This is a closed meeting since  
personnel matters are  
discussed. However, if you  
would like to give feedback

about the performance of our Pastor, or any of the Galt UMC employees, Chairperson Leesa Klotz is always grateful for feedback (209-744-9530)



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

Paul's letter to the  
Corinthians is all  
about how we can  
achieve unity through  
God's Holy Spirit –  
but it wasn't easy

then and it's not easy now as temptations to conform to a competitive society and the enticements of sin pull Christians away from the humility and faithfulness necessary to be one in Christ. This week already 67 people have logged onto Pastor Mary's Bible Study from last Wednesday. Please join us! The world becomes a more beautiful place when we learn how to live together in the grace of God. Corinthians is all about how to adjust our heart, soul, and behavior so that we can receive the gift of unity.

### Coming in February

**Book Club for Women** starts back Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm on ZOOM. We will be reading All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack, a Black Family Keepsake. It is a book that takes us into the lives of women whose love, courage, and faith fuels their fierce protectiveness of family. In this book the author explores black women's experience during slavery and after. The book is inspiring, heart-breaking, and provocative. We will meet for 10 sessions, ending on April 26 (with no meeting on March 29). Let Pastor Mary know if you would like to join us.

**Adult Class** starts back Sunday, February 6 & 13 at 4pm on ZOOM for a look at "Who Was Mary Magdalene?" The ZOOM link will be published in the newsletter next week.

"They begin the Evening News with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't."  
- - Winston Churchill





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.

**City of Galt has cancelled all in-person Winter Bird Festival events**

### 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! This week we are focusing our love on our “nonagenarians”

- people over the age of 90!

**Wayne and Mazie Myrick**, 3174 Pleasant Grove Rd., Pleasant Grove, CA 95668

**Bud Strootman**, (Who often walks to Worship), 400 D Street, #233, Galt, CA 95632.

**John and Marjorie Houck**, 11733 Boessow Rd, Galt, CA 95632

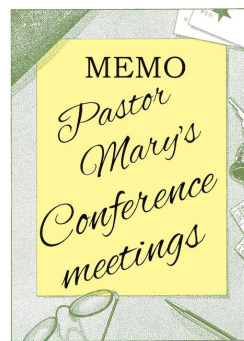


The United Methodist Church is a connectional Church, which means we have organizational and prayer based connections with other United Methodist

Churches in Lodi and Stockton. Each week a prayer focus is given.

January 23: The prayer focus is for Salem UMC Lodi.

January 30: Pray over highlights of ministries in each place so far this year



### Pastor Mary Beyond our Church

Pastor Mary reports that she had a wonderful time with the members of the

### **Galt Community**

**of Character Coalition.** She learned that every two months they select a character trait to emphasize, then take nominations for someone in our community who embodies that character trait. Our own Mark King received their award for RESPECT last spring. For January and February their emphasis is on INTEGRITY which the coalition defines as *being reliable; doing what I say I will do; having the courage to do the right thing; building a good reputation.* If you would like to become a member of the Character Coalition please contact them at [GCC@GHSD.k12.CA.US](mailto:GCC@GHSD.k12.CA.US) Membership is free and they meet monthly. Pastor Mary will spend the lion's share of Tuesday attending the **Gathering of the Orders for the California-Nevada Conference of the UMC.** Before the pandemic this was an overnight retreat for all ordained clergy. Last year and this year it is on ZOOM and not nearly as fun! Still, Pastor Mary anticipates learning a lot.

**Sunday**  
**Worship**  
**Attendance!**

January 9: 73 Online, 53 In person

**GREETERS**  **SCHEDULE**

January 30

Kim & Dottie Farhat  
Rosie Kumar

February 6

Pearl Silva  
Sharon Drake



## From the Editor's Desk

*This 'N That  
From Here and There*

- - By Earl Arrants

### Pinstriped Angel Inspires Pastor to Market Brands

*(Pastor Paul Lintern, pastor of Oakland Lutheran and Southside Christian Churches in Mansfield, OH, follows the ongoing adventures of mythical Pastor Jeff Mutton of Good Lord Community Church.)*

Pastor Jeff Mutton woke up with a start.

"That's it!" he thought as he realized he had been dreaming about how Good Lord Community Church would reach its ambitious budget for the year.

Jeff admitted to himself that the budget is not all that ambitious, practically the same as in years past, but since the pandemic Zoom break, getting anything going again seemed a bit challenging.

"Corporate Sponsorship," the angel had told him.

The angel in this dream was dressed in a pinstripe suit with a pointer that drew attention to a screen showing a stream of slides, but Jeff could see it was an angel proclaiming to him the value of market branding.

"Quicken Loans Office Complex. You Tube Youth Center. Frito's Laity Lounge."

Pastor Mutton also was inspired by the Super Bowl where so many things are branded and advertised.



He smiled. How simple this would be; simply let businesses receive advertising naming rights for things that will be here anyway.

Aquapure Baptismal Font. Keurig Coffee Corner. The Smuckers Kitchen.

"With a name like Smuckers...." he chuckled to himself.

Jeff wondered how one goes about that; should he decide in advance who should be the sponsor, or should he just put the word out there and let businesses approach him.

Uber Bus Ministry. Welch's Society. Spirit Airlines Prayer Room.

He wondered why he hadn't thought of it before.

Capital One Good Lord Community Church.

"What's in your wallet? Maybe it belongs in the offering plate," he smiled.

"And maybe that belongs on my list of things I won't say to the board.

"In the new Progressive Conference Room!" he laughed out loud.

He could never see his board meeting in a room called Progressive.

Dream on, Pastor Jeff. You may have something there!



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Pastor Mary shares about the LOVE and FAITH that combine to create Sacred Bonds of Friendship in her latest installment of her Christian Love Languages sermon series.

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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