



# 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 3, 2022



Happy New Year! Several of you have asked me what I will be doing during my vacation, and the answer is a whole lot of random things. One of my favorite things to do is have an “adhd” day as I call it, which is jump from one activity to another as the impulse strikes me. From January 3 – 10 I will have an “adhd” week, and I am really looking forward to it. When John and Zola and I moved into the parsonage we thought we were only staying a year, so I didn’t organize the cupboards or closets in a way that made sense long term. This week I will have a chance to put away Christmas, and organize things in the house for a longer stay. Yay!! I will also take Freya the Border Collie out on walks, nap, watch shows, nap, read, nap. Did I mention nap?? I am very excited about what the new year holds for Galt UMC and our beloved community. It will be wonderful to return to you on January 11<sup>th</sup> full of energy for our mission and ministry.

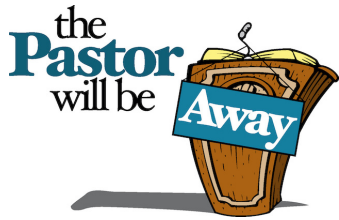
In the Spirit of the Living God, Pastor Mary

## Upcoming Sermon Series: Christian Love Languages



For five Sundays starting January 16, Pastor Mary will help us to explore “Christian Love Languages.” You’ve probably heard of the five love languages of relationships: words of affirmation, acts of service, receiving gifts, quality time, and physical touch. In this series, Pastor Mary will share her insights about the five love languages between believers and God: justice-seeking, sacred bonds of friendship, grace/evangelism, mystic connection, and endurance.

On January 16, after she returns from vacation, Pastor Mary will share about her family’s connection with Archbishop Desmond Tutu and explore the Christian Love Language of “Justice-Seeking.”



# NEWS & Notes



Pastor Joe Carmichael has generously offered to preach on January 9 and also to cover any pastoral needs that might arise from January 3 – January 10 while Pastor Mary is on vacation. His number is 817-909-1555. Please honor Pastor Mary's need for renewal by not calling or texting her during her week off.

**January 9, 10am**

Pastor Joe Carmichael will be in the pulpit!



The Exploratory Committee sent a personal thank you email this week to every elected official, government employee, and United Methodist Conference official who has encouraged and supported our mission project this year. Details in the emails changed from person to person, but here is a general version:  
*Just want to thank you, on behalf of our Exploratory Committee at Galt United Methodist Church, for your encouragement of our potential building projects to better serve our beloved Galt. The holidays have underlined the scale of food insecurity among our senior citizens and working poor in Galt. For Thanksgiving, the Sunshine Food Pantry provided food for a feast, plus extra provisions to **150 families (600 people)**; for Christmas, the Sunshine Food Pantry partnered with our local Rotary Club to provide meal boxes for **127 families (442 people)**. This was in addition to our normal distribution of food in November and December.*

*In 2022 we will be seeking additional advice, approvals, and money to make God's vision for the transformation of the community we serve a reality. Please join us in praying that in 2022 we will break ground and start building both affordable housing for veterans and seniors AND a free standing food pantry & resource center. Blessings,*

*Pastor Mary Maaga*

## Words to start the New Year

"Forgiveness is not an occasional at, it is a constant attitude."—Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr."

### A New Year exercise plan

1. Exercise civility to be civil in my encounters with others each day.
2. Exercise courtesy: to be courteous to everyone, regardless of the situation.
3. Exercise considerateness to be considerate and anticipate the needs of others; to outdo others in doing good.

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."  
- - Winston Churchill

"You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late."  
- - Ralph Waldo Emerson

## GREETERS SCHEDULE

**January 9**

Ed & Freddie  
Delgado

**January 16**



Coming  
This Week

mark  
your  
calendar

Continuing Weekly



Tuesday, January 4, 8am-11am:  
Dennis Yoder and Pastor Joe will be  
recording Online Worship



Tone Chimes

Tuesday, January 4, 7:00pm: Tone  
Chime Ding-a-lings. There's always  
room for a couple more.

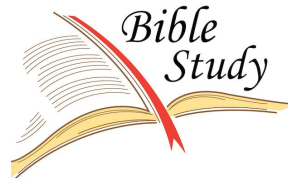


Lunch  
Bunch

Everybody's invited Lunch Bunch  
will meet at Full Moon Palace,  
1000 C Street, Suite 50,  
Thursday, January 6, 11:30am:

### Mark your calendars - - Coming meetings

Trustees meet after worship - January 16  
Church Council meets after worship - January 23  
SPRC Committee meets after worship - January 30



**Resumes on January 12.**  
**Pastor Mary will take us**  
on a journey through  
Paul's two letters to the  
Corinthians. These letters  
include some of the most  
well known Scriptures in

the Bible – they will light up with even greater  
significance as you understand the context in  
which Paul wrote them and more about the  
people who received them.

### Upcoming Learning Opportunities

Book Club for Women will resume with a new  
book in February – book and day/time of our  
ZOOM Book Club to be announced soon

Adult Class on ZOOM will resume in February –  
topic to be announced soon

If you are interested in an IN PERSON class,  
please let Pastor Mary know. She would love to  
have something in person for our folks who do  
not use tech.



**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.

**Epiphany** — One of the least understood  
Christian days of the year. Chuck provides  
some insight while having an epiphany of his  
own.



"The Old is Gone, the New is Come. It is  
Epiphany, and Pastor Mary invites you to  
receive the gifts of the Magi for yourself."

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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.





## From the Editor's Desk

*This 'N That  
From Here and There*

- - By Earl Arrants

*This is Part 2 of a review of Full Moon Palace Chinese Restaurant in the Valley Oak Center.*

On another evening seven diners joined for dinner at Full Moon Palace. The seven diners included: Ricky and Candy, Denny and Betty, Alan and Michele, and myself. All seven of us sat at a round table and were met again by the smiling face of Tammy. (She even remembered me and asked where Mary was?)

(Uh O, does that mean I'm unforgettable?)

There were also two tables of diners in other parts of the room. Also while we were there, four people came in for take-out orders.

Before we ordered, we agreed that each person would order a different dish from the ala carte menu. So, our seven dishes included: Shrimp fried rice (9.95), Almond chicken chow mien (9.50), sweet and sour pork (10.50), garlic chicken (11.50), orange chicken (11.50), and beef with broccoli (11.50), and one order of egg flower soup (8.50).

Our four bowls of soup soon arrived and served to those who desired it. Soon after the individual dishes arrived one after the other as quickly as we could serve our own plates. Our plates were soon full and we were able to "chow down".



Several comments heard during the dining period: The sweet and sour pork was nice and crispy, not soggy; the broccoli beef: beef was tender, broccoli crisp; not negative but: sauce in garlic chicken and almond chicken tasted basically the same; Chow mein came with soft noodles (pan fried noodles, \$2.00 extra).

All of our dishes received good comments and there was certainly more than enough for all seven diners. I even had a little left over chow mein for lunch the next day.

Three of us opted for a pot of hot tea. Others had soft drinks (2.95) with refills offered. Of course, the fortune cookies were a necessity and we enjoyed hearing each other's fortune.

The room is certainly big enough to accompany any number of our Bunch that chooses to attend. The seven of us gave this restaurant a "Thumbs Up" and agreed that we should announce that the January 6 Lunch Bunch will be held there. So be it - - ! See you there at 11:30am.

Full Moon Palace is at 1000 C Street, Suite 50, in Valley Oak Center. They are open 7 days a week: Sunday-Thursday: 11:30am - 8:30pm — Friday and Saturday: 11:30am to 9:00pm.

Sign seen outside a United Methodist Church:

"God is divine.

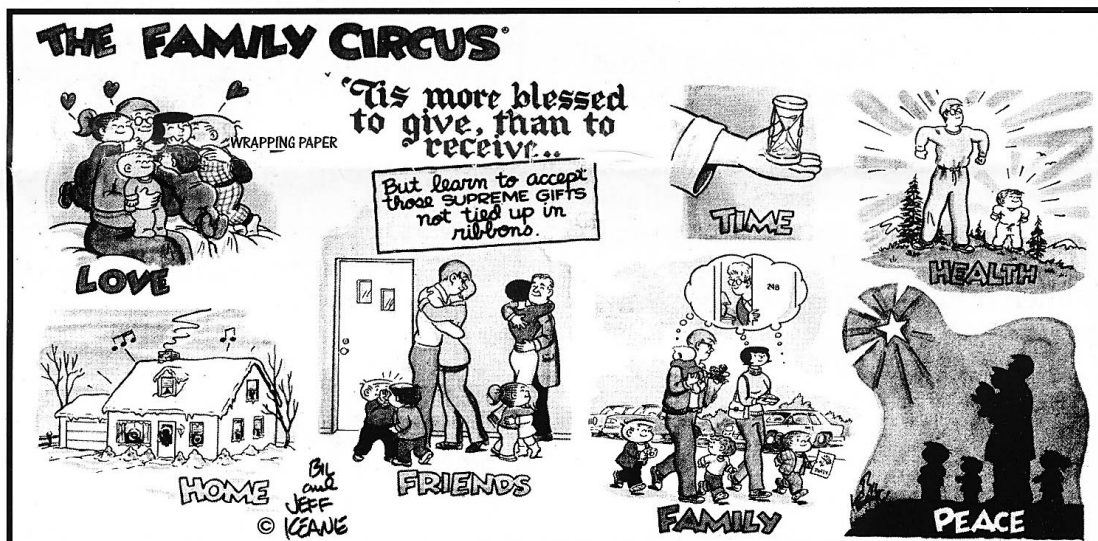
We are dibranches.

Bear fruit."

Old-timer: an elderly person who can remember when folks sat down at the table and counted their blessings instead of calories.

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil and Jeff Keane



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## In The Mailbag



I would like to thank my church family for all your prayers offered for me while waiting for my cancer diagnosis. At this time no treatment is needed so I feel very blessed. Thanks again.

Freddie Delgado

Last Sunday one of our younger members, Sabrina Curlee, shared a Justin Bieber song, Prayer, as part of morning worship. Thank you Sabrina for sharing with us on this Epiphany Sunday.

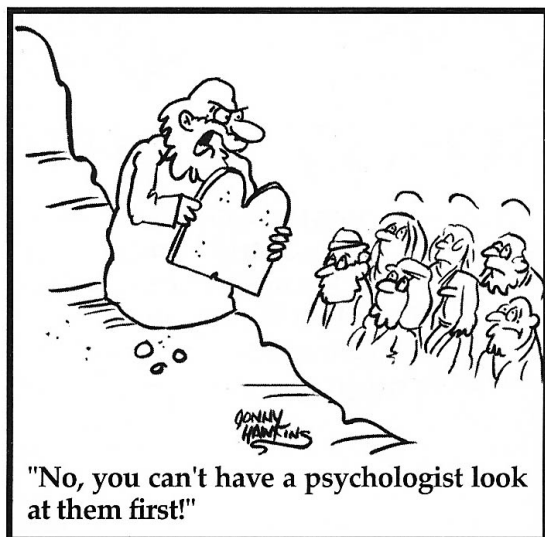


Thank You

Twenty members and friends responded to the request to remain after worship service last Sunday to help clean up and put Christmas decorations away. That many people helped make light work of the chore. Thank you, thank you!



## Speed Bump



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"A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on."

- - Winston Churchill

"Make peace with your past so it won't spoil your present."

- - via Andy Fisher

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds that you plant."

- - Robert Louis Stevenson

"Good judgement comes from experience, and a lot of experience comes from bad judgement."

- - Our Iowa Magazine



Long ago, three laughing Buddhist monks lived in China. Together the three monks would visit a village square and do nothing but laugh.

Crowds gathered around them and joined in the laughter. Soon the laughter

spread in the entire town.

then the laughing monks left the village and went to another village and did nothing but laugh in the village square. Again men and women from the entire village joined in the laughter.

The laughing monks were loved and respected all over China because they helped people laugh their problems away.

Some ancient statues of Buddha depicted him with a huge smile on his face.

## This Just In - -

**Our beloved Margaret Luggenbill is requesting our urgent prayers.** Specifically, she is asking for a "laying on of hands." I'm reaching out to invite you to join with others this Tuesday morning, January 4, at 9:30 AM, in Galt UMC's worship space. I realize that this is short notice. So if you cannot be present, please join with others' prayers during the 9:30-10:00 AM time frame. Margaret is a constant prayer usher for us. It's time we return the favor. Hopefully, I'll see you Tuesday morning.

Joe Carmichael



**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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