

# 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.



February 14, 2022

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



Our United Methodist slogan is **Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors** which reflects our unique understanding of Christian discipleship. Last week I wrote about the theological foundation of Open Hearts. This week we will look at Open Minds. In our Methodist confession of faith, we affirm that the Bible “is to be received through the Holy Spirit as the true rule and guide for faith and practice.” What gives us Methodists our Open Minds is that “we interpret individual texts in light of their place in the Bible as a whole. We are aided by scholarly inquiry and personal insight, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.” This means that in most United Methodist Churches there will be Bible Study classes and Adult Sunday school classes that focus on understanding the history and culture of the time in which Scripture was written so that the wheat of God’s holy inspiration might be separated from the chaff of human cultural limitations. It is this open-minded approach to Scripture that had the United Methodist Church be among the first to ordain women. After decades of study, debate, and prayer, the great thinkers of our denomination concluded that Paul’s words against the leadership of women were specific in nature, and a reflection of Paul’s culture and time, and not to be taken as a general universal pronouncement. Being a Church with an Open Mind is a great responsibility. It requires that we take our Bible and theological education as Church members seriously. I am grateful that so many of you attend the Bible Study and Adult Classes that I offer. That is a reflection of Open Minds. Next week Open Doors!

Blessings, Pastor Mary

p.s. All the quotes are from The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (2016)





## **February 20: We Welcome Rev. Becky Goodwin to the pulpit!**

Scriptures: Micah 2:12 and Luke 10:25-28 Sermon: "Pieces for Peace"

Rev. Becky Goodwin has served the UMC churches in Colfax, Rancho Cordova, Madera and Grass Valley. Before seminary, she served as an elementary school teacher for 11 years. She has a special place in her heart for ministry with children. Her first husband, Chuck Myer, died from cancer in 2008, and she and her kids, Holly and Tim, have been on a healing journey ever since. Holly and Tim have grown well, both graduated from college, and are pursuing careers in the arts, Holly in Burbank, California, and Tim in Brooklyn, New York. While she was serving the UMC in Madera, Becky met the local Episcopal priest, Paul Colbert. They fell in love! They married in 2016. They are both retired now and living in Rancho Cordova. They enjoy keeping house, gardening, guest preaching, and contemplative spirituality. One of their special shared interests is Benedictine monastic life. They both belong to dispersed monastic orders. Becky is an icon painter, a creative writer and an avid reader. She is often found in a comfy chair with a cup of tea and a good book.

Feb. 27: Pastor Mary back in the pulpit, with guest musician Dion Jerga!

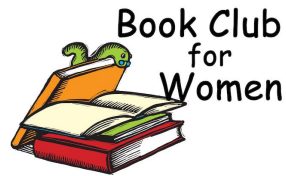
## **Special Opportunities During Lent –**

### **FACES AROUND THE CROSS**

The Christian religious season of Lent is a special time to deepen your relationship with the Lord. FACES AROUND THE CROSS will be our theme. You are invited to participate in two wonderful experiences that will enrich your 40 day/40 night journey to Good Friday and Easter.

1) **Ash Wednesday (March 2)** We will begin our journey with a spiritual creativity workshop in which we will make a decorated mask that reflects our desire for greater closeness with God. The workshop will be from 10am – noon on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please r.s.v.p. with the Pastor by February 23<sup>rd</sup> so we have plenty of craft supplies. This will be followed by a short Worship service at noon. Everyone is welcome to come to Worship, whether or not you come to the workshop.

2) **Every Monday** at 7am during the six weeks of Lent we will be having Sweet Half Hour of Prayer. You are invited to come silently into the Sanctuary where we will have chairs around the cross and the altar. Pastor Mary will begin prayer promptly at 7am, with words being spoken, or silence, as prompted by the Holy Spirit. At the end of the half hour we will close with the Lord's Prayer and leave silently. No need to r.s.v.p. The Mondays of Lent are March 3, 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11.



**On ZOOM every Tuesday in March and April at 4pm All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack, a Black Family Keepsake by Tiya Miles** This book takes us

into the lives of women whose love, courage, and faith fuels their fierce protectiveness of family. The author explores black women's experience during slavery and after, giving us a powerful window into the lives of black Americans. The stories and analysis are inspiring, heart-breaking, and provocative. **We will meet for 9 weeks starting on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Our Book Club will meet for an hour each Tuesday – from 4–5pm – with a half hour of fellowship before each meeting for those who want. Any woman, whether in Galt UMC, or not is warmly invited. All That She Carried can be a challenging read – it includes some scholarly analysis that you can certainly skip over – but it is also challenging in ways that will give rise to amazing conversations among the Book Club members about race, gender, family, women's arts & crafts, and how we think about American history. Please order your own copy of the book – scholarships available if cost is prohibitive. Let Pastor Mary know if you would like to join our Book Club and she will send you a link. 530-417-6584 [maagamary5@gmail.com](mailto:maagamary5@gmail.com)**



# NEWS & Notes

## **Pastor Mary on Vacation**

Pastor Mary will be on vacation this week from February 14 – 21, returning to Church on February 22. While she is away we will have Rev. Becky Goodwin preaching, and Pastor Norm Mowery has agreed to provide pastoral care should there be an emergency. Pastor Norm can be reached at 831-238-2656.

New state COVID mandates are coming for in-person worship. Starting next Sunday, February 20,



**Masks are optional if you are fully vaccinated – if you have chosen not to be vaccinated please wear a mask to keep others safe**



## **We Want Your Suggestions**

## **Membership and Baptism**

During Worship on February 27<sup>th</sup> we will be REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM into Christ's family, as we celebrate the BAPTISM of Sabrina Curlee! Are there others of you who have yet to be baptized? In the United Methodist Church we accept the baptisms of all other Christian Churches, so if you've been baptized once already there is no need to be baptized a second time in our Church. Also on February 27<sup>th</sup> several people will be taking membership vows to become official members of our Church family: Richard Farhat, Randle Catron for sure, but others are considering it as well. Let Pastor Mary know if you or a family member would like to be baptized or join our Church.

Your Trustees are requesting your suggestions for a contractor to perform the needed repairs to the exterior of the Parsonage. If you know of a qualified contractor who does quality work please let us know. Also, we are looking for a landscape contractor to maintain the Church and office grounds. If you know of a qualified landscaper who does quality work, please let us know. Rob Seibel, Trustee Chair 480-363-9986, Jim Parrish 209-912-4401, Pearl Silva 209-609-2235  
Next Trustee meeting February 20, UPSTAIRS after Church

## **God's Kids Say and Do the Funniest Things**

A young boy asked his mother who made the moon. His mother said, "God made the moon." "Then, who made the stars?" the boy continued. "His mother replied, "God made the stars." "Okay," he continued, "then who made the trees?" "His mother continued, "Of course God made the trees." Well," continued the boy, "what I want to know is, didn't Jesus ever do anything?"



In her final installment of Christian Love Languages, Pastor Mary explores 1 Corinthians 13 [Love Conquers All](#) [Love Conquers All](#) shares about a love that bears, believes, hopes, endures, and conquers everything! What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than to celebrate the power of God's love!

**[Click Here](#)**  
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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



Tuesday, February 15, 1:00pm: Dennis Yoder and Rev. Becky Goodwin will be recording Online Worship.



Tone Chimes



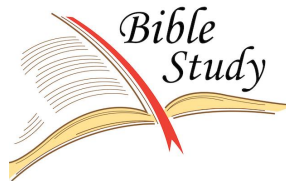
Saturday, February 19, 9:00am at Old Town Diner - at mid-town Galt on Lincoln Way. There's plenty of free parking at the rear of the building. All men are invited.



United Methodist Women meet Saturday, February 19, 10:00am in the Social Hall. *No need to be an "official" member of either group – all men and women are welcome to come!*



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### Wednesdays at 6:30 - no meeting this Wednesday 2/16

Last week 77 people joined us for Bible Study. If you haven't tried this class yet I pray that you will.

**Adult Class** Twenty-two people attended the class on "Who Was Mary Magdalene?" on February 6<sup>th</sup>. There were people on ZOOM from Maine, New Jersey, Florida, and many places in California.

Mary Maaga is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

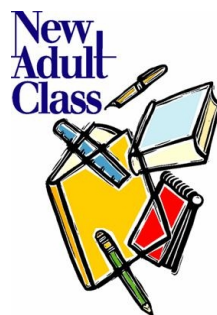
Topic: Adult Class: Lines in the Sand

Time: Feb 27, 2022 03:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sun, until Apr 3, 2022, 6 occurrence(s)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85693870607>



### "Lines in the Sand: Scriptures That Divide"

If you like vigorous respectful conversations around difficult subjects, this is the class for you! "Lines in the Sand: Scriptures That Divide" is a six part class that will meet every Sunday at 4pm from 2/27 –

4/3. In this class we will address divisions within Christianity about women in leadership, homosexuality, and our relationship with other religions and religious practices. It is sure to be a powerful experience. The class starts at 4, but you are welcome to log on to ZOOM at 3:30 for a time of fellowship.

"Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car."  
- - Winston Churchill



Last week Pastor Mary visited residents of Bruceville Point in Elk Grove. These residents are regular watchers of our Galt UMC Online services. She had six people joining her for a Grief Group and is planning another meeting on March 9. Members from our church are cordially invited to join her in this Community Ministry.



### 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 and for the next couple of weeks we are focusing our love on people who have only recently made Galt UMC their Church home:*

**Jean and Monte Nelson** 9797 Pringle Avenue Galt 95632

**Ken Lee** 400 D Street, #321 Galt 95632

**Pearl Silva** 700 Second Street #56 Galt 95632



## From the Editor's Desk

*This 'N That  
From Here and There*

### A Walking Sermon

In 1953 News reporters and city officials rushed to a Chicago railroad station to meet and interview the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize winner.

When the train stopped, a gigantic man— 6 feet 4 inches tall— with a large white mustache and bushy hair, got off the train. The reporters and officials surrounded the old man, welcoming him to Chicago, telling him they were honored to meet him, and peppering him with questions.

The old man thanked them politely, and then, looking over their heads, asked if he could be excused for a moment. He quickly walked away from the crowd of admirers until he reached the side of an elderly black woman who was struggling with two large suitcases.

He smiled at her, picked up her luggage, escorted her to a bus, helped her aboard, and wished her a safe journey. He then returned to the news reporters and city officials and apologized, "Sorry to keep you waiting."

The old man was Dr. Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965), the famous Lutheran medical missionary doctor and theologian who had spent his life helping the poor in Africa.

A city official commented to a reporter standing next to him, "That's the first time I ever saw a sermon walking."



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.

February 20: Pray for Islander Ministry at Holy Cross.

February 27: Pray for Central UMC, Stockton

Sunday  
Worship  
Attendance!

January 23 : 51 Online, 45 In person

GREETERS  SCHEDULE

February 20

Ann Mitchell  
Barbara Anderson

February 27

Mark King  
Dottie & Kim Farhat

