

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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Let's Talk – A Word from Pastor Mary mjzmaaga@yahoo.com 530-417-6584



Over the next three weeks I am going to explore in some detail our United Methodist slogan: Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors. Each part reflects an understanding of Christianity that is unique to being Methodist. I think of the various forms of Christianity as being like different flavors of ice cream. The Methodist flavor is like Neapolitan, with three distinct flavors combined for an awesome experience of what it is to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Flavor number one: **Open Hearts**. This is based in John Wesley's understanding of GRACE as having three expressions: Prevenient Grace is "the divine love that surrounds all humanity"; Saving Grace is being born again in Christ, the experience of salvation, the assurance that we are children of God, personal transformation; Perfecting Grace is the ongoing life of discipleship, which Wesley described as "a heart habitually filled with the love of God and neighbor" and as "having the mind of Christ and walking as He walked." We have **Open Hearts** because we believe that Prevenient Grace is at work in ALL people, and that people don't always seek the Lord in ways that are clear to them or the people around them. So, we keep our hearts open, always looking for ways to show everyone we meet that God loves them and wants to save them and wants to make them part of God's family. Your practice of Open Hearts is why visitors come back, and why we are growing. Next week, Open Minds.

Blessings, Pastor Mary

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



Sermon Series on Christian Love Languages

Our final installment of Christian Love Languages will be this coming week as we look at the love language of ENDURANCE as we practice our discipleship within diverse communities of believers. Pastor Mary's Sermon is titled "Love Conquers All". Our Scripture passage for February 13 is one of the most powerful in the whole Bible: 1 Corinthians 13

NEWS & Notes



Galt United Methodist Church is looking for an Administrative Assistant for Finance.

Are you organized, focused, and looking to contribute to the expansion of Galt United Methodist Church's growth?

- **Duties include:
- **General administrative duties
- **Reconciling accounts
- **Bills received thru mail
- **Green slips submitted by Church members
- **Submitting payroll/preparing checks
- **Submit reports needed for Finance and Church Council
- **Contact/Filing protocols

Training on specific programs will be provided.
\$17.50 per hour, 12 hours a week.
SUBMIT YOUR INTEREST BY FEBRUARY 14, 2022

Please contact Leesa Klotz, SPRC Chair, for more information. 209-744-9530; paukiel1@comcast.net

Those Who Lead



This week we give thanks for our Finance Committee. This is the Committee responsible for counting and depositing the offering, for formulating a budget, for paying the bills, and communicating with the congregation about opportunities for giving. The Finance Committee takes the vision for mission and ministry set forth by our Church Council and our Pastor and works toward making sure there are enough resources for that mission and ministry to be successful. We are blessed with a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers: **Ann Mitchell**, Chair; **Earl Arrants**, Finance Secretary and Counter; **Eva Roach**, Treasurer; **Faye Gaines**, **Pearl Silva**, Counters. Also, part of the Finance team is our Administrative Assistant for Finance, who has been **Dianne Trotter** for this past year. Dianne will be retiring as of March 1st, so Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is looking to replace her. Next week we will publish the budget for 2022 so all of you can more clearly see how your offerings are being spent.



Bruceville Point
Grief Group –
second Wednesday
of the month at
2pm

Galt UMC has a handful of people at Bruceville Point who attend our online Worship regularly. Pastor Mary has offered to lead a Grief Group every month for twelve months to see if such a ministry can be a support to the people living there, and perhaps increase the number of people who watch online Worship. If you would like to join Pastor Mary for this group, please let her know.



In her ongoing sermon series on Christian Love Languages, Pastor Mary explores a "Mystic Response" which will address how we talk with God when we are exhausted, burnt out, and "over it." This is a great Worship service to share with friends who are going through a rough time. Holy Communion is also being celebrated.

[Click Here](#)
32:55

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.



Coming
This Week



Continuing Weekly



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



Finance
Team

Tuesday, February 8, 10am: in
Church Office.



Community
Ministry

Bruceville Point Grief
Group: Wednesday,
February 9, 2pm -
3:15pm.



Sunshine
Food
Pantry

Getting ready for distribution:
Wednesday, February 9,
8:00-10:00am.

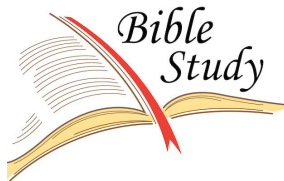
Food Distribution Day:
Thursday, February 10,
8:00-11:00am. Extra help
always welcome.



Pastor Mary on Vacation

Every fulltime clergy member is
giving 4 weeks of paid vacation
every Conference year (July -
June). Pastor Mary is taking

her second week of vacation Feb 14 - Feb 21,
returning to Church on Feb. 22nd. 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 What will Pastor
Mary be up to on her vacation? Little Freya the
Border Collie is being fixed, so lots of puppy tender
loving care, plus watching lots of Olympics!



Bible
Study

Paul's first letter to the
Corinthians is a call to let
LOVE be the basis for
UNITY within Church
community. It is a call to
let the presence of Christ

transform your WHOLE LIFE, not just your
religious life. These Bible Studies are both
inspiring and challenging. This past week 66
people attended at 6:30 on Wednesday, or during
the week on her page. Please join us! Reminder
that Bible Study will not meet on Feb. 16 while
Pastor Mary is on vacation.

Adult Class Even if you didn't attend last
week, you are welcome to come to class on Feb.
13 at 4pm on ZOOM for a continuing look at
"Who Was Mary Magdalene?" Here is the ZOOM
link. No advance registration required! You will
see on the link that the class starts at 3:30 - the
actual teaching starts at 4, but you are welcome
to log on before then for a time of fellowship.

Join ZOOM Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82165826232>

Book Club for Women: The start day and
time have changed. Please pass on the
information flier to anyone you think would be
interested in joining us! [The information flier is
attached to the last page of this newsletter.](#)



This
Month's
Birthdays

Oooops! We missed Rob
Seibel's birthday in last
week's newsletter. His
birthday WAS February 2.
Sorry about that Rob. Hope
it was a happy day anyway!

Sign seen in Waynesville, NC:

"I checked into the Hokey Pokey Clinic and
turned myself around."

THANK
you.

A thank you card was received by Faye Gaines and the volunteers of the Sunshine Food Pantry: *I was so happy to see that you have been recognized for all the years you have dedicated to the food closet. You most certainly deserved this special moment. Our*

expenses continue to sky rocket and I hope I can continue to help with your expenses. I am unable to help you physically but will try to send money when I can. Thank you and all your faithful volunteers for this beautiful ministry.



Our Sunshine Food Pantry is in need of more EGG CARTONS! We have been receiving lots of eggs - either eggs in dropped cartons, or eggs in 18 holes. These eggs are then cleaned up and placed in dozen egg cartons. If you can, please save your empty cartons for our Sunshine Pantry.

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 27th. 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.

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:*

Sharon Drake, 952 Rossburn Way, Galt 95632

Mark King and his mother Judy King, 14190 Sargent Ave, Galt, CA 95632

Candy Marhefka and Ricky Toynbee, 604 Pringle Ave #43, Galt 95632



God's Kids Say the Funniest Things

A Sunday school teacher asked a young boy if he thought Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark. The boy replied, "No, how could he with just two worms?"



TOGETHER IN
Spirit
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STAYING CONNECTED

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 13: Pray for Holy Cross UMC, Stockton

February 20: Pray for Islander Ministry at Holy Cross.

Sunday
Worship
Attendance!

January 23 : 51 Online, 45 In person

GREETERS  SCHEDULE

February 13

Hyo Chu
Mark King

February 20

Ann Mitchell
Barbara Anderson



Book Club for Women

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 1st. 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

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