



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 31, 2022



This past week I was required to attend three different United Methodist Church Conference level meetings over Zoom. As we did the work of Jesus Christ at the Conference Trustees, and the Gathering of the Orders, and as a member of the Changemaker Church Movement, I felt proud of who we are as United Methodists. It occurs to me that as members of Galt UMC, it might help you to know what our mission statements and slogans are – that way you can have more clarity as you share with your family, friends, and neighbors why you love our Church and why you would like them to come and be a part of our Church family.

United Methodist Church Mission Statement: **To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World**

United Methodist Church Slogan: **OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS**

Galt UMC Mission Statement: **We are 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**

Galt UMC Slogan: **In the heart of the city with a heart for the city**

Over the next several weeks I will write a little more about the power of our United Methodist Church Slogan: OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS.



Sermon Series on Christian Love Languages

These past three weeks we have been in an exploration of Christian Love Languages. We started with Justice-Seeking, then explored the Sacred Bonds of Friendship, followed by God's Expansive Amazing Grace. This coming week is a Holy Communion Sunday, and our topic is "A Mystic Response" which will address how we talk with God when we are exhausted, burnt out, and "over it." This is a great Sunday to invite friends who are going through a rough time. Remember, we have an Open Communion table, which means your friends are welcome to join us for Holy Communion no matter their religious background.

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; paukiel@comcast.net



Those Who Lead

This week we give thanks for our Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC). This is the committee that is responsible for hiring paid staff and for

communicating with our United Methodist District Superintendent about the Pastoral needs of Galt UMC. Their mission is to "encourage, strengthen, nurture, support, and respect the pastor and staff and their families, including advocating for a healthy work/life balance." Members of our SPRC who have served this past year and will continue to in 2022 include **Leesa Klotz** (Chair), **Marina Bruns**, **Mariah Diego** (youth), **Earl Arrants**, **Colleen Hurley**, and **Beverly Sigafos**. New to the SPRC in 2022 are **Rosie Kumar**, **Ricky Toynbee**, and **Jean Nelson**. If you would like to talk with Leesa Klotz about any area of concern in the life of our Church, please do not hesitate to call: 209-744-9530. All communications with and within SPRC are confidential.



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.



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Continuing Weekly



Tuesday, February 1, 8am-11am:
Dennis Yoder and Pastor Mary will be
recording Online Worship



The Lunch Bunch meets this
Thursday, February 3,
11:30am at Flames Restaurant.
It's tucked into a back corner
in the Save Mart Center.
Thursday special is buy one
rice bowl, get 2nd one half off.



Tone Chimes

Meets for rehearsal February 3,
4:00pm in the Social Hall. We
have a couple unoccupied
spaces available if anyone would
like to try.



Pastor Mary will be on vacation
from Monday, February 14 thru
Monday, February 21. While
she is away, guest speaker will
be Rev. Becky Goodwin, and
Rev. Norm Mowery will be filling
in for any pastoral emergencies. His phone
number is 831-238-2656..

"A fool and his money are soon parted. The
rest of us wait until tax time."

Hymns for Seasoned Citizens

- ***"The Old Rugged Face"
- **It is Well with my Soul, But my Knees Hurt"
- **Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing"
- **Just a Slower Walk with Thee"
- **Give Me that Old Timers' Religion



Bible Study on Facebook Live, Wednesdays at 6:30

The first four chapters of
Paul's letter to the
Corinthians focusses on the

need for Christians to build their lives on the
foundation of Jesus Christ and to grow in a
spiritual maturity nurtured through the presence
of the Holy Spirit that will express itself in
UNITY. Easy, right?!?! Nope! The Corinthians
are in the midst of divisions in four central areas:
sex, food, spiritual gifts, and money. This week
we begin our study of "sexual immorality" – some
of what we learn together may surprise you.
This past week 65 people attended Bible Study
on Facebook Live either at 6:30 on Wednesday,
or during the week on her page. Please join us!

Adult Class starts back Sunday, February 6 &
13 at 4pm on ZOOM for a 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 starts back Tuesday,
February 22nd 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.



Rob Seibel, newly elected Chair of Trustees, provided a trailer for the removal of items being thrown away from upstairs. Also many thanks to: Faye Gaines, Mercedes Diego, and Earl

Arrants for help in sorting out the upstairs so we can store the Worship items appropriately, store UMW and hospitality items, and prepare for a Sunday School!



Vision United Methodist Women (UMW)

Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth locally and around the world.

Living the Vision

- We provide opportunities and resources to grow spiritually, become more deeply rooted in Christ and put faith into action.
- We are organized for growth, with flexible structures leading to effective witness and action.
- We equip women and girls to be leaders in communities, agencies, workplaces, governments and churches.
- We work for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems.
- We provide educational experiences that lead to personal change in order to transform the world.

United Methodist Womens' principles and values include:

- **Promoting the empowerment of women, children and youth.
- **Promoting anti-racism and multiculturalism.
- **Promoting inclusion and equity.
- **Promoting fair labor practices.
- **Promoting economic and environmental stewardship and sustainability.



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 young people in our Church family.

Anne Chu, 855 Corvey Circle, Galt 95632

Mariah and Mercedes Diego, 1144 Glenhurst Drive, Lodi 95240

Sabrina Curlee, 1003 Lake Park Ave, #134, Galt



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

February 6: Pray for all the churches/ministries.

Sunday
Worship
Attendance!

January 16: 79 Online, 43 In person

GREETERS  SCHEDULE

February 6

Pearl Silva
Sharon Drake

February 13

Hyo Chu
Mark King





From the Editor's Desk

*This 'N That
From Here and There*

- - By Earl Arrants

I found the following article in a magazine I was reading recently. I know we have had our share of ZOOM meetings this past year. I prefer face to face meetings. It appears some scientists would agree with me. However, during this pandemic time, ZOOM seems like the most advantageous method of everyone safely getting together.

"Video meetings are more exhausting and stressful than those conducted face-to-face. Scientists identified four factors behind "Zoom fatigue"; the need for constant eye-to-eye contact, seeing one's own face on screen while talking, having to sit still for long periods, and the challenge of interpreting body language. "On Zoom," says lead author Jeremy Bailenson, "behavior ordinarily reserved for close relationships — such as long stretches of direct eye gaze and faces seen closeup — has suddenly become the way we interact with casual acquaintances, co-workers, and even strangers."

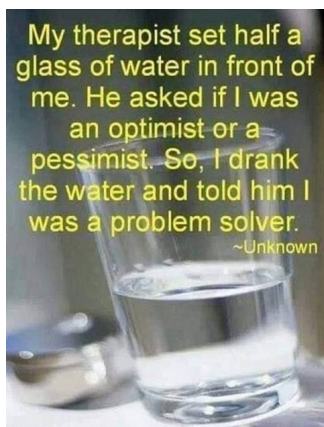
February



- 4 Candy Marhefka
- 5 Dennis Yoder
- 7 Zola Maaga
- 10 Ricky Toynbee
- 14 Mary Maaga
- 19 Marjorie Houck
- 19 Danielle Smith



- 14 Hornor-Sigafoos, Jack and Beverly



Boy Scouts of America

As you may have heard, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) have proposed a bankruptcy settlement in response to claims brought about by abuse survivors. Because the United Methodist Church has been a long-standing partner of BSA, and because some of the abuse took place in United Methodist Churches where troop meetings were held, the United Methodist Church has agreed to contribute \$30 million dollars toward the settlement. The California-Nevada Conference will be responsible for \$572,264. Our Bishop affirmed our commitment to keeping children, youth, and vulnerable adults safe in our Churches and to doing the work of healing for those who have been harmed.

Tourists visited an old, historic church in Alexandria, VA. The tour guide said that George Washington had attended service in the church, and pointed to his pew.

A reverent silence fell on the tourists. The guide then mentioned that church services in Washington's days were very lengthy, often lasting three hours or more.

The reverent silence was shattered when a tourist in the rear loudly proclaimed, "So George Washington slept here, too!"



Pastor Mary shares about God's Expansive Amazing Grace in her latest installment of her Christian Love Language sermon series.



[Click Here](#)
35:25

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.

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.



As the Galt UMC "Safe Gathering" Coordinator, I will be dispersing valuable information about Safe Gathering as an effort to educate and create awareness of this very important subject.

The Mission statement for "SAFE GATHERING" is ... **"Screen and educate staff and volunteers to help prevent abuse of children, youth and vulnerable adults"**



Musicians and Singers Needed

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.

"Turn on the news or pick up a newspaper and you will see churches, schools, and other organizations lambasted in the press for abuse scandals. SAFE GATHERING believes that all organizations can do better and are here to provide an effective but simple process to provide additional protection. When staff and volunteers go through several levels of background checks, reference checks, and comprehensive abuse prevention training, they know better — what to do, what to look for, and how to protect those they serve.

In days to come, I will be reaching out to members of the congregation to discuss and get a certification process established to ensure that our children, youth, and vulnerable adults are protected. Stay tuned!

NB: Please do not hesitate to call or email me, should you have any questions!

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane



"Conscience is when God sends a text to your head."

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Ken Lee: New phone
number: 209-251-5397

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 AA group meets at 5:00pm women only	2 Bible Study Facebook live 6:30pm	3 Tone Chime practice in the social hall. 4:00pm Lunch Bunch 11:30am Flames in Save Mart Center	4 Pastor's Day off Interact Club upstairs 3-4:00pm	5 AA groups meet 5:00-8:30pm potluck AA group meets at 8:00am Nar anon meets at 9:15am
6 In Person Worship 10:00 and OnLine Worship Holy Communion Adult Class 4:00pm on ZOOM	7 AA group meets at 7:00pm	8 Finance Committee meet 10:00am church office AA group meets at 5:00pm women only	9 Set-up for tomorrow's Sunshine Pantry 8:30-10:30am Bruceville Grief Group 2:00pm Bible Study Facebook live 6:30pm AA group meets at 9:00pm	10 Sunshine Pantry open 8-10am	11 Pastor's Day off Interact Club upstairs 3-4:00pm	12 AA group meets at 8:00am Nar anon meets at 9:15am
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