

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.



March 6, 2022

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



Every morning I pray for each and every one of you as I toss the ball back and forth for Freya the Awesome Dog and watch the sun rise in the back yard. The weather has been especially lovely this past week, so the sessions have been longer than usual. That, and the fact that the world has been so desperately in need of prayer. Some mornings it has been hard for me to transition from prayer to the other tasks of ministry. I am really grateful that we will be having a Sweet Half Hour of Prayer as part of our Lenten experience this year. As Jesus told us, "For where two or more are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20) You are invited every Monday of Lent from 7am – 7:30am 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. The Mondays of Lent are 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11. Will it take an extraordinary effort to get up and get over to the Church so early – not to mention discipline not to chit chat on your way in or your way out – of course it will! That's the point of Lent: stretching yourself so you can become more like Christ, including making a sacrifice for others. He's counting on us to show the world that love can yet be victorious. I'm all in. Are you?

Walking with the Lord, Pastor Mary



In person at 10:00am;
Online at galtumc.org



Second Sunday March 13
IN LENT

FACES AROUND THE CROSS is our Worship theme for the season of Lent. We will get to know a fuller story of people important to Jesus, even as we offer ourselves more fully to the Lord. Second Sunday of Lent: "The Missing Face Around the Cross: Peter" Scripture: Luke 22:31-34, 54-62.

NEWS & Notes



After two years of not being able to have a homecooked meal prepared by Pastor Joe and Dennis Yoder **AT THE CHURCH**, the Men's Homecooked Breakfast is back! The date is March 19 at 9:00am. All men

who are members or friends of Galt UMC are welcome. RSVP's are needed. Let Dennis Yoder know you plan to come 916-747-8771.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9am – 1pm Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. If you need something from the office, or want to drop something off, please call our Administrative Assistant Mercedes Diego in advance so she knows to expect you 209-745-4133. Pastor Mary sets her own calendar. She is always happy to make an appointment to meet you. Please contact her directly at 530-417-6584.

Bruceville Point Grief Group

2nd Wednesdays - 2-3:15pm



Every month Pastor Mary facilitates a group of residents at Bruceville Point in Elk Grove who talk about their losses, including the loss of independence and health, as well as the loss of loved ones. If you would like to go with Pastor Mary, please let her know. This is where Bob and MaryAnn Janes live who just joined our Church!



Daylight Savings
Time Begins *again!*

March 13

Spring Ahead

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

Earth Prayer

"Grandfather, Great Spirit, once more behold me on earth and lean to hear my feeble voice.

You lived first, and You are older than all need, older than all prayer. All things belong to You - - the two-legged, the four-legged, the wings of the air and all green things that live.

You have yet the powers of the four quarters of the earth to cross each other. You have made me cross the good road and road of difficulties, and where they cross, the place is holy.

Day in, day out, forevermore, You are the life of things."

—Black Elk, Holy Man
of the Oglala Sioux

Shared by Mona Stratton



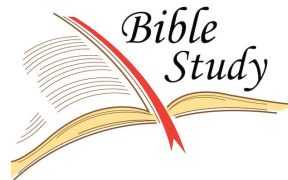
Lent has begun: that forty days and forty nights journey we Christians take every year to arrive at the Cross and the Empty Tomb. This year our theme is Faces Around the Cross and today we will come to know the Lord's mother more deeply, and imagine the sorrow and love on her face as her son - God's Son - made complete God's victory over sin. The Virgin Mary is our first face around the Cross.

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Coming
This Week



Wednesdays, 6:30pm on
Facebook Live

80 people watched
Pastor Mary's Bible
Study on Corinthians
this past week. The

teachings from Chapter 10 includes: "No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing He will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it." This Scripture passage, so often taken out of context and taught as "God never gives you more than you can handle" is a powerful reminder that humbling ourselves to love vulnerable people (the teaching from the prior chapter) does not come naturally. We will be tempted to avoid love, when that love costs us something. Watch live on Wednesdays, or anytime during the week



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



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

Wednesday, March 9, 8am
Sunshine Food Pantry set up



Thursday, March 10, 8am
Sunshine Food Pantry
Distribution. Extra help
always welcome.



Adult Class: "Lines in the Sand: Scriptures That

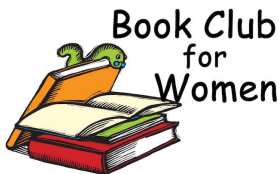
Sundays, March 13-April 3; 4-5pm on ZOOM

This past week we discussed "Word of God" vs. "Words of Scripture" – in the Methodist tradition we understand the "Word of God" to be Jesus Christ, "the Word made flesh" from John's Gospel, Chapter 1. Jesus Christ is available to believers in more ways than Scripture alone, including prayer (Matthew 18:20); care for the vulnerable and outcast (Matthew 25); through the presence of the Holy Spirit; through the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. This was a very rich conversation that helps lay the foundation for our look at women in leadership, homosexuality, and our treatment of people outside the Christian faith community. The class starts at 4, but you are welcome to log on to ZOOM at 3:30 for a time of fellowship.

Join ZOOM Meeting

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

Continuing Weekly



**Tuesdays 4-5pm, on
ZOOM**

We talked this past week about memories of perseverance from our own families even as we mourned the separation between mother and child that was represented in the sack that Rose gave to her 9 year old daughter Ashley in 1852 when they were sold apart from each other. In that sack were practical items for survival, as well as what is always essential for survival: love. Book Club for Women is reading "All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack, a Black Family Keepsake" and it is not too late to join. We meet over ZOOM on Tuesdays from 4-5. If you would like a link, please let me know. If you missed last week, no worries, you are welcome to come along with us starting this week.

Sweet Half Hour of Prayer: Every Monday of Lent 7am – 7:30am starting March 7



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What is the meaning of “keeping the Sabbath”? Is it really a day of religious observance and abstinence from work? Chuck tries to find out by referring to a dictionary.

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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! These are the people who just joined our Church this past Sunday! Let them know they are welcome and beloved!

Do you know a military veteran? Many of our veterans are having a rough time because of the events happening in the Ukraine. Please write a note of support and caring. It’s easy to start, “I was just thinking that with everything going on in the world, you must be thinking about your own military service....” You will no doubt come up with something even better than that. Don’t know a vet? Contact Pastor Mary and she will give you a name of a Church member to reach out to.





TOGETHER IN Spirit
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.

March 13: Pray for Cambodian Ministries in Central Stockton UMC.

March 20: Pray for Linden UMC.



Many thanks to Colleen Hurley for purchasing the supplies and helping Pastor Mary to think thru the

mask decorating activity on Ash Wednesday. Eight people came and had a wonderful time.

Earl Arrants helped provide music for our Ash Wednesday service. We are always grateful for your organ playing, Papa Earl! Twenty-four people attended the service, including several visitors from the community.

We are grateful that our own Mark King and Leesa Klotz are co-presidents for our Galt Sunrise Rotary and are at a regional training in San Jose learning how to be even more effective as local philanthropists. We are proud of you!

Words cannot express our joy with the wonderful music and worship leadership of Mattie Shepherd’s baby brother Dion Jergo as we remembered our baptism and “waded in the water” together! We hope and pray he can return to us for a three day revival later this year.

Thank you Anne Albrecht for volunteering to be Hospitality Coordinator. If you would like to bring cookies one Sunday, please let Anne know: 209-200-2859.

Last week nineteen Lunch Bunch diners enjoyed each other’s company at El Rodeo Mexican Restaurant.

Sunday Worship Attendance!

February 13 : 48 Online, 53 In person

GREETERS  **SCHEDULE**

March 13
Mercedes & Mariah
Diego

March 20
Anne Albrecht
Mona Stratton

The Roving Camera Eye

Activities from around Galt UMC



We were pleased to welcome Rev. Becky Goodwin as guest preacher while Pastor Mary was on vacation.

Her message featured the idea that taking something left over can be made into something new.



Meet our new Administrative Assistant for Finance, Mercedes Diego. Her first day on the job was March 1.



"The Holy Spirit works within you, that being born through water and the Spirit you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ."



Pastor Mary baptizes Sabrina Curlee. On hand for the observance were grandmother Dottie Farhat and uncle Richard Farhat.



Denny Yoder not only handles the sound system but he also handles sound (singing) behind the microphone!



We were pleased to welcome musician Dion Jergo, brother of our faithful member Mattie Shepherd. Dion visits regularly from Virginia.



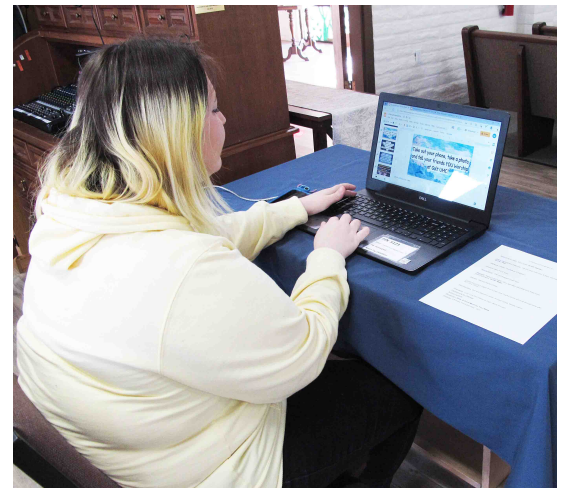
Pastor Mary joins Dion in singing "As the Deer".



Sound tech Denny Yoder behind the sound console



Pastor Mary gets "hooked up" for sound



Sabrina Curlee handles the screen visuals at the front of the sanctuary.



Today Is the Day!



UWiF

United Women in Faith

You've been hearing about exciting changes on the horizon for our beloved organization: New wine skins, new programs and new ways to join the work. We have also promised a new look.

Your wait is over.

Today we launch our new brand! And with it we debut a new website and a new name: **United Women in Faith**. March is Women's History Month and the month of our founding in 1869. March is the perfect time for us to honor our history by stepping boldly in to our future.

This is an exhilarating time as we commit to even greater inclusivity, action and impact. We are women of passion and power united by God's love in our mission to uplift women, children and youth. Let's stand together to continue to put love into action.

Thank you for all you do to put love into action. Welcome to United Women in Faith!

Our next meeting: Saturday, March 19, in the sanctuary

The UMW group now has a new name. Instead of UMW, we are now called UWiF for "United Women in Faith". Our program on March 19 will include prayers, devotions to God, the scripture of Luke 13:10. We will discuss some ideas about centering our spirits and awakening our inner selves by practicing silence in this too-busy world to free our imaginations. Maybe refreshment will be served. We hope to see many women attend.

After the business portion of our meeting, we will be decorating small cardboard boxes to hold our donated items to be wrapped and given to members of our congregation who could use a little box of Christian love, joy, and cheer from time to time. Please see Sabrina Curlee's email to all church ladies for suggested items to fill the boxes. If you have any boxes approximately 6" x 4" x 4" at home, please feel free to bring them to our meeting at church at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 19th. Please bring scissors for cutting paper and scotch tape if you can; the church has wrapping paper.

Blessings,

Madeline Powell, co-president