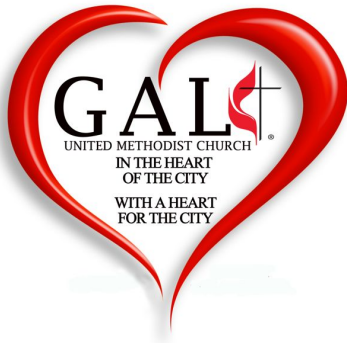


Galt UMC This Week

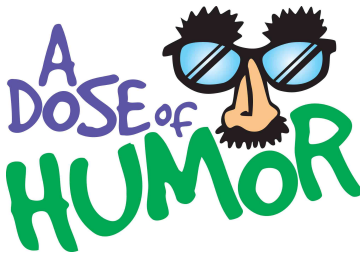


Galt UMC is a warm welcoming family who worship, pray, learn, and love one another by serving our community so that everyone can encounter the Risen Lord and experience transformation through God's Grace.



April 18, 2022

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



Did you know that smiling and laughter sets up a physiological response in the body that reduces stress and increases “feel good” endorphins? This is true even if you don’t feel happy generally. I hope all of you who are receiving this newsletter will make every effort to come to Worship this coming Sunday for “Holy Humor Sunday” also known as “Bright Sunday.” It is an old Easter custom begun by the early Greek Christians that

encouraged Christians to celebrate Jesus’s resurrection with “days of joy and laughter.” Our day of joy and laughter on April 24th will include music by Jebbie Moats during Worship, including “Potluck in Heaven” which is totally appropriate since we will be enjoying our first potluck since the pandemic next Sunday! Worship will also include Papa Earl reading a funny children’s book called “Big Al” (not about OUR Alan Weinell!) and Pastor Mary telling a pet story or two! What will our Scripture be? John 15:9-11 which includes the verse, *If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in His love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.* Let us come together and experience JOY IN THE LORD!

Happy Easter, Pastor Mary



“Holy Humor Sunday” – April 24th

Joy in the Lord as we continue to celebrate Easter! Wonderful fun music by guitarist and singer Jebbie Moats, a children’s story by Earl Arrants, and stories about her pets by Pastor Mary. Scripture: John 15:9-11.

NEWS & Notes



Our Potluck Lunches are Back!

On Sunday, April 24th directly after the 10:00 worship service, in the church fellowship hall, we will have a potluck once again. Yay! Invite a friend and please bring a dish according to our alphabet plan: If the first letter of your last name begins with A through F, please bring a salad. If your name begins with G through M, please bring a main course dish, and if your name starts with N through Z, please bring a dessert. 😊 This plan will balance the menu. In the future we will revolve this letter plan.

When you arrive at church, you can leave your dish in the kitchen, and we will keep main dishes hot in our oven and crock pots can be plugged in during the worship hour. We will need about three people to help with the cleanup afterwards. Please let Madeline Powell (209) 400-8795 or email her at Lee72Lou@gmail.com to let her know if you can help with this.

As many of you know, there will be an important, church town-hall meeting directly following our meal in the church fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

Thanks, Madeline Powell



City Council, 6pm on Tuesday, April 19th – Members of our Exploratory Committee will be making public comment at the Council meeting. If you can plan

to come that would be awesome. Please see the article at the end of this newsletter for a synopsis of our project.



Upcoming Worship Series in May: Those “Heart Warming” Methodists!

May is Methodist month this year at Galt UMC! We will take a journey into the foundation of our uniquely Methodist expression of Christianity: OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS. May 1st will be a celebration of Holy Communion and Pastor Mary’s sermon that Sunday will answer the question: why do Methodists have an “open” communion table when many other denominations of Christians do not? Sermon: “Open Hearts – The Three Graces”

Time Off for Pastor Mary

Most of you know that Pastor Mary works six days a week, taking Fridays off as her “sabbath” for renewal and fun with her adult children John and Zola, and puppy dog Freya. Next week and the following week she will take Thursday and Friday off as some extra renewal time following the demands of Holy Week and Easter. Then Pastor Mary will take her third week of vacation from May 2 – May 9, with Pastor Norm Mowery covering for preaching on May 8 and for pastoral emergencies while Pastor Mary is away.



Enjoy this video from Easter, 2021

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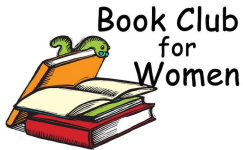
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Continuing Weekly



Online worship will be on hiatus this week. Recording will resume on April 26 for the May 1 service.



Tuesday, April 19, 4pm Book Club for Women on ZOOM

Special Event

Tuesday, April 19, 6pm City Council public comment by Pastor Mary and others

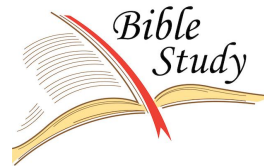


(UWiF)

Saturday, April 23, 10am Women's Group at Madeline Powell's home (call Madeline for details 209-400-8795)

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, April 24, 10am Worship followed by "STATE OF THE CHURCH" Potluck

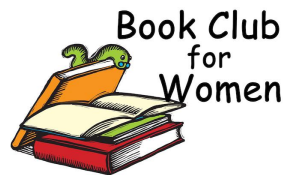


Wednesdays - 6:30pm, on Facebook Live

Two new Bible Studies will be offered by Pastor Mary starting in mid-May.

JOHN'S GOSPEL will be on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 in person in the Galt UMC Social Hall starting May 18. Please come at 5 with a sack supper for a time of fellowship or arrive at 5:30 for the class. All levels of Bible students are warmly invited, from folks who know next to nothing to those who know a lot. Bring any translation of the Bible and come with an open heart and open mind. No need to worry if you have to miss an occasional class – you are sure to get something out of any class you attend.

PAUL'S JOURNEYS AND LETTERS will be on Sunday afternoons over ZOOM from 4-5pm starting May 15. This is a continuation of Pastor Mary's FB Live Bible Study, but she will be giving a synopsis of the journey thus far, so this is a good time to join.

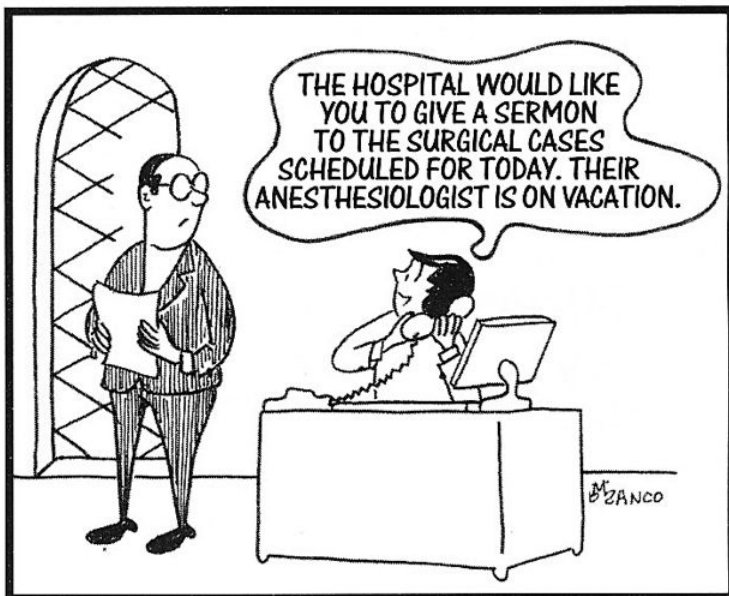


Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00pm, on ZOOM

All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack, a Black Family Keepsake was a powerful journey for our book club. Soon we will be choosing our next book for reading together in the fall. If you have a suggestion for what you would like to read and discuss, please let Pastor Mary know.

Two quick ways to disaster: 1) Take nobody's advice. 2) Take Everybody's advice.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt's advice for public speakers: "Be sincere, be brief, be seated">



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THANK
you.

How beautiful the Sanctuary looked for Easter! Pam Carmichael, Mark King, Leesa Klotz, and Pearl Silva all worked together to make our celebration of our Lord's resurrection a joyous one! We will continue to enjoy these decorations for the Easter-tide Season, which will take us through May.



Easter Flowers

Many thanks to all of you who brought flowers to decorate our Sanctuary for Easter!

Mark and Judy King — In honor of the people of Ukraine; in honor of Galt UMC.

Madeline Powell — In memory of her husband Ed, in memory of her sister Kathleen.

Ed and Freddie Delgado — In memory of both of their parents.

Mona Stratton — In memory of her husband Rick; in memory of her son David.

Jackie Parker — In memory of her husband Harry; in memory of her husband Doug.

Pearl Silva — In memory of her husband Dayton; in memory of her parents, In memory of Aunt Grace.

Dennis and Betty Yoder — In memory of their daughter Janis.

Dogs have so many friends because they wag their tails, not their tongues.

"The wise man, even when he holds his tongue, says more than the fool when he speaks."

—Yiddish proverb



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.

April 24: Pray for the ministries of the Central Valley District and for our superintendent, the Rev. David Niu



Sack Supper & Scripture on Wednesday, May 18th and all following Wednesdays. Supper and fellowship at

5pm, Bible Study from 5:30-6:30pm. No prior knowledge of the Bible is needed. We will start with John's Gospel.

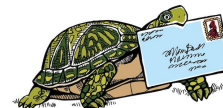
ZOOM Bible Study on Sundays at 4pm starting Sunday, May 15th. This will take the place of Facebook Live Bible Study.



This is Chuck's short film. It is perfect for Easter or anytime. The film illustrates how we need to remember we are living on this side of Easter. The question asked is "how do we live like we are Easter People."

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Giving Possibilities



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Sunday
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Easter Sunday in person — 89

GREETERS  SCHEDULE

April 24

Eva Roach
Faye Gaines

May 1

John & Cindy
Borgerding



UWiF
United Women in Faith

Hello ladies,

Here is another reminder about our UWiF meeting coming up this Saturday, April 23rd at 10:00 across the street from Madeline Powell's house in the park area at Three Palm Mobile Home Community at 604 Pringle Avenue Space 3. If you lost the directions I sent in my last email, call me ((209) 400-8795) or just drive north on Lincoln Avenue, past the post office and turn left on Pringle Avenue. I live in the mobile home park on the LEFT as you come down Pringle 1/2 block. Do not turn into the mobile home court on the RIGHT. When you turn into Three Palms Mobile Home Senior Community, you will see a bluish gray clubhouse in front of you. I live right across the street from the park area in a green and white double-wide mobile home.

Our meeting will be held in the park area to the right of the clubhouse under 3 tall shady trees. Tables and chairs will be set up, the path into the park is wheelchair or walker accessible, and there is a handy restroom nearby in the clubhouse. I will provide iced tea, and paper cups.

Please bring your prepared sack lunch and a writing journal or notebook. We will reflect on God's nature blessings outside if it's good weather, and if it's rainy, we'll hold it in the clubhouse.

We hope to see all of you here for hopefully a fun picnic meeting on Saturday, April 23rd.

Sabrina Curlee and Madeline Powell, co-presidents

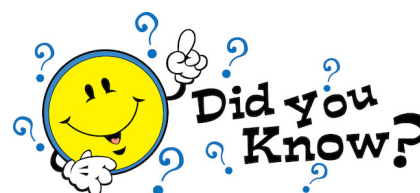


Many thanks to our guest musicians who made the holy season of Lent so wonderful: Jenny Silvestri, John Miller, Jebbie Moats, and Betty Metzger pictured here with Pastor Mary.



Bruceville
Point Ministry
Update

Pastor Mary was joined by twelve residents of Bruceville Point for a wide-ranging conversation about religious backgrounds, Scripture, and how people met their spouses. After lunch, Pastor Mary led a "Grief Group" that will likely become a group that talks more broadly about "Transitions." There were eight people at that gathering. Bob Janes and the others who gather for our online Worship in the theatre each week are deciding how to make the best use of their monthly time with Pastor Mary.



Did you know...that our humble little church has its beginning in Hicksville (now Arno Rd)? The cemetery is still there. In 1869, the grid for Galt was laid out with a church on each corner of town; Catholic, Episcopal, Disciples of Christ and Methodist. In 1880, the Methodist church's congregation moved from Hicksville to a Galt schoolhouse. Just not exactly sure where. Maybe near F and 6th St. The other 3 buildings are still standing. Why don't you try to find them? A fire in 1895, burned Eiler's Blacksmith shop to the ground (6th and C St.). Soon afterwards (1900?) a new Methodist church was constructed on that site, facing C St. In 1927, a new church was built on that site AFTER the 1900 church was turned to face 6th St. and placed at the rear of the new building.

In 1965, with cables holding the side walls together, it was obvious a new church building was necessary. Talk about growing pains! In 1970, the Building Committee acquired a \$30,000/7.5% interest loan, along with a \$10,000/1% interest loan. The old building was torn down and Galt UMC built a fellowship hall and shell of an educational hall (upstairs). The first services were held in the fellowship hall on Easter Sunday 1970. Fifty-two years ago! Time really flies!

—Mona Stratton
Church Council, Chair

Galt UMC Community Project Synopsis

Being partners in improving the communities we serve is the Methodist “brand.” For the past 18 months, Galt United Methodist Church has been exploring how to make better use of our properties for the enhancement of our community. We own our Sanctuary lot and parking lot at Sixth and C, a lot adjacent to our parking lot that has a little house in disrepair and a shed on it, and two empty lots that extend to Sixth and B. Two things became clear in our exploration process:

- 1) There is not enough affordable housing for Galt’s seniors and veterans on a fixed income.
- 2) The Sunshine Food Pantry, which has been serving the working poor and seniors in our community for 12 years, has outgrown the Galt UMC social hall.

We decided to see if we could wed these two realizations into a single vision. A year ago, we began working with a highly reputable developer, Christian Church Homes, to explore building affordable housing for veterans and seniors on our two empty lots, then taking the proceeds from the sale of the lots as seed money for building a free-standing Sunshine Food Pantry and Resource Center on the lot with the house and shed adjacent to the Church parking lot. The stumbling block has been the need for an additional lot for Christian Church Homes to develop a “scattered site” development so that the residents of our lots can share a manager and support staff. Almost immediately, Christian Church Homes put a bid on property at 401 Lincoln which would have been perfect for our project. Despite our hope and best efforts, the City of Galt was not able at that time to make the required commitment of dedicated California State affordable housing funds and/or the deferrals and fee reductions for our project to move forward. In the wake of that disappointment, our exploratory committee and Christian Church Homes was asked by City staff to provide detailed information about housing needs and the funding apparatus for a high-density affordable housing project like the one we are proposing. This has been provided.

Last month, Amie Mendes, Economic Development Manager for Galt, suggested the possibility of developing the City owned property across the street from Brewster’s as a mixed-use concept with the inclusion of senior housing above retail space. We are going to the City Council for public comment on April 19th at 6pm because we want to generate some positive momentum toward making this project a reality! One of the strategic goals set out by the City is to create “positive partnerships” within the community. We are that partnership! While the potential for 60 units for seniors and veterans across two sites hardly puts a dent in the demand, it is a start. Because the Christian Church Homes project is for affordable housing, this helps our City make its housing diversity goals, as well as freeing up monies on the part of residents for spending in the Historic Old Town businesses since the rent on the units cannot be more than 30% of the resident’s income.

This past fall, Galt UMC members voted unanimously to take the sale money from the lots (once that happens), and invest it in building a free-standing Sunshine Food Pantry and Resource Center on the lot adjacent to our parking lot. For the past twelve years a group of Galt citizens have been making free food available to working families and seniors. This need has grown so much over the past decade, that the Sunshine Food Pantry has outgrown two spaces and is now outgrowing the Galt United Methodist Church social hall. In the past year families have come to depend on the Sunshine Food Pantry for between 25-50% of their monthly groceries, thus freeing up income for utilities, gas, clothing, etc. While Galt United Methodist Church has provided leadership for the Sunshine Food Pantry, we are joined in this effort by people from other area Churches, as well as Sunrise Rotary, and people of goodwill who have no Church or organizational affiliation.

Because the Sunshine Food Pantry belongs to the whole community, not just the Galt United Methodist Church, we are pursuing making the Sunshine Food Pantry and Resource Center its own non-profit. Our statement of purpose is: *to provide food for families and individuals living with food insecurity; to provide a place for individuals and families to access information and resources; to provide programs and services to improve the quality of life for those experiencing economic and social stress; to connect diverse groups of people; and provide educational resources for the community.*

Our team has been in communication with Supervisor Don Nottoli's office, and it is his intention to make American Rescue Plan Act monies available to help build our facility. Our Building Coordination Committee, chaired by David Herburger, has already met once and decided at that meeting to begin a process of listening and learning from various commissions, agencies, and individuals regarding what programs and resources would be helpful in further building up our community, in addition to helping those experiencing food insecurity. If you would like to have a listening and learning presentation for any group you are affiliated with, please contact David at david.herburger@gmail.com

If you are able to come to the City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 19 at 6pm at City Hall to offer your support for our community project, I hope that you will do so. Please feel free to pass this synopsis on to anyone you think would be interested. We want to encourage our City to move ahead with enthusiasm in supporting Christian Church Homes in purchasing and developing the lot across from Brewster's, or another lot that can meet the needs of our scattered site project. In sharing this project with community partners over the past 18 months, we have been overwhelmed with support. We need to show that support to the City.

April 16, 2022

Contact: Pastor Mary Maaga mjzmaaga@yahoo.com

Galt United Methodist Church, 571 "C" Street, Galt, CA 95632

A promotional poster for a community fundraiser. The background is dark blue with a subtle pattern. On the left, there are three large, open tacos filled with meat, beans, corn, and vegetables, garnished with a lime wedge. The text is in white and yellow. At the top left is the Rotary logo. The main title is 'TACO DE MAYO COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER' in large white letters. Below it, the date and time '05/14/2022 - 5PM - 9PM' are in yellow. The location 'LITTLETON CENTER 410 CIVIC DRIVE, GALT' is in white. A line of text states 'Dinner includes tacos, rice, beans and a soft drink. Cenas incluyen tacos, arroz, frijoles y bebida.' Below that, 'Carry-Out Available / Comida Para Llevar Disponible' is written. A list of activities includes 'MARGARITAS | BEERS', 'RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION', 'LIVE DJ', and 'SALSA DANCE COMPETITION'. Pricing is listed as '3 TACO DINNER / \$10.00' and '1 TACO DINNER / \$5.00'. Ticket information includes the website 'galtsunriserotary.com', the Venmo handle '@galtsunrise', and a phone number '916.662.6915'. At the bottom, it says 'DIAMOND RING DOOR PRIZE!'.

Now is your chance to help Galt's Sunrise Rotary for all the help they have given to our Sunshine Food Pantry



Galt United Methodist Church

Mary Maaga, Pastor
Church telephone - 745-4133
Morning Worship
Online at galtumc.org
In person - 10:00am



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