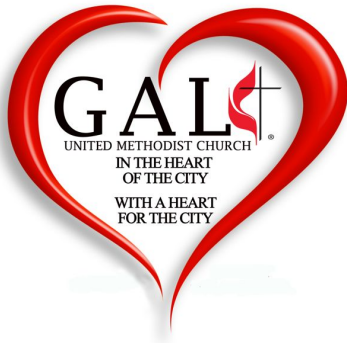


# Galt UMC This Week



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.



May 16, 2022

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



Many blessings were received at the Special Church Conference last Thursday. We had a chance to get to know our Central Valley District Superintendent David Niu better and we unanimously approved the three items on our agenda (included on the back page). Our meeting started with a devotion by Pearl Silva, member of the Trustees and volunteer for the Sunshine Food Pantry. I am including here what she shared with us because it was so inspiring:

*Pastor Mary startled me yesterday when she called with a request. She started out with "You can say NO if you want to" knowing very well that she is very hard to say NO to. However, after her convincing "sales pitch" I ended up saying yes. So this is where she asked me to speak. Almost immediately, while we were still talking, Proverbs 19:24 came to mind. It defines a lazy person. It reads "The lazy person buries a hand in the dish and will not even bring it back to the mouth." A large part of this congregation is aging; however we are NOT LAZY but strong in faith, energy, and financial and physical giving. Since joining this Church I have found a strong enthusiasm for the Lord's work and outreach. Our plans for an expanded Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center is the greatest example of "helping our community." However this has NOT been a lazy person's undertaking. Let us stop to appreciate and recognize the following: Countless hours of dedication from ALL the committee members; exemplary knowledge of the process and dedication to research; knowing contacts and how to present the plan with conviction. Eighteen plus months has gone into planning up to this point. Plus the formation of the proper legal documents to make it all happen, including approval of the by-laws for becoming a non-profit. Note that the Pantry has been serving the community for 13 years with the leadership of its faithful director Faye Gaines. Now the appointment of the Building Committee is preparing to continue the foundation work that's been done so far. In addition, at this meeting there is a mid-year appointment for a replacement on the Board of Trustees.*

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*The Lord loves a “cheerful giver” – volunteering at the Pantry, attending Worship services and gatherings at the Church, it’s clear the Lord’s work is being done cheerfully; so many smiles, laughter, joking with one another, enjoying each other’s company. Very warm and loving feeling. This Church has a strong leader in Pastor Mary, and she’s NOT lazy. The congregation is strong in belief of our Lord Jesus Christ. This journey has been long. It’s not over yet, but the Lord has given us endurance, knowing He is always with us; following the path He is leading us down. The journey has presented open doors and closed ones. However, we need to be prepared for closed doors and walk boldly through open ones. And remember the Scripture: **DON’T BE LAZY!** Put your hand in the dish, but always remember to get it to your mouth!*

Thank you, Pearl Silva, for these guiding words and the gift of this wonderful Scripture!

Blessings, Pastor Mary Maaga



**May 22**

OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS

In person at 10:00am;  
Online at [galtumc.org](http://galtumc.org)

May is Methodist month this year at Galt UMC! The first week Pastor Mary focused on Open Hearts by throwing fuzzy colorful balls at us – what a memorable way to remember that the foundation of Open Hearts is our Methodist belief in “Prevenient Grace” which is “the divine love that surrounds all humanity” and “prompts our first wish to please God.” The second week the emphasis was on Open Minds and the unique way that Methodists ponder the meaning of Scripture and apply it to life. Pastor Mary clarified that the “Word of God” is not Scripture, but Jesus Christ Himself! This coming week the final message of Methodist month will be Open Doors. Sermon: “Open Doors, Open Tab” - Scripture: Luke 10:25-37 (Story of the Good Samaritan)



Rob Seibel, Chair of the Trustees, mowed our lots for us this week. Thank you, Rob! How wonderful to have a message from Pastor Norm while Pastor Mary was away. Thank you Lay Servant Rosie Kumar for your Worship leadership.



Pastor Mary explores “Open Minds” in her sermon series on the unique character of Methodist Christianity

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# NEWS & Notes



## Memorial Sunday, May 29


Last year we rang a chime as names of those dear to us who died in the line of military duty were read. This year we will say the name of the war or military conflict and ask people to stand if someone known to you died. All of us have been impacted by the cost in human lives of the wars we have engaged in as a country. Our Worship service will focus on our sorrow over these losses, as well as our love for our country for which they made the ultimate sacrifice. Pastor Mary will read the Gettysburg Address and we will sing America the Beautiful and My Country, 'Tis of Thee, as well as This Is My Song which includes the words *O hear my song, thou God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

Potluck Lunch will follow worship on Memorial Sunday, so it is a great service to invite friends and family to attend!



Many of you have expressed to Pastor Mary how much you LOVE our guest musicians Betty Metzger, Jebbie Moats, Jenny Silvestri, John Miller, and Adam Gates. We also know how much you appreciate Earl Arrants at the organ! We work with each of these musicians to get them here as often as possible. All of them have other obligations, though each expresses that they enjoy very much a chance to play and/or sing for us.

For your information, we do offer each a \$100 honorarium for coming, but several of them decline the gift.



**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.

May 22: Pray for Salem UMC Lodi  
May 29: Pray over highlights of ministries in each place so far this year



Do you have a family member that is graduating this year? Please let Earl know! ([earrants@sbcglobal.net](mailto:earrants@sbcglobal.net))

A little birdy (or was it a butterfly?) told us that Margaret and Ike Luginbill have TWO grandchildren graduating from high school: Chloe Solosabel, Capital High School, Boise, Idaho – she has been accepted to Boise State University for a degree in Business AND Baden Solosabel, Mascoutah High School, St. Louis – he has been accepted to the St. Louis Institute of Technology. CONGRATULATIONS!

Alexandra Herrera, daughter of Kim Stanley, granddaughter of Faith and Don Ross, great-granddaughter of Shirley Read, is graduating from Lincoln Law School. WELL DONE!

## **Bruceville Point Outreach Ministry**

- - Last week twelve people in total attended the two groups Pastor Mary offers on the second Wednesday of the month at Bruceville Point Senior Living in Elk Grove. She also provided them with written materials for their weekly Bible Study which will focus on Luke's Gospel. Folks gather every Sunday in the Theater at Bruceville to watch our online Worship.

**Sunday Worship Attendance!**

May 15: 57 In person

May 15: 15 Online (Bruceville Point Theater)

**GREETERS**  **SCHEDULE**

May 22

Kim & Dottie Farhat  
Eva Roach

May 29

Candy & Rick  
Toynbee





ZOOM Bible Study  
PAUL'S JOURNEYS  
& LETTERS began  
yesterday. You are  
invited to attend  
when you can, no

long-term commitment required. Feel free to  
log on at 3:30pm for a time of fellowship  
before class begins at 4. Here is the link.  
Time: May 15, 2022 03:30 PM Pacific Time  
(US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81825968886>



Tuesday, May 17, 8am-10am: Online  
Worship recording with Pastor Mary and  
Dennis Yoder.



Tuesday, May 17, 10:00am: Finance  
Committee in church office.  
Visitors welcome



Wednesday, May 18,  
8:00-11:30am: Sunshine Food  
Pantry delivers food to Senior  
home apartments..



Wednesday, May 18, 5:30-6:30pm  
John's Gospel Bible Study class in  
person: 5:00pm Sack Supper and  
Fellowship.



Thursday, May 19, 10:00am: –  
Sunshine Food Pantry & resource  
Center Board of Directors meeting at  
the lawyer's office.



Saturday, May 21, 9:00am, Men's  
Breakfast at Denny's. (Betty Yoder  
hastens to announce that it's  
Denny's Restaurant NOT Denny  
and Betty's home!)



**Postponed until June 16. 4:00pm**  
Church Council following Morning  
Worship in Fellowship Hall.

**Welcome to Worship**

Online and 10:00am in  
person. Those Heart-  
warming Methodists!



**Fifth Sunday Potluck -  
May 29.**

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  
dessert. If your name begins with G through M,  
please bring a salad, and if your name starts with  
N through Z, please bring a main course dish. 😊  
This plan will balance the menu

### **Church Family Travels**

Rosie Kumar just returned  
from Fiji – she brought her  
Mom home with her!  
Colleen Hurley will be in  
Corning, New York for the  
next three months. Joe  
and Pam Carmichael just  
returned from a fabulous

trip to Europe with lots of time spent in Scotland.  
Earl Arrants isn't going anywhere (Pastor Mary and  
Faye Gaines won't let him!) but he is being visited by  
his oldest son Bill and wife Patty from Chapel Hill,  
North Carolina this coming week. *If you are traveling  
somewhere or being visited by someone and would like  
to share with us, please email Earl at*  
[earrants@sbcglobal.net](mailto:earrants@sbcglobal.net)



## Purpose of Special Church Conference

### **1) Establish and appoint the members of a Building Committee for the Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center as outlined in the 2016 Book of Discipline, paragraph 2544**

*This would authorize the Building Committee to make plans & proposals for the building, including the spending of money allocated by the Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center 501(c)3 for architectural drawings and other costs associated with a building plan. The final building plan would need approval by ALL FOUR OF THE FOLLOWING before building begins: the Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center 501(c)3, a Special Church Conference of the Galt UMC, the Central Valley District Union, and the District Board of Church Location and Building. Building Committee Members: David Herburger, Chair (Church Member); Mary Maaga (Pastor), Faye Gaines (Church Member and Director of the Sunshine Food Pantry), Sandie Benadum (Church Member and Galt UMC Trustee), Leesa Klotz (Church Member and SPRC Chair), Alan Weinel (Church Member), John Gordon (Cal Dept of Education Administrator with expertise in school facility planning). Additional members may be nominated from the floor.*

*\*Words from David Herburger before vote is taken*

### **2) Approve the by-laws for the establishment of non-profit 501(c)3 IRS status for the Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center**

*This approval is necessary in order for us to receive American Rescue Plan Act monies to use toward building our free-standing food pantry. It also opens the doors for us to solicit and receive other grants that are not available to Church outreach programs. The by-laws are full of required legal language. The highlights are Purpose Statement: The purpose of this corporation 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. Dissolution Limitation: If the Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center should dissolve for any reason, the Galt UMC may receive the remaining assets. Board of Directors Membership: Membership on the Board of Directors for the Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center shall always include the appointed pastor for Galt UMC, as well as at least half the Directors must be members of Galt UMC.*

*\*Words from Faye Gaines before vote is taken*

### **3) Appointment of mid-year replacement on the Galt UMC Board of Trustees**

*The Nomination's Committee is recommending Mercedes Diego to serve the balance of a Class of 2022 appointment. Additional nominations may come from the floor.*

*Motion for nominees to the Board of Trustees must be made in the following way: A motion that the secretary cast a ballot favoring the nominees \_\_\_\_\_ (names) for the Board of Trustees and that the secretary note in the minutes that the nominees were elected by ballot.*



**Galt United Methodist Church**

Mary Maaga, Pastor  
Church telephone - 745-4133  
Morning Worship  
Online at [galtumc.org](http://galtumc.org)  
In person - 10:00am



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