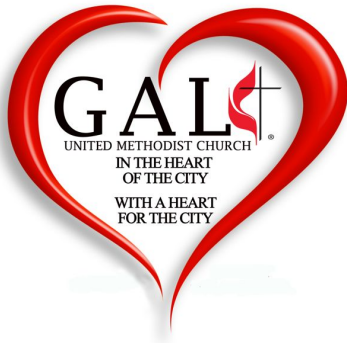


Galt UMC This Week



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.



July 18, 2022

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



One summer when I was a child my family went to visit some relatives in rural Oregon. I had never been in a barn before. My goodness did farm life capture my imagination! I learned how to milk a cow. I got to see kittens being born! I spent time weeding and picking and canning and cooking some of the best food I had ever eaten. There was something about getting up at the crack of dawn, putting in a full morning's work, returning for a home cooked breakfast, then heading out again to do chores. My family told me I drove my uncle crazy, since I thought he couldn't do his work without me. I remember weeping as we left the farm, vowing that I would be a farmer one day. It seemed there was no greater joy than planting, growing, feeding, milking – chickens clucking and rooster's crowing became music to my ears. Though I obviously never became a farmer, I guess that even then I was attracted to work that was a life-style, not a job. In a lot of ways, I think of ministry as being like farming: planting seeds of faith, nurturing growth, putting in long days of labor, feeling satisfied at the end of the day. Like a farmer there is much repetition in what I do, but also like a farmer there is endless variety within that repetition. Today I am grateful that God called me to work in the harvest of the Kingdom of God.



Blessings, Pastor Mary

p.s. Our Galt UMC Board of Trustees are a hard-working group of volunteers. I want to express my personal appreciation to Chairperson Rob Seibel for buying and installing a new kitchen faucet at the parsonage.

GOOD SHEPHERDS/BAD SHEPHERDS, GOOD SHEEP/LOST SHEEP

Our journey has included coming to know King David as a shepherd boy devoted to God and his flock, and how his clarity of purpose gave rise to the Psalms and to a heart that gained God's approval. Then we visited Ezekiel and God's denouncement of bad shepherds and how God would Himself seek the lost, bind the wounded, and strengthen the weak. Last week we celebrated Jesus Christ as The Good Shepherd and reminded ourselves that He knows each one of us by name and that a good life is one in which we know His Voice and follow Him where He leads. Our series culminates in the Shepherd's Valley! July 24 *The Lord is My Shepherd* Scripture: 23rd Psalm ADAM GATES on piano!



NEWS & Notes



Hospice 101 – Sunday, August 21st **following worship**

The end of life is a time that can be holy and full of meaning. Knowing what your options are leading up to that time can make a world of difference. Pastor Mary's friend Dr. Mike Gaddini has volunteered to come to Galt UMC and give a talk on Hospice, what it is and what services it can provide to those who are dying. Dr. Gaddini served the Folsom community for thirty years as a private family practice physician and now devotes his medical skills to hospice and end of life care. He will give a brief presentation and then answer questions. Family, friends, and neighbors are welcome to join us.



Pastor's Vacation

Pastor Mary will take two weeks off starting Monday, July 25 and returning to Galt UMC on Tuesday, August 9. While she is away Pastor Norm Mowery will respond to any pastoral needs (831-238-2656) and Pastor Becky Goodwin will fill the pulpit on both July 31 and August 7.

Galt UMC is blessed to have Pastor Becky preaching and leading worship with us for two Sundays while Pastor Mary is on vacation. Rev. Becky Goodwin retired in 2020 after 26 years of service as a pastor in the United Methodist Church. She is an accomplished preacher and teacher. On July 31st she will share the story of the man who couldn't get into the healing pool in a sermon called "No Strings Attached" – it is an inspiring message and will help you to understand the power of obedience as a positive and life-changing practice. On August 7 she is preaching a sermon called "State of Emergence" with a Biblical message of new life in the wake of human emergencies. She will also be serving Holy Communion. Please plan to give a warm welcome to Pastor Becky Goodwin!



Madeline Powell and Pastor Mary met this past week to see what we can do to build a Sunday School program for Kinsley, Saphyra, Donovan, Shaelin, and hopefully Reed (Mazie's great grandson) to learn about Jesus. We need more teachers before we can begin. One Sunday after Pastor Mary returns from vacation we will invite adults to spend time during the coffee hour playing with the lessons we will be teaching. Sunday School teaching is fun! Hopefully you will get hooked! Thank you for Richard Farhat, Chris Curlee, and Madeline Powell for saying YES. We are looking for a total of 12 teachers so a teacher only has to miss the sermon one Sunday a month – and, of course, with online worship, you won't even need to miss that!

Fifth Sunday Potluck



July 31st right after **Worship**

Main Dish: A - F
Dessert: G-M Salad:
N-Z Thank you Judy
King and Candy
Marhefka-Toynbee for
taking on the leadership of this potluck! The
Chu Family has also volunteered to help.

In ***Loving*** **MEMORY**

It is with sad news that our brother Bud Strootman passed from his earthly home to his heavenly home on Saturday, July 16. We do rejoice that he is at peace and with his glorious Father. Please be with daughter Patty and son John during this time. Celebration of Life will be held at Galt UMC. More information will be forthcoming when it is known.



Tuesday, July 19, 6:30pm:
Building Committee for Sunshine
Food Pantry, Church Office.



Wednesday, July 20, 8:00-11:30am:
Sunshine Food Pantry delivers food
to seniors.



Wednesday, July 20, 10:00am-12noon:
Methodist Circuit for Pastor Mary.



Thursday, July 21, 11:30am-1:30pm:
Chamber of Commerce event for Pastor
Mary.

Sunday, July 24,
10:00am:Worship —
Adam Gates, guest
musician.

Welcome to Worship



[Click Here](#)
34:53



Continuing her sermon series "Good Shepherds/Bad Shepherds, Good Sheep/Lost Sheep" Pastor Mary focusses this week on how the prophet's condemnation of Bad Shepherds set the stage for us to receive The Good Shepherd.

Continuing Weekly



ON ZOOM: **PAUL'S JOURNEYS & LETTERS** July 24. We are studying Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Drop in students are always welcome. You are sure to gain

something from our discussions, and it is a great chance to see Bill and Deb Watters. Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81825968886>

IN PERSON: **JOHN'S GOSPEL** Faith and friends! What a winning combination. No need to have any background in Bible Study to participate. You are sure to feel refreshed, inspired, and more connected with your Church family. Beginning Tuesday, August 9 we will meet weekly in the social hall at 10am.



Jerry Bruns Celebration of Life, 11am, Friday, August 19th at Galt UMC



Bruceville Point Program

Once a month Pastor Mary facilitates two small groups that meet at Bruceville Point in Elk Grove. This past week 13 people attended the first group, which discusses whatever is on their minds with regards to God, Scripture, or the world; and 9 people attended the second group which discusses transitions/loss. Our Galt UMC online worship is on in the Bruceville Point theatre every Sunday. Thank you Bob and MaryAnn Janes for making that possible!



Happy 95th to Wayne Myrick,
July 22. Cards & well wishes to:
3174 Pleasant Grove Rd
Pleasant Grove, CA 95668



Last Thursday at our Sunshine Food Pantry distribution day we had lots of help from 10 Galt High School students and their leaders. The students were from the football team and were here for community participation. The students and their leaders were great help to us and our clients as they assisted in distributing the food. Thank you to the team and their leaders. Please come back again.



Would you like to be a Sunday morning GREETER? We need a person at each door to give a warm welcome to our members and visitors. Job description: friendly, kind, warm people to arrive at the Church by 9:30am ready to show the Lord's love to those gathering for Worship. Interested? Please contact Sharon Drake, Greeter Coordinator, at 530-906-8570.

Would you like to be a Sunday morning COFFEE HOUR SERVER? We need people willing to bake or buy cookies and put on the coffee for our coffee hour each Sunday. Training on the coffee maker will be provided. You will also need to clean up after. Job description: sweet, generous, loving people to arrive at the Church by 9:30 ready to set up for our fellowship time after Worship. Interested? Please contact Anne Albrecht, Coffee Hour Coordinator, at 209-200-2859.

Hospitality Host



July 24
Tom & Linda Hulse
July 31
Fifth Sunday Potluck

GREETERS SCHEDULE

July 24
Mark King
Judy King

July 31
Eva Roach
Sharon Drake

Sunday Worship Attendance!

July 10
42 - on line (including DVDs) 53 In person
14 - Bruceville Point



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Our District Prayer focus this week:

July 24: Pray for St. Paul's UMC Stockton
July 31: Pray for the ministries of the Central District.



From the Editor's Desk

*This 'N That
From Here and There*

-- By Earl Arrants

I recently came upon the following article in the latest edition of *The Week* magazine. It pertains directly about how we receive much of the food we distribute to the public through our Sunshine Food Pantry.

Let me digress slightly. Up to six days a week, our Sunshine Volunteers pick up excess food from Raley's and Save Mart Supermarkets. Raley's and Save Mart participate in the Feeding America program that helps support the Sacramento Food Bank. Here is the article titled [Feeding America](#).

"In the United States, more than 38 million people, including 12 million children, struggle with food insecurity. The pandemic has increased the need for aid, with more than 53 million people turning to food banks and community programs last year. For over four decades, Feeding America (feedingamerica.org) has provided free food to its network of food banks and pantries across the country. The charity accepts food and grocery donations from businesses and government agencies, as well as unused food from grocery stores, restaurants, and farmers that would otherwise go to waste. It then distributes the food to about 200 food banks and 60,000 food pantries. The largest hunger-relief organization in the country, Feeding America has served 6.6 billion meals, reaching 1 in 7 Americans."

This past year we also received a large grant from Sacramento Food Bank that allowed us to purchase the eight rolling carts we use to display food on. This grant also allowed us to purchase a number of small hand carts. In addition we received a \$3,000 grant from the LDS Church to purchase food from their Bishop's Storehouse. We were also able to purchase meat products from the same source.

Many of our funds also come from several of our participating Galt area churches. Let's not forget the individuals who send us checks regularly. We are truly blessed with the support our Sunshine is given!



Kahlil Gibran on Stewardship

Then said a rich man. Speak to us
of Giving.

And he answered:

You give but little when you give of
your possessions.

It is when you give of yourself that
you truly give.

There are those who have little and
give it all.

These are the believers lids, and the
bounty of life, and their coffer is
never empty.

There are this who give with joy, and
that joy is their reward.

Through the hands of such as these
God speaks, and from behind their
eyes He smiles upon the earth."

—Kahlil Gibran

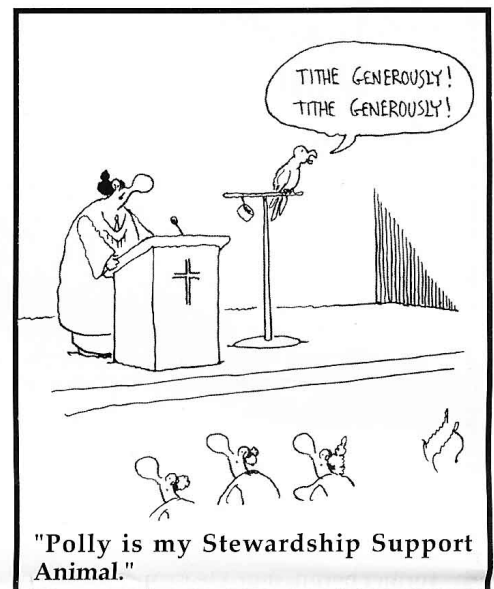
God's Kids Say & Do the Funniest Things

The Young couple invited their elderly pastor for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the minister asked their son what they were having.

"Goat," the little boy replied.

"Goat?" replied the startled man of the cloth.
"Are you sure about that?"

"Yep," said the youngster, "I heard Dad say to Mom, 'Today is just as good as any to have the old goat for dinner.'"



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The Roving Camera Eye

Activities from around Galt UMC



The Sunshine Food Pantry hosted its Volunteer Appreciation Lunch recently.



Volunteers and their guests were treated to a lunch of chicken, potato salad, macaroni salad, garden salad, baked beans, watermelon, ice cream, ice tea/punch. Sixty-five people were in attendance.

Time for lots of visiting.



Then - - it's "Chow Down" Time!!!





We had a few door prizes



Desi took the SWEEPsteaks award



Ed will continue to put things together with his new "Tool kit".



Katie took the golden egg and egg crate award



Hazel and Brenda got the bag award



Thank you Faye for your many years of leadership service

The Sunshine Food Pantry has been doing its work of compassion in our community for over 12 years. Here is what the past Pastors of the Galt United Methodist Church wanted to share on the occasion of this year's Volunteer Appreciation luncheon:



Pastor Helen Mansfield: "When the school district's social worker Annette Lazarotto, invited the churches of Galt to a meeting about the food insecurity she was seeing among students, she offered up a closed elementary school as the physical place to run a food bank. I remember thinking, "Can we do that?" Between Annette's idea and the willingness of Faye Gaines to take the lead, we did it! I was especially moved by the financial commitment Galt UMC, one of the smallest of all the groups involved, made to the Sunshine Food Pantry. I believe it was Margaret Meade who once said, "Never underestimate the power of a committed group of people to change the world. It is the only thing that ever has." To everyone who volunteers with the pantry, thank you."



Pastor Judy Robbins: "God bless you hard working volunteers of the Sunshine Food Pantry. You are truly the hands and feet of Christ, serving your neighbors and showing God's love. May the Lord keep you going strong for years to come."



Pastor Joe Carmichael: "Someone told me years ago, "You want to do God's work? Then discover where God is... and partner with Him there." The Sunshine Food Pantry has partnered with God in being the angel hands, feet, faces, and heart of heaven."



Pastor Norm Mowery: "Benjamin Franklin said, "The noblest question in the world is: what good can I do in it?" the Sunshine Food Pantry volunteers are doing a good thing for our world. You exemplify "service above self." The precious people who come to receive nourishment also receive love from you volunteers. God bless you all!"



Galt United Methodist Church

Mary Maaga, Pastor
Church telephone - 209-745-4133
Morning Worship
Online at galtumc.org
In person - 10:00am



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