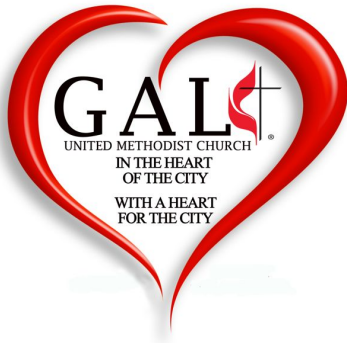


Galt UMC This Week



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.



August 15, 2022

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



On vacation I was blessed to spend time one on one with my son John and daughter Zola, as well as time with all three of us, as well as some fun one on one time with Freya the Wonder Dog. The highlight of my vacation was taking an overnight trip with Zola to Monterey. We saw lots of natural beauty, and after a day of walking along the water, we decided to go out to dinner. We were staying at a quaint old hotel away from the tourist area and decided on a restaurant that the locals enjoy. We walked into this busy restaurant, and I spied an empty booth in the corner – perfect for how loud Zola and I can get with our laughter. Plus, we were planning to stay a while: appetizers, entrees, dessert – and I wanted us to be comfortable. However, I noticed that all the other booths had 3 or 4 people in them and that all the other pairs/couples were at tables. I asked the host, “Any chance of us getting that booth? We’re on vacation and I promise the server will get a great tip.” The host called the server over and said, “They promise a great tip, mind if I seat them in the booth?” Thus began an absolutely wonderful long dinner experience. Our waiter went out of his way to get us everything we wanted, spending time at our table visiting with us, even setting aside slices of cake in advance so they didn’t sell out before we were ready for dessert. There is something about the promise of something good that brings out the best in us. I have been thinking about that experience as I have been preparing my sermon series on FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT. Part of what excites me about being a follower of Jesus Christ is that I have been promised something so wonderful – freedom from sin and everlasting life! – and it does bring out the best in me. Not that I don’t stumble and fail, but a fresh start is always just a prayer away. So, let’s lean into the promises of God and enjoy the fruits of His Holy Spirit together: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Blessings, Pastor Mary

p.s. Inquiring minds want to know what I think is a great tip – 35%!

NEWS & Notes

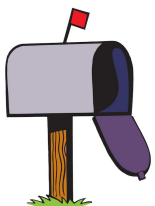


Those Harder to Reach Fruits! Love, joy, and peace get a lot of focus among the nine Fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23 because of their association with Christmas. But what about patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control? We started with PATIENCE, and will focus this coming week on SELF-CONTROL. August 21: "Building One Another Up in Love aka You Can, But Don't!" Scripture: Selections from 1 Corinthians, including chapter 13.



Bruceville Point Ministry

Pastor Mary spends several hours once a month for in person ministry at Bruceville Point in Elk Grove, where our members Bob and MaryAnn Janes live. On average we have 13-18 people who attend our online worship in their theatre every Sunday, and a dozen or so people attend one or both of Pastor Mary's classes. Several of the participants make offerings to our general fund. We received a thank you note from the Bruceville Point Executive Director this past week: *To everyone at Galt United Methodist Church, I wanted to take a minute to say thank you so much for allowing us to have Pastor Mary visit with our residents each month. Her Grief Support & Discussion Groups have been so helpful to the residents. They look forward to having her in the community and she has helped so many. Thank you again for fostering this connection. We sincerely appreciate it.*



You can now send checks directly to the Sunshine Food Pantry address:

Sunshine Food Pantry and Resource Center
P.O. Box 1265
Galt, CA 95632



Announcing...

Book Club for Women



"Separated by the Border: A Birth Mother, A Foster Mother, and a Migrant Child's 3000-mile Journey" is our book for fall. It is a very powerful story full of faith. The foster mother writes: *Ultimately my hope in telling this story is for you to see the deep love of Christ through the love of this beautiful migrant mother. I hope it will conjure up the question "How can we as Christians love our neighbors well, especially in such a divided America."* We will definitely meet over ZOOM, day and time not yet set. However, if you would like to have a group that meets in person, Pastor Mary is happy to lead both. The book is 10 chapters long and we will meet for that many weeks. Let Pastor Mary know if you are interested.

Hospice 101 – next Sunday



As the end of life approaches for ourselves or a loved one, it is good to have information about programs that can provide support. Hospice is one such resource. Pastor Mary's longtime friend Dr. Mike Gaddini will give an informational talk right after Worship next Sunday, August 21st. Grab your coffee and a cookie and plan to stay to get your questions answered.



Staff Parish Relations Committee

If you have a concern about something that is going on in the life of our Galt UMC Church family and would like to share with the committee members of the SPRC, you are welcome to attend a meeting or speak with the SPRC Chair Leesa Klotz. Public comments are always welcome at the beginning of every SPRC meeting, though personnel matters are only discussed in a closed, confidential meeting after public comment is over. If you would like to reach Leesa Klotz, the best way to do so is to email her paukiel@comcast.net and then she will get back to you when she is able. Members of SPRC through the end of 2022 include: Marina Bruns, Beverly Sigafos, Rosie Kumar, Mariah Diego, Earl Arrants, Colleen Hurley, Leesa Klotz, Ricky Toynbee, Jean Nelson.



Mark explained to his parents, "Jesus used to fly on an airplane, and Pontius was the pilot!"

Hospitality Host



August 21

Anne Mitchell
Barbara Anderson

August 28

Kumar family

GREETERS SCHEDULE

August 21

Candy & Ricky
Toynbee

August 28

John & Cindy
Borgerding



Our District Prayer focus this week:

August 21: Pray for ministry at UOP

August 28: Pray for our Superintendent,
the Rev. David Niu.

Stories Pastors Can Tell

An old country preacher had a teenage son and it was getting time the boy should give some thought to choosing a profession.

Like many young men his age, the boy didn't really know what he wanted to do, and he didn't seem too concerned about it.

One day, while the boy was away at school, his father decided to try an experiment. He went into the boy's room and placed on his study table four objects:

1. A Bible
2. A silver dollar
3. A bottle of whiskey
4. A *Playboy* magazine

"I'll just hide behind the door," the old preacher said to himself. "When he comes home from school today, I'll see which object he picks up."

"If it's the Bible, he's going to be a preacher, like me, and what a blessing that would be."

"If he picks up the dollar, he's going to be a business man, and that would be okay, too."

"But if he picks up the bottle, he's going to be a no-good drunken bum, and Lord, what a shame that would be."

"And worst of all, if he picks up the magazine, he's going to be a skirt-chasing womanizer."

The old man waited anxiously, and soon heard his son's footsteps as he entered the house whistling and heading for his room.

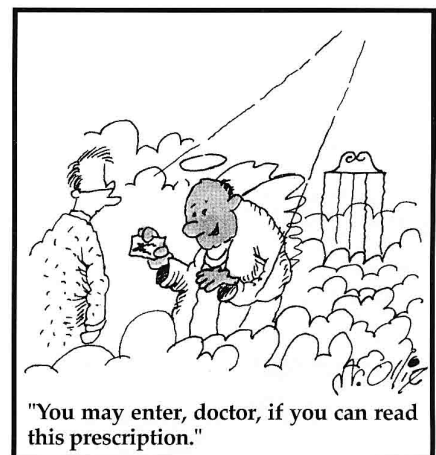
The boy tossed his books on the bed, and as he turned to leave the room he spotted the objects on the table.

Curious, he walked over to inspect them.

Finally, he picked up the Bible and placed it under his arm. He picked up the silver dollar and dropped it into his pocket.

He uncorked the bottle and took a big drink, while he admired the magazine's centerfold.

"Lord have mercy," the old preacher whispered to himself. "He's gonna run for Congress!"



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Meeting, Monday, August 15,
5:00pm on ZOOM.



Meeting, Tuesday, August 16,
9:00am in church office.



Meeting, Tuesday, August 16,
6:30pm, in church office.



Wednesday, August 17,
10:00am-1:30pm Pastor Mary at
Circuit Gathering in Lodi



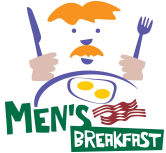
Thursday, August 18, 11:30am
Pastor Mary at Chamber Lunch



Meeting, Thursday, August 18, 4:00pm
on ZOOM. ALL CHURCH MEMBERS
WELCOME. Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88002657436>



Jerry Bruns: Friday, August 19,
11am, in Galt UMC sanctuary.



Saturday, August 20, 9:00am at
Velvet Grill.



United Women in Faith

Saturday, August 20, 10:00am in
Galt UMC Fellowship Hall.

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, August 21, 10:00am,
Worship. Fruit of the Spirit.



Sunday, August 21, after
worship: Hospice 101

Continuing Weekly



Wednesdays, 8:00-11:30am:
Sunshine Food Pantry
delivers food to senior
apartments.



Spending time together
discussing Scripture is a
great way to grow your
faith AND to come to know
members of your Church
family more deeply. At our Church there are
two classes: Tuesdays at 10am in person
(John's Gospel) and Sundays at 4pm on
ZOOM (Paul's Journeys and Letters). You are
welcome to come as often as you want. Even
if you stop in only on occasion you are sure to
get just what you need for the week ahead!

John's Gospel, in person every Tuesday at
10am in the Galt UMC Social Hall.

Paul's Journeys and Letters: Making Our
Way to Rome, on ZOOM every Sunday at
4pm.

Here is the link for the ZOOM Bible Study on
Sunday evenings starting August 14 and
running thru November 6. It is a different
link from the one we have been using.

Topic: Paul's Journey and Letters -- Making
Our Way to Rome Time: Aug 14, 03:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83875074846>



[Click Here](#)
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Rev Becky Goodwin is back to encourage us
to think of "emergency" as an opportunity for
"emergence as God makes new life spring
around us.



Galt United Methodist Church

Mary Maaga, Pastor
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Morning Worship
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In person - 10:00am



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