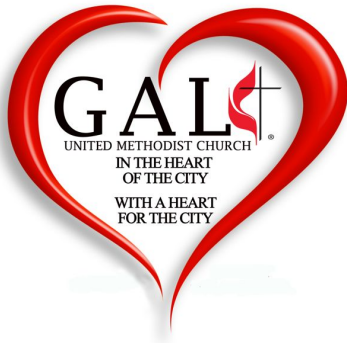


Galt UMC This Week



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 21, 2022

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



I am not one of those pastors who think you have to be a member of a Church in order to be a Christian. I have met plenty of Christians who worship, pray, study Scripture, and take part in ministries of mercy and justice without going to Church. The one thing I think non-Church Christians miss out on is how we love one another as a Church family! I have gotten to see that love in dozens of ways these past two weeks as we had two Celebrations of Life in back-to-back weeks. Bud Strootman and Jerry Bruns were remembered as the wonderful Christian men they were, and the receptions after were lovely. I feel aglow with pride over our Church. We come through when it matters. Family and friends who attended these services for Bud and Jerry had a chance to see Church at its best. I hope some will come and worship with us on a Sunday morning. But even if they don't, we showed them how good Church can be. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped with the receptions and created such an atmosphere of loving kindness. I won't list names for fear of leaving someone out – it honestly felt like everyone in our Church did something! I hope that in the weeks ahead, as the days cool and shorten (please God!), and as we make our way toward the holidays, that you will consider sharing your love of our Church with a friend or neighbor and invite them to come worship with you. I am always happy to come around for a cup of coffee or tea and meet your people, as a way of introducing them to our Church. There are also "About Being United Methodist" booklets on the table in the social hall, as well as back issues of the newsletter which you are welcome to take to share. I want to make growing our Church a priority this fall. Loving and being loved as Christ's family is a joy.

Blessings, Pastor Mary

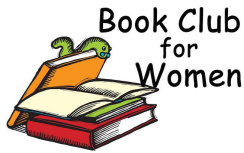


Our Worship series on The Fruit of the Spirit continues as we move from Patience and Self-Control to Gentleness. Have you ever wondered what Jesus had in mind when He said, "The meek shall inherit the earth" – does that mean we are called to be door mats??? Come find out and also enjoy Saira Kanwal Kumar sing "I Hope You Dance" in honor of Azad's first birthday!

Sermon "The Lord is Near" Scripture: Philippians 4:4-9



NEWS & Notes



"Separated by the Border: A Birth Mother, A Foster Mother, and a Migrant Child's 3000-mile Journey" by Gena Thomas, is our book for fall. It is a very powerful story full of faith. So far six people have signed up for the ZOOM class, which will be on Wednesdays at 5pm starting September 14 and ending November 9. Seven people have expressed interest in an in-person class as well, date and time to be announced. Please let Pastor Mary know right away if you are interested in meeting in person or on ZOOM to read this inspiring and heart-breaking book that tells the story of a Christian family offering foster care to an immigrant child separated from her mother.



If you have a joy or concern about something that is going on in the life of our Galt UMC Church family and would like to share it with the committee responsible for

our staff, please reach out to the SPRC Chair Leesa Klotz at paukiel@comcast.net or have a word with any of our SPRC committee members: Marina Bruns, Beverly Sigafos, Rosie Kumar, Mariah Diego, Earl Arrants, Colleen Hurley, Leesa Klotz, Ricky Toynbee. Their numbers are in the directory. (And if you need an up to date directory, let Earl Arrants know at earrants@sbcglobal.net or phone him at 209-745-2753.) Our staff includes Pastor Mary, our only full-time employee, as well as part-time staff online worship tech Dennis Yoder, online worship visuals Sabrina Curlee, office administrative assistant Mercedes Diego, and custodian Kathy Tom. Isn't it amazing to think how our Church is run mostly by volunteer power?!?!



Pastor Mary received this card from Bud Strootman's family: *We can't begin to thank you for your care of our Dad and Grand-dad. Thank you for your Christian love for him, for ministering to his spiritual needs, for all your phone calls, cards, visits. Thank you for your hospital and care home visits. You were a blessing to him and to us!*

State of Emergence

Pastor Becky Goodwin reminded us during her sermon on August 7 that there are five things that Churches who want to grow spiritually and numerically can practice that will give rise to Christian "emergence":

- 1) Stop debating beliefs as if you can convince anyone that they are wrong, and you are right. The way of Jesus is about practicing love, not believing a certain way.
- 2) Listen to fresh ideas and try them out in worship, study, and community. Keep on trying new ways to love.
- 3) Link beliefs to action. Galt UMC (in Pastor Becky's view) does a great job of this with our plans around affordable housing for seniors and veterans and our expanded food pantry ministry.
- 4) Practice Christian spirituality: prayer, studies, holy listening, walking, art, music. Spiritual practice is the fuel we need for loving action in the world.
- 5) Listen to the voices of activists, thinkers, poets, artists, musicians – God is at work in the world every bit as much as in our Churches.

A dog is loved by old and young: he wags his tail and not his tongue. —Author unknown



Wednesday, August 24, 2:30 – 4:30pm,
Pastor Mary at Conference Board of
Trustees



Wednesday, August 24, 8am – 11:30am
Sunshine Food Pantry boxes for seniors

Thursday, August 25, 7:30am – 10am
Sunshine Food Pantry Distribution

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, August 28, 10:00am,
Worship. Fruit of the Spirit.



Sunday, August 28, 11am AZAD'S First
Birthday Celebration during Coffee Hour.



Our beloved member Monte Nelson
passed from earth to Heaven on August
19. A Celebration of Life will be held at
Galt UMC. Date and time to be
announced.

“Count your nights by stars, not shadows;
count your life with smiles, not tears.

Outside sign at Church of God, North St. Paul, MN:
“Watch your tongue — It’s wet and slips easily.”



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Pastor Mary starts her series on Fruit of
the Spirit with a sermon on PATIENCE.
Betty Metzger plays the piano.

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. .

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

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Don't let your worries get the best of
you. Remember, Moses started out as
a basket case.



The Work of the Church – How Our Church Works

By Pastor Mary

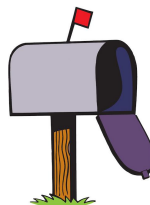
Every week I will share with you some information about the structure of Galt UMC – who serves on what committees and who makes what decisions. There is method to my madness! Within the next month the Nominations and Leadership Development Committee will meet to make recommendations for who we would like to have serve on what committees in 2023. If you have any questions about anything I write, please feel free to make an appointment to talk with me about it. I love talking Church “polity” as our organizational structure is called. Plus, you may read about a committee that you would like to serve on. So, let’s start with a little bit of over all info. Most committees are made up of a maximum of 9 members but can have as few as 4. If you say YES to an appointment, then your term is 3 years long. The terms are staggered so that you have new people and seasoned people doing the work of the Church together. I love that since new perspective combined with experience often gives the best results. The Pastor chairs the Nominations and Leadership Development Committee. Members: Leesa Klotz, Mercedes Diego (Class of 2022, which means they rotate off at the end of the year); Madeline Powell, Faye Gaines (Class of 2023), Mattie Shepherd, Earl Arrants (Class of 2024) We can have as many as nine people on the committee and Leesa and Mercedes will need to be replaced. This committee does most of its work in the fall, meeting to make suggestions for who should serve, then making phone calls to see if folks would like to. More next week!

Love you, Pastor Mary



Our District Prayer focus this week:

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



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

Hospitality Host



August 28
Kumar family

September 4
Mona Stratton
Jackie Parker

GREETERS SCHEDULE

August 28
John & Cindy
Borgerding

September 4
Mona Stratton
Judy King



Don't forget to put your **loose coins**
in the offering jar each Sunday.
These coins go toward our Sunday
School program. This month, so
far, we have deposited \$135.

Contact us:

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Galt United Methodist Church
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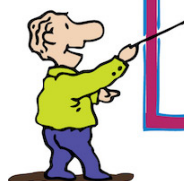
Telephone 209-745-4133

e-mail at: galtumc@gmail.com

In-person worship: 10am Sunday

On-line worship at galtumc.org

Contribute online: galtumc.org





From the Editor's Desk

*This 'N That
From Here and There*
- - By Earl Arrants

God is a God of laughter



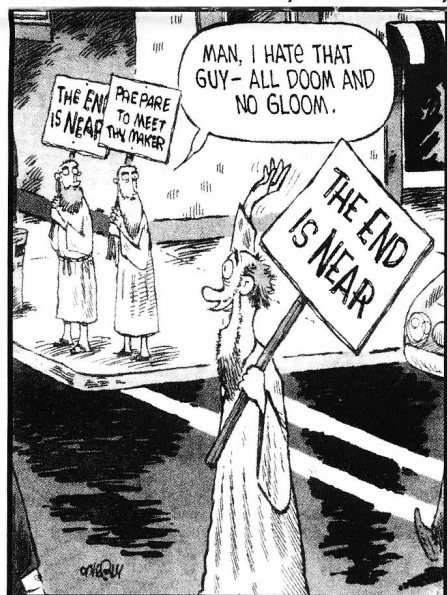
Methodist Pastor Karl R. Kraft of Dover, DE, found this passage in Catherine Marshall's book, *A Man Called Peter*, a biography of her husband, the great Presbyterian preacher Peter Marshall, Chaplain of the U.S. Senate, from one of his sermons:

*"God is a God of laughter, as well as prayer,
a God of singing, as well as of tears.
God is at home in the play of His children.
He loves to hear us laugh.
We do not honor God by our long faces,
our austerity.
We must try to make the distinction
between worship and work and play less sharp.
If you can't take God into your recreation,
there is something wrong with the way you play.
I God, for you, does not smile
there is something wrong with your idea of God.*

Catherine Marshall added this comment: "Jesus Himself demonstrated to us, at times like the wedding feast in Cana, that Christianity can be fun, that fun can be Christian, and that it is the King's joy to share our good times.

SPEED BUMP

by Dave Coverly



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Tombstone epitaphs found in old cemeteries:

In a Uniontown, PA, cemetery:

*"Here lies the body of Johnathan Blake,
Stepped on the gas instead of the brake."*

John Penny's epitaph in a Winborne, England cemetery:

*"Reader, if cash thou are in want of any,
Dig 6 feet deep and thou will find a Penny."*

Anna Hopewell's epitaph in an Enosburg Falls, VT, cemetery:

*"Here lies the body of our Anna,
Done to death by a banana,
It wasn't the fruit that laid her low,
But the skin of the thing that made her go."*

In a Thurmond, MD, cemetery:

*"Here lies an atheist, all dressed up
and nowhere to go."*

God's Kids Say & Do the Funniest Things

On the past Reformation Sunday, grandma was sitting in the pew with her 8-year-old grandson, Luke. After the children's sermon about the Reformation, grandma pointed out to Luke in the hymnal the song we were going to sing, "A Mighty Fortress is our God." At the bottom of the page Luke read: "Text by Martin Luther."

"Luke innocently exclaimed, "You mean I can text Martin Luther!" He was ready to do so with his cell phone in hand."

As they entered the church for the service, a mother asked her small children: "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

Her little daughter replied, "Because old people are sleeping."

For their 15th wedding anniversary, a wife, thinking that the couple needed a new car, hinted to her husband that she'd like to see an anniversary gift that goes from 0 to 200 in seven seconds.

On the morning of their wedding anniversary, the wife found a gift-wrapped box in the bathroom. She opened it and found a brand new bathroom scale.

Her husband had been missing since then.