

# 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 8, 2022

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



A few years back a friend gave me a plant and suggested that I place it near my front door. I am not much of a gardener, so you can imagine how thrilled I was when this rather plain jane looking plant suddenly burst open one day and there it was in all its glorious flowery periwinkle blue glory! I called my friend and thanked her profusely. She answered, "I just bought the plant, God created the conditions for it to blossom." God created the conditions for it to blossom. What a powerful statement! I believe that is what God is doing for Galt UMC: creating the conditions for us to blossom.

Before I went on vacation, I attended a Chamber of Commerce luncheon where we were asked to share why we think our "business" is successful. When it was my turn I said, "Because Galt UMC knows our brand – and that brand is making a difference in our community. Also, we think big." As I described our vision for affordable housing and a freestanding food pantry (which most of the Chamber already knows about since I am such a squeaky wheel), they broke into applause. Witnessing blossoming is uplifting! Galt UMC is contributing toward renewed excitement and hope in our community. God is creating the conditions for us to blossom!

Blessings, Pastor Mary

p.s. I will be back in the office this coming Tuesday. I hope many of you will join me for an hour of Bible Study at 10am.



## **August 14: Those Harder to Reach Fruits**

Love, joy, and peace get a lot of focus among the nine Fruits 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 will learn more about these harder to reach fruits over the next four weeks.



# NEWS & Notes

## Mark Your Calendars

Guess who's turning 1?? On August 28<sup>th</sup> the Kumar family will be hosting coffee hour so we can celebrate together the birthday of Azad. Daddy Koshmic will be reading Scripture that Sunday and Mommy Saira will be singing during Worship!



Many thanks to Rosie Kumar and Faye Gaines for being worship leaders when Pastor Becky Goodwin was in the pulpit.



In a church bulletin blooper:  
"The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment, and gracious hostility."

Pastor Wes Gately of the Kenton (DE) United Methodist Church was delivering the children's message, based on Jesus' miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 when he commented, "So all they had were five loaves of bread and two fish. What do you suppose you would do with that?"

One little boy answered: "Make sandwiches!"

More on that subject - - -

## Hospitality Host



### August 14

Mercedes & Mariah  
Diego

### August 21

Anne Mitchell  
Barbara Anderson

## GREETERS SCHEDULE

### August 14

Dottie & Kim Farhat  
Sharon Drake

### August 21

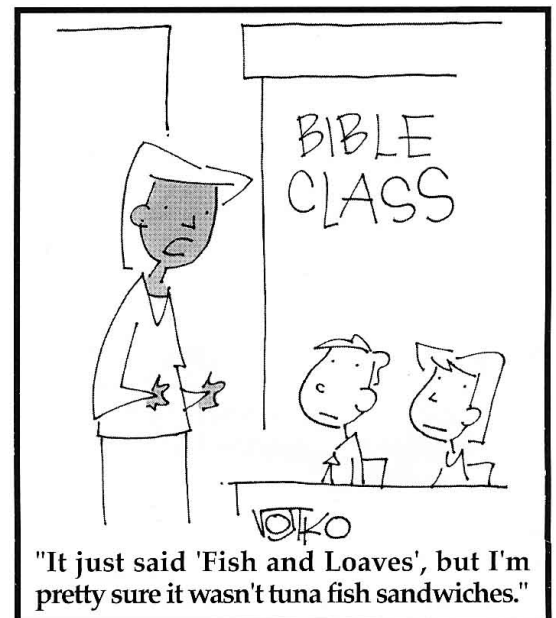
Candy & Ricky  
Toynbee



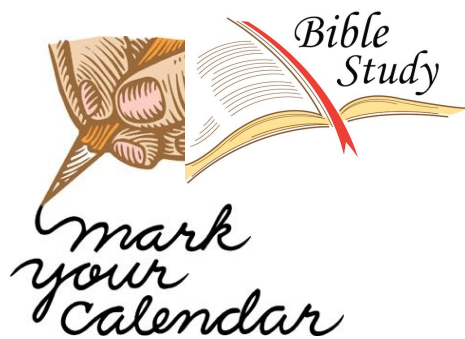
## Our District Prayer focus this week:

August 14: Pray for St. Mark's UMC, Stockton

August 21: Pray for ministry at UOP



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## Continuing Weekly

Two ways to learn more about who God is and what God desires from us!

Bible Study with Pastor Mary is a great way to get questions answered, share your views on important religious matters, and make friends. You don't need to come every week, just when you can. You're sure to gain something whenever you attend.



Finance Team

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



Community Outreach

Bruceville Point Ministry, August 10, with Pastor Mary, 11:30am to 3:15pm.



Sunshine Food Pantry

**Wednesday**, August 10, 8:00am to 10:00am: Set up for next day distribution.

**Thursday**, August 11, 7:30 to 10:00: Food Distribution to public.

**John's Gospel**, in person every Tuesday at 10am in the Galt UMC Social Hall. Starts tomorrow morning, August 9.

**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, 2022 03:30 PM  
Join Zoom Meeting

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



Special Event

Thursday, August 11, noon: Pastor Mary attends Conference Board of Trustees (ZOOM)

## Welcome to Worship

Sunday, August 14, 10:00am,  
Worship: Pastor Mary back in the pulpit.



Celebrations of Life

Bud Strootman Saturday, August 13, 1pm, in Galt UMC sanctuary.

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



### Sunshine Food Pantry

W e d n e s d a y s ,  
8:00-11:30am: Sunshine Food Pantry delivers food to senior apartments.



Did you miss last Sunday's Online Worship?

[Click Here](#)  
29:45



WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE

While Pastor Mary is away on vacation, we are blessed to have Rev Becky Goodwin preaching on the story of the man who couldn't get into the healing pool. In her sermon, Pastor Becky shares her insights about the miracles that happen when we obey God by our own free will.

## Quiz

Who said: "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country?"

**Answer:** Kahlil Gibran, the Lebanese-American poet who authored the best-selling book, *The Prophet*. Gibran said that to a group of young Lebanese-American immigrants in the 1920's. Decades later, President John F. Kennedy used that quote in a campaign speech, and credited Gibran.





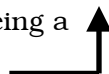
## United Women in Faith

To: All women of  
Galt UMC  
From: Madeline  
Powell  
Re: UWif  
gathering on  
August 20, 2022

On Saturday, August 20, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., all women of Galt UMC are encouraged to attend a meeting in the fellowship hall. We will be voting for maintaining or halting our UWif (previously UMW) connection. Because today's American woman is perhaps busier than she ever was, the old format of the UMW for many of us does not apply well to our lifestyles. Illness and injuries for some of us do disrupt routinely scheduled meetings.

If we do plan to continue with UWif involvement, we must elect a new president and secretary for the coming UWif year which begins on September 1, 2022. If any of you would like lead this group as president or take minutes as a secretary please let us know. I will be resigning on August 31, 2022 the official end of the UWif year as co-president and Sabrina Curlee, who has also been a co-president, would like to continue in that office, but she has stated that she needs a president to help guide her. Sabrina will be emailing all of you a list of causes, charities, concerns, etc. from which we can pick three that you think need to be sponsored by us as a group, and please remember to write your own cause if something is not on the suggested list. We will tally and democratically narrow down three from the choices handed in.

If no one steps forward to fill these officer positions, another option was presented at the July 16th meeting. We could keep a Christian women's ministry here at Galt UMC connected by meeting only six times per year during alternate months on a Saturday morning. Please come and help us plan these ideas in a forum setting and consider being a "hostess" for one Saturday of the year.



We would like input from every woman of the church to vote fairly for the future of Galt UMC Christian women's fellowship. Will we simply let our united women's fellowship dissolve? Some of our new women members hardly know other women in the church. To offer our time and talents, even if this effort is partly accomplished from our homes instead of in meetings, is answering Jesus' requirement "to love and serve one another" and show devotion to Him. I believe we need to stay connected to support and love each other as Christian sisters, but some kind of change is definitely needed.

This August 20th meeting at church will take an hour and a half and will be very important, decisive meeting. Other issues will be settled also in this meeting before the end of the UWif year on August 31, 2022.

In closing, I am currently writing the yearly report for UWif from minutes of our meetings since last November 2021. Please remember:

1. Your prepared Joy Boxes marked "For a Man"
  2. Three choices about important social causes and
  3. Bring a drink and snack for yourselves.
- \*\*A list of causes will be sent a.s.a.p. by email.

I wish you well and God bless you all.

Madeline Powell, Co-president of UWif

P.S. If you are familiar with our Joy Box traditions, please remember to bring 7 items for a man's Joy Box placed in a decorated box or gift bag, and if you aren't aware of what to do, don't worry about it. come anyway!

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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



**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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