



# This Week at Galt UMC

December 12, 2018



This Sunday, we will have the joy of welcoming the Elk Grove, Dell Webb Community Choir to our worship celebration. Under the direction of Dan Malloy, more than 20 voices will be presenting the music of Christmas. Half of our time together will focus on music.

You won't want to miss this.



Also on Sunday, our Christmas Dilemma message series continues. I'll share a brief message about the Dilemma of Belief. Maybe it's just me, but I've always thought that the innkeeper in the Christmas story has been pictured as a gruff mean fellow who barks out, "No room here! Sleep in the stable!!!!"

But think about it, at least the innkeeper played a part of the plan. Somebody had space on the property and Mary and Joseph and Jesus were provided space to start the greatest rescue mission ever instituted. For the innkeeper perhaps it was the beginning of a crisis of belief. The fact that the inn was full and the stable was about to be the maternity ward was all part of the plan. God decided to let the manger be the sign for the soon to be shepherds that would come and adore Him. And while this, too, may have been an eye-opening experience for the innkeeper to observe, it's doubtful he knew what the motive was behind the birth of the baby in the barn.

Perhaps Christmas is a crisis of belief for us as well. We sing, "Let every heart prepare Him room." That was the action of the innkeeper. May it be the action and decision of our lives as well. There is always more going on than we fully realize. God always does just the right thing in just the right way at just the right time for His glory and for our good.

I'm excited to see you Sunday and what our time together has in store.

- - Joe



## Advent Group Study, continues, tonight, 6:00 PM Heritage Park Clubhouse.

In *The Gift of the Nutcracker* we'll take a look at this Christmas classic in a new way—through the lens of faith. In this three-week Advent study, the iconic tale to help us understand God's greatest gift of the Christ child and of the kingdom Christ came to build.



Potluck and Game Night this Saturday, December 15, 5:00pm. We will be having a potluck and BINGO. Be sure to bring a covered dish and some luck.



Opens its doors tomorrow morning from 8:00 to 10:00. Additional volunteers to help are always welcome.



Pastors Norm and Joe are at it again. They invite you to join them for a chicken and waffles breakfast on Saturday, December 15, 9:00am. This breakfast will be held at the church.

### ***Special Church Conference on Sunday***

This Sunday immediately following worship we will have a special Church Conference with one agenda item. The motion comes to us from our Staff Parish Relations Team, the Church Council, our pastors and has been approved by Bishop Carcano. The proposal is that starting January 1 Pastor Norm and Pastor Joe will each be considered one quarter time, both will receive the same pay (no increase in budget—the amount they would each receive separately divided in half), each will preach about 50% of the time, Norm will be responsible for administration and Joe program. They will share pastoral care and general responsibilities. Norm will be appointed as Pastor and Joe Co-pastor.

A Church Conference is open to all persons. Members of the church are voting members of a Church Conference.

### ***Coming in Worship!***

**December 23, Christmas Sunday:** Glorious Carol Singing and the message will be 'The Dilemma of Joy'.

**December 24, Christmas Eve:** Candlelight worship with Carols at 5:00 pm.

**December 30, New Year's Sunday,** Guest Preacher, Kevin Brown from Horizon Church