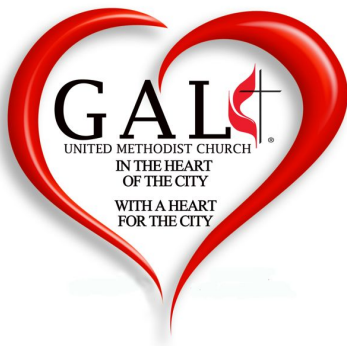


Galt UMC This Week



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.



February 13, 2023

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

Having just returned from a three day mini-vacation, I am pleased to share with you a guest writer for this week's "Let's Talk." Brian King began attending our Church starting on Blue Christmas, which he attended to honor his brother Bobby. Since coming to Galt UMC, Brian has been extremely helpful and generous in advising us about upgrading our sound system. He is a professional dj who brings music to many Galt community events. Here is what he has written for us:



*Special
Music
that touches
the Heart*

From the January 16 newsletter, you asked for folks to share meaningful songs. In my business, I have thousands that are meaningful to me. Some make me smile, some make me cry, and some really touch my soul. I will share my top 3 with you. The first one I'm sure has universal meaning to lots of people. It is titled "What Might Have Been" and is sung by Little Texas. It ponders the thought of making decisions and asks what might have been if my decision was different. Very profound. Second song is titled "Live Like You Were Dying" by Tim McGraw. It absolutely defines what I personally went through upon my cancer diagnosis. It was as if the song was written just for me! It did provide much needed hope and comfort as I went through the process of chemotherapy and recovery. I know many cancer patients that also relate to that song. The final song is an absolute miracle. I shared with Pastor Mary about my brother Bobby who was killed at age 19 in Vietnam. He attended Highlands High School, was 6'3" and a football star. He had pro qualities and was being scouted. This song came out in 2009 and is called "Nineteen" by Taylor Hicks. It touched my very soul when I heard it the first time. Again, like it was written specifically for Bobby. Brings me to tears every time I hear it.

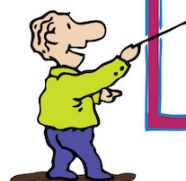
Love, Brian King

p.s. If you have a song or songs that has touched your life, please put it in writing and send to Pastor Mary for inclusion in a future newsletter. If Brian's words touched you, maybe you'd like to let him know: Brian King, 229 Mallard Drive, Galt 95632



February 19: CIRCUIT EXCHANGE WORSHIP

We welcome Reverend Jola Bortner to the pulpit while Pastor Mary preaches at Central UMC in Stockton on February 19. She will be assisted in leading worship by Betty Metzger on piano as well as Mark King, David Herburger, and Debra Herburger! Rev. Bortner will be speaking about Transfiguration Sunday.



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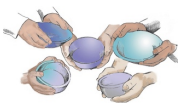


The Journey Begins – Wednesday, February 22, noon

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday (the day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday). During this season those who love the Lord are called to deepen that love by acts of repentance and forgiveness. Those who have yet to feel the grace of the Lord are invited to open their hearts to His presence. Those who have committed their lives to discipleship are invited to engage in prayer, fasting, and charitable works to extend God's mercy to all of humanity. Lent is a rich season of spiritual plantings and harvest. And it all begins on Ash Wednesday. You are invited to come at noon on February 22nd for a service of commitment to the Lenten Journey. The ashes of Ash Wednesday are a symbolic reminder that God created us out of the dust of the earth, and that to earth we will one day return – but that through God's gracious gift we are given everlasting life.



Special Offering for the Sunshine Food Pantry Building Fund THIS SUNDAY, February 19 – join all the Churches in our Methodist Circuit for this special offering! Make your checks out to Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center, Inc. and note BUILDING FUND on the memo, or you can go online to sunshinefoodpantrygalt.org and give online.



Empty Bowls Fundraiser for the Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center, Inc. Building Fund! Food, Music, Artisans, Auction, and more! \$20 adult ticket, \$5 child ticket. Saturday, March 25, 6pm – 9pm at the Littleton Center. For more information, contact Faye Gaines at 209-200-2628. Tickets for sale after Worship from Mark King. We have a total of 300 tickets available and they are going fast!



Family Game Night, THIS Saturday, February 18, 5-7:00pm arrive at 4:30

Bring your cards, your board games, your playful attitude, and your finger foods! All ages are welcome!! Saturday, February 18, 5-7pm. Come at 4:30 if you would like to help set up. For more info, contact Abigail Curlee at 916-595-2822.



Already 5 people have signed up! On February 26, March 5, then March 19, March 26, Colleen Hurley will be leading a class on fresh ways to pray. The class will be from 9am – 9:45am upstairs in the Sanctuary building. Colleen asks that you make a commitment to all four classes, understanding that there will be “homework” between classes that will help to deepen your experience. The class will be limited to 8 people – however if more than that sign up, Colleen will offer another class on a week night. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your walk with God. To sign up, please contact Colleen at 209-712-1541 or email churley55@comcast.net



United Women in Faith will have their monthly meeting this coming Saturday, February 18, 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. The program for the day will be cleaning up and sorting UWF items after a short devotion, and spiritual moment. Everyone is asked to bring a bag lunch.



Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday 9am – 1pm



Tuesday, February 14, 11am BIBLE STUDY in person: THE BOOK OF RUTH



Tuesday, February 14, 6:30pm Building Committee for the Food Pantry: hybrid ZOOM and Church Office



Wednesday, February 15, 8am – 11:30am Sunshine Food Pantry prepares food boxes for delivery to seniors



Wednesday, February 15, 10am – noon: Pastor Mary attends Methodist Circuit meeting.



Thursday, February 16, 9:30am Finance Team meets in church office.



Saturday, February 18, 10:00am: in the church fellowship hall.



Saturday, February 18, 5:00-7:00: in the Social Hall.

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, February 19, 10am Worship, REV. JOLA BORTNER, plus special offering for Sunshine Food Panty Building Fund.



Sunday, February 19, 1:30pm Bruceville Point in person Worship



Sunday, February 19, 4pm Bible Study on ZOOM: Romans



Monday, February 20, 11am Quilt Club

WEEKLY
Sneak Peek



Quilt Club @ 11am on Mondays

What deep and meaningful conversations we have been having during Quilt Club. All are welcome to come with any kind of handiwork, or just to sit and soak up the beauty and creativity.



Bible Study in person @ 11am on Tuesdays RUTH

Every week we are breaking our latest attendance record! This past week 25 people from Galt and Bruceville joined together for a our study of Ruth. An insight we received was that Ruth is a way to think about grief and our responses to grief. This next week we will go on a leap of faith with Naomi and Ruth. You won't want to miss it! Even if you can only make it from time to time, please join us!



Bible Study on ZOOM @ 4pm on Sundays ROMANS

New people are joining our study of Romans every week, which you can do from the comfort of your own home. This past week 16 of us began to learn about Paul's understanding of covenant and justification. The conversations are deep and impactful, and many people just listen and follow along. Please join us.

GREETERS **SCHEDULE**

February 19

Eva Roach
Judy King

February 26

Mariah Diego
Mercedes Diego

Hospitality Host



February 19

Madeline Powell

February 26

Sharon Hebein



The Work of the Church – How Our Church Works by Pastor Mary

What is a Circuit? Electricians have an answer to this. So do Methodists! Within the organization of local Churches, groups of 8-10 Churches are placed together according to geography so that they can support each other in the mission of MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD. Galt UMC is in a Methodist Circuit that includes local Churches in Lodi and Stockton. Pastor Mary attends a Circuit Meeting every month and yearly we will be switching pulpits so Pastors can get to know other Churches in our Circuit better. This coming Sunday is our Circuit Pulpit Switch. As part of our pulpit switch a special offering is declared, and our Sunshine Food Pantry Building Fund was selected to be the recipient for 2023!

SMALL GROUPS

John and Charles Wesley, the founders of the Methodist movement were big believers in ACCOUNTABILITY. They understood that people

grow deeper in Christ when they are honest with a small group of people who will receive their confession, pray with them, and help them to open their eyes to the grace of God. For this reason, the Wesley's set up "classes" within each of their worshipping communities that met weekly for the purpose of spiritual support and accountability. While Galt UMC does not have "classes" per say, we do have groups and committees that see each other outside of worship. For example, the people from Galt UMC who volunteer for the food pantry are deeply connected, those who attend Bible Study on Tuesdays, Quilt Club on Mondays, etc. The Prayer Group that Colleen Hurley is offering is another opportunity to build a "class" of people with whom you can grow in Christ. Do you have a group you would like to introduce to our Church family? Just let Pastor Mary know.

Our District Prayer focus this week:

February 19: Pray for Island Ministry at Holy Cross UMC, Stockton.

February 26: Pray for Central UMC Stockton.



Many thanks to Madeline Powell and Michelle Weinel for devoting themselves to the Christian education of the Lord's Lambs. It is easy to see how comfortable the children are feeling at Galt UMC! Mary Blackwell will soon join the team of teachers. Thank you, Mary. If we can get another teacher or two, then our Sunday School can happen every other week instead of once a month. Wouldn't that be wonderful??



Become Part of Our Church Family

By officially joining Galt UMC you are saying "these are the flawed and fantastic human beings that I want to grow in Christ with!" The next opportunity to take membership vows is on March 26. If you would like to join, please let Pastor Mary know so she can plan to meet with you and answer any questions you might have. Membership vows can be taken at either Galt UMC or Bruceville Point on March 26.

Oops



On our February calendar of birthdays and anniversaries the Valentine's Wedding Anniversary of Beverly Sigafos and Jack Hornor was accidentally left off. Happy Anniversary!

Bruceville Point Ministry



Every week Pastor Mary brings worship to Bruceville Point Senior Living in Elk Grove at 1:30 on Sunday afternoon. Often she has musical helpers who join her, including Earl Arrants, Mattie Shepherd, and/or Dennis Yoder. There are between 12 – 19 people who attend worship. On Tuesdays, a Bruceville Point bus brings folks for our Bible Study at 11am. It is a delightful time of fellowship and Christian spirituality. We are blessed by this outreach ministry to Bruceville Point, and blessed as we come to know our brothers and sisters in Christ who live there. Shout out to Ann Webb, who along with her husband Bob, have officially joined Galt UMC and who live at Bruceville Point. Every week Ann hand delivers our newsletters to our flock at Bruceville so we can save money on stamps. Thank you Ann!



Jebby Moats

How blessed we are to have Jebby Moats bring his faith and incredible music to worship at Galt UMC! He has a standing musical obligation on Sunday mornings, but comes to us on his "day off." If you can't get enough of Jebby, he will be performing with his trio this Friday, February 17 from 6-9pm on the Brewster's patio.



Chuck is back explaining all things Methodist! This series of 3 to 5 minute videos seeks to enlighten serious church happenings in a humorous way.

Transfiguration Sunday

The Transfiguration of Jesus is an event reported by the Synoptic Gospels in which Jesus is transfigured upon a mountain. Why is this event lifted up and celebrated?

The Roving Camera Eye

Activities from around Galt UMC

To watch Chuck's video - - [Click Here](#)
3:45



On a recent Wednesday morning, Sunshine Food Pantry volunteers set up for next day distribution



Pantry clients are ready for shopping with their bags, boxes and carts. Usually about 125 families, reaching about 900 people, come through our doors in the 7:30 to 10:00 am time slot.

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