



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.



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



There's no place like home! I feel a little like Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz: I clicked my ruby slippers and here I am settled into serving Galt UMC for another year. And to add to that blessing I have found a home to purchase here in Galt as well. In Christ we have a constantly expanding HOME. God's Grace expands into our hearts, souls, and minds as we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit. God's Welcome to those searching for meaning and healing is expressed through our enthusiasm to include visitors and new members into the loving embrace of our Church family. God's Renewal is happening all around us and catching us up in the Good News of faith, hope, and love. As we look at how broken and lost the world has become, and how afraid and despairing so many people are, has there ever been a more important time for the Church to provide HOME, FAMILY, and SHELTER FROM THE STORM? My prayer as I start my 4th year serving among you is that you will be bold to invite family, friends, and neighbors to come visit us for Worship, or Bible Study, or Quilt & Handiwork Club, or Lunch Bunch, or Women's Group, or Family Picnic, or any of the other activities we have. People are searching right now. God is as always seeking to gather His lost sheep. Galt UMC may just be the place where a friend of yours and God meet. They may just find HOME and our HOME will be enriched by their arrival. Ruby slippers optional.



Blessings, Pastor Mary

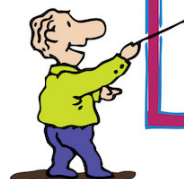


Upcoming Worship "The Living Water of the Lord: Rivers, Wells, Pools, and Stormy Seas"

On July 2nd come join us for Holy Communion as we remember how Moses parted the sea and Jesus calmed the storm. Pastor Mary will remind us in her sermon that "God Always Finds a Way!"



Moses Parts the Red Sea



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9:00am - 1:00pm

NEWS & Notes



New Members Are Joining

A Prayer for a Generous Heart

Richard Farhat shared the following reflection and prayer as he thanked God for our offerings at Worship this past Sunday. *What's your most prized possession? There's nothing wrong with having things, or with enjoying them. The problem comes when our things have us. Thankfully, God modeled a different way to live when He sacrificed His greatest treasure for us. **God's generosity is sacrificial and counter cultural.** When we give like God does, and we honor Him with that giving, it draws us closer to Him. It causes us to stop looking at ourselves, and start looking out for others. The more we draw near to God, the more our priorities and values start to reflect His. So, how do you live generously? It starts with asking God to give you a generous mindset. If you're not sure how to do that, try praying this prayer. "God, Thank you for showing me what generosity looks like. I confess that at times it's easy for me to focus on things that don't matter. But today, I surrender to Your will, trusting in You completely. Change the way I think, and give me a generous heart. Make me aware of the resources I have, and how I can use them to serve others. Help me to live a life that blesses others just as You have richly blessed me. In Jesus's name, Amen." **When you surrender to God by living generously, it changes lives.***

Mary Toledo Simmons, Glenda Greathouse, and Brenda Vargas will take membership vows on July 23rd to become official family members of Galt UMC! Are you interested in joining them? If so, plan to come to a one-hour membership class upstairs immediately following worship on July 9 and July 16. For Bruceville Point folks the class will be half an hour long immediately following worship at Bruceville on those same two Sundays.



What's With Those Pastor's Renewal Days on the July Calendar?

Pastor Mary takes one day a week off, on Fridays. Some weeks she works on a Friday, for example Good Friday, Annual Conference, or in preparing for a Saturday funeral. When these happen our Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) asks Pastor to take an extra day off to "make up for" the Fridays she has worked. In addition, the SPRC has given Pastor Mary an extra day off every month for renewal. She has not yet taken those days off for May, June, or July. She is available for emergencies on those renewal days, but if it is possible for you to delay your need until her next work day, please do so. Reminder: she does work on Saturdays, so feel free to reach out any Saturday.

thank you

Thank you to everyone who made Sunday School happen this year – especially Madeline Powell! Our

Sunday School year started last summer with breakfast at Denny's with our "Lord's Lambs" and families, and a fun day at the park. Then, thanks to the efforts of Rob Seibel, Sandie Benadum, Jim Parrish, Richard Farhat, and Madeline Powell, the Sunday School room upstairs was made ready. One Sunday a month Sunday School was offered, with Madeline as head teacher, with assistance from Michele Weinel, Mercedes Diego, Clydia Marx, as well as prep support from Marina Bruns and several others. We would love to offer Sunday School more than once a month starting in September. If you feel in your G.U.T. (God's Urgent Tugging) that this is something you'd like to do as a one year commitment, please let Pastor Mary or Madeline Powell know.

GREETERS SCHEDULE

July 2

Ed & Freddie
Delgado

July 9

Anne Albrecht
Eva Roach

Hospitality Host



July 2

Dave & Debra
Herburger

July 9

Jean Nelson
Sharon Drake



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

This week we are receiving a report from Mariah Diego, a Young Adult Delegate from the Central Valley

Report on Annual Conference by Mariah Diego:

Greetings everyone! I'd like to thank our congregation for allowing me to represent Galt UMC as the young adult delegate at this year's Annual Conference. As some of you may know, I was supposed to go last year, but I had an awful respiratory infection that prevented me from doing so. Thus, I was a bit anxious this year because I had no idea what to expect. As someone who deals with social anxiety, experiences like this can be scary; the thought of being around a ton of people I didn't know for 4 days and staying in an unfamiliar place was enough to have my stomach in knots. I haven't been very open about my experiences with social anxiety, but I will say that it is at times so debilitating that I miss out on things that are important to me; like going to church, family outings, get togethers, etc. I did a lot of thinking and self-reflection in the days leading up to the conference in order to convince myself that I would encounter all of those things and somehow still be okay by the end.

The biggest takeaway for me wasn't necessarily related to this year's conference theme or anything that was said at the conference in particular. Instead, it was a very personal one- one that I hope can resonate with some of you in the congregation. I discovered that in trusting God and having wonderful people by my side, I can overcome situations that make me scared, anxious, and unsure. As a young adult delegate, I was tasked with attending all of the scheduled lunches, dinners, and events with the youth and young adults. For whatever reason, I find people within my age group to be particularly intimidating, so hopefully that gives you an idea of how unideal the whole situation seemed to me.

I'm glad to say that I met some really compassionate, faithful, and kind people in my time at the conference- people who truly reflected God's love and joy in every interaction I had with them. This made the whole experience far less nerve wracking than I ever thought it could be. While my social anxiety leads me to believe that people will judge me in every interaction, I found that people who really believe in God, people who embody loving their neighbors as themselves, don't do that. Instead, they see every conversation as an opportunity to connect with a fellow believer. I want to be more like those people. I want to overcome my social anxiety so that I can be a beacon of God's light in the world.

Annual Conference (Con't)

I can't say that I have been magically cured because that doesn't really happen, but my hope has been renewed in my ability to have positive and meaningful interactions with people. I am proud of myself for stepping outside of my comfort zone because that's something I rarely do and it is no small feat for me. However, I do need to give credit where it is due. Pastor Mary and my sister Mercedes were instrumental in my survival of the annual conference. They are two of those people that reflect the true spirit of God's love. I also should give a shout-out to God in all of this. Had it not been for the closeness I felt to God and the presence of the Holy Spirit, I don't think I would've made it very far. While the purpose of the conference is to hear about various legislation and recognize important people in the denomination, glorifying God's kingdom is at the center of it all. I am so grateful for the opportunity I was given to test the waters but to have the support of people who love me and God by my side.

Friendly Reminder

From the Financial Secretary: Our church bills continue to come in even though you may be on vacation or have missed a Sunday of worship.



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
WEEKLY
Sneak Peek

Quilt & Handiwork Club @ 11am - 12:30 on Mondays



Pastor Mary is proof that you really don't have to have any background in quilting or handiwork to thoroughly enjoy this group! A number of us are working on fabric angels to give to shut ins and other community members experiencing hard times. We are having a wonderful time praying, sharing, and keeping our hands busy. All are welcome to come once, on occasion, or all the time.



Tuesday, June 27, 11am BIBLE STUDY in person: Revelation.



Wednesday, June 28, 8am - 11:30am Sunshine Food Pantry prepares food boxes for delivery to seniors



Wednesday, June 28, 4:30pm Trustees in church office.

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, July 2, 10am Galt UMC & 1:30pm Bruceville Point HOLY COMMUNION & GOD ALWAYS FINDS A WAY



Sunday July 2: 4:00pm Bible Study on Romans on **ZOOM**.



Monday, July 3, 11am Quilt and handiwork Club.



Bible Study in person @ 11am on Tuesdays Revelation

We began our study of Revelation this past week and there were 29 people present from both Galt and Bruceville Point. Come join us as we explore what God is revealing through John of Patmos's extraordinary vision.

Yes, we are meeting on the 4th of July! Why not?? Christ offers us independence from the world and freedom from sin and death! Wear your red, white, and blue!



Bible Study on ZOOM @ 4pm on Sundays ROMANS

Paul is heartbroken that not everyone experiences the grace of God. We are in Chapter 9 and 10 where Paul articulates his understanding of why that is so. Come join us for an hour of spiritual power! The conversations we have in this Bible Study are deep and extraordinary. All are welcome.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88085135477>

thank you

Many thanks to Trustees Chair Rob Seibel for all his work upstairs to create a new space to store our worship items, and to Trustees member Richard Farhat for keeping the weeds at bay in our lots.



Eight-year-old Mickey told his mom he was afraid the pastor would throw an egg at him because in his sermon he said: "Take my yoke upon you."

July



- 8 Tom & Linda Hulse
- 14 Joe & Pam Carmichael
- 21 Alan & Michele Weinel



- 1 J.P. Krachunis
- 12 Rose Torian (BP)
- 15 Christine Curlee
- 15 Mark King
- 18 Daniel Blackwell
- 19 Mona Stratton
- 22 Wayne Myrick
- 24 Faith Ross
- 26 Bob Janes (BP)
- 31 Betty Bryant



July



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Galt Worship 2 10:00am Bruceville Worship 1:30pm Holy Communion Romans Bible Study Zoom 4:00pm	3 Quilt Club 11:00am AA group meets at 7:00pm	4 Revelation Bible Study 11:00am Fourth of July Holiday	5 Pastor Renewal Days	6 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Full Moon China Palace 1000 C Street #50	7 Pastor's Day off	8 Building Committee 10:30am NAR anon meets at 9:15am AA group meets at 8:00am
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