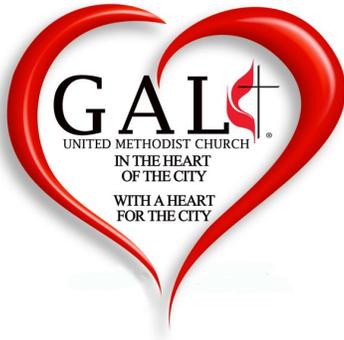


# Galt UMC This Week



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.



September 26, 2022

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



This time of year always reminds me of that well known Scripture from Ecclesiastes: *For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die.* This time 26 years ago I was pregnant with my first child, John. We were past the “danger zone” of pregnancy and I was feeling pretty good. We were living in Sergeantsville, New Jersey at the time, near the Delaware River and I spent the whole of that fall walking the hills of our town, trying to maintain my weight and vitality as the due date drew near. The fall foliage was magnificent, getting more brilliant as the days went on, reflecting my outlook on life. A new life! A new chapter of marriage! A new name “MOM” for me! Fall reminds me of that season. But fall also reminds me of my husband’s final illness. He died this time of year. This time 19 years ago we were living in Cameron Park with our children John and Zola. Boikanyo became increasingly ill as the days got shorter, the weather got cooler, and the leaves started to change. That fall I was more aware of the leaves that fell from the trees, than the ones that clung to their branches. I remember standing on the front porch of the house, several weeks before Boikanyo died, watching the children play in the front yard. They would build up piles of yellow and brown fallen leaves as high as they could, then run into the pile, leaves flying everywhere. I remember crying softly as I watched them play. This year, as soon as the leaves started to turn, I felt this overwhelming gratitude for all of life. For beginnings. For endings. For the whole precious journey. The changing leaves are reminding me to be grateful for every season of life.

Blessings, Pastor Mary



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# NEWS & Notes



**October 2<sup>nd</sup>** Plan to wear fabrics and clothing from places around the world to reflect the abundant variety of people who are one in Christ! We will have gluten free bread, as well as breads from around the world for those who wish to come forward during Holy Communion. We will also have the containers of Holy Communion for those wishing to practice caution.

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## **Calling All Galt UMCers!**

Please plan to attend the Kick-Off Mixer for the building expansion of our Sunshine Food Pantry and Resource Center! It will be a great evening to show our Church's enthusiasm for our community. **When? Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> What time? 6pm – 7pm** You will want to come on time since Pastor Mary's friend who was here on Pentecost, Landes Dung, will be playing guitar and singing! **Where? At the Fire Station right across the alley from our Church.** This event is sponsored by Galt Sunrise Rotary. Enjoy music and refreshments and rub shoulders with community leaders.

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## **Caring & Sharing – next Saturday 11am – 12:30pm**

On Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> you are invited to come and share about a loved one who has passed away. Please bring an object, or a photo, or an item of clothing that reminds you of who the person was to you in life. It will be a tender time of connection with one another. Colleen Hurley and Pastor Mary will help in leading the time of sharing.

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It's so dry in Texas recently that the Baptists started to baptize by sprinkling, the Methodists used wet-wipes, the Presbyterians were giving out raincheck, and the Catholics were praying for the wine to turn back into water.



**with our District Superintendent – Monday, October 24, 6pm**

All members of the Church are invited to meet with our Central Valley District Superintendent David Niu, as the representative of our California-Nevada Conference of the United Methodist Church, for our yearly Church Conference. It is important to have abundant participation at this meeting. The District Superintendent is Pastor Mary's direct supervisor, and his experience of our annual meeting is part of how he will form an opinion as to whether she is a good pastoral appointment for Galt UMC.

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## **New Members Join Oct. 9**

If you are not yet an official member of Galt UMC, we would love to welcome you as a Church family member during Worship on October 9<sup>th</sup>. When we do so our congregation will take a vow to *surround you with a community of love and forgiveness that you may grow in your trust of God as well as be family to you, sharing your joys and sorrows, and lightening your heavy loads.* You take a vow to *faithfully participate in the ministries of Galt UMC by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.* Please let me know if I can give you more information in making this decision.

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**Our TOTAL GIVING for the General Fund - January 1, 2022, thru September 25, 2022 is: \$129,947.16!!**



**The Work of the Church –  
How Our Church Works**

The “appointment” system is probably the hardest thing for United Methodists to explain to friends from other Churches. It developed two hundred years ago when there were lots of Methodists and only a few ordained Pastors. Pastors would ride their horses around a “circuit” of Churches to baptize, marry, bury, and officiate Holy Communion. Most Churches only saw their Circuit Riding Pastor quarterly, which meant most of the preaching, teaching, and administration was done by the “laity” as non-clergy are called in the Methodist Church. This worked well for over a hundred years, as Methodists caught the Spirit and enthusiastically proclaimed the Gospel in their communities, often building schools and hospitals as an expression of love for God and their neighbors. As there began to be more Methodists who felt called to the ministry, pastors were able to take up residence in a community. However, our Methodist organization still considers the members of the Church to be more important in the life of the Church than the pastors appointed there. Pastors are considered to be, more or less, interchangeable. It is up to the members of the Staff Parish Relations Committee to communicate with the District Superintendent as to whether their Church is best served by a different pastor, or by reappointing the same one. Every year these forms are turned in by December 1<sup>st</sup> for decision making on the part of the Bishop and District Superintendents for who will serve what local Church starting on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Pastors also turn in their own forms on December 1<sup>st</sup> and check one of three boxes: I wish to stay at my current appointment; I wish to be moved to a new appointment; I am open to either staying or leaving. Spoiler alert: I am asking to stay at Galt UMC! Next week a word about Bishops and District Superintendents and how they are selected.



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**



**October 2**  
Dottie & Kim  
Farhat

**October 9**  
David & Debra  
Herburger

**GREETERS  SCHEDULE**

**October 2**  
Ann Mitchell  
Barbara Anderson

**October 9**  
Ed & Freddie  
Delgado



**Our District Prayer focus this week:**

October 2: Pray for all churches/ministries  
October 9: Pray for Holy Cross UMC, Stockton



*Coming  
This Week*



*mark  
your  
calendar*



**Tuesday, September 27:**  
9am Nominations Committee  
on ZOOM.



**Saturday, October 1:**  
11:00am-12:30pm: Caring and  
Sharing about Grief

**Sunday, October 2:** 10am  
Worship – World  
Communion Sunday with  
guitarist Jebbie Moats.

**Welcome to Worship**

“Wear your colorful fabrics from around the world!”



**Monday, October 3:** 1:00-3:00pm  
BINGO at Senior Center with Faye  
Gaines and Pastor Mary giving out  
Sunshine Food Pantry bags.

# The Roving Camera Eye

Activities from around Galt

To Show Our Appreciation - -



Here is the crew that cleaned out the shed to make ready for its removal. Thanks to these people it was completed in 2 hours. Another fine job by the worker bees. Pictured L to R: David Herburger, Sandie Benadum, Freddie Delgado, Ed Delgado, Jim Parish,



An Appreciation Plaque from The Sunshine Food Pantry was presented to members of Galt Horizon Church on a recent Sunday morning



## Coins for Kids

Our beloved Candy Marhefka donated to our Children's Ministry fund all the pennies and other coins she has bound over the past 25 years since the passing of her 17 year old son, Simon. She sharing this poem "Pennies from Heaven":

*I found a penny today just laying on the ground.  
But it's not just a penny this little coin I've found.  
Found pennies come from heaven that's what my  
grandpa told me.  
He said Angels tossed them down, Oh, how I loved  
that story!  
He said when an Angel misses you they toss a penny  
down.  
Sometimes just to cheer you up to make a smile out  
of your frown.  
So don't pass by that penny when you're feeling  
blue.  
It may be a penny from heaven that an Angel's  
tossed  
to you.*

- - Charles L. Mashburn



Our Lord's Lambs (Sunday School group) is off to fun beginnings! The classroom upstairs is being renovated and decorated for teaching, learning, and fun by trustees headed by Rob Seibel for which we are grateful. The month of August found Pastor Mary, parents, guardians, and supporters having a terrific time at Denny's Restaurant in Galt. September found us at Roundstone Park in Galt on a lovely Sunday afternoon making an animal poster, playing a shepherd's crook game, enjoying playground equipment, munching pizza and after a closing prayer, the children departed with a fun bouncy ball of their own.

On October 16, the Lambs are asked to wear their non-scary costumes to worship. After, we will meet in the fellowship hall during coffee hour to color "Glow with God" Halloween bags to be used for trick or treating. Richard Farhat will also be wearing a costume. Pick a crayon that morning and help a little one color and listen to how Jesus is our friend!

For one Sunday each month into the future, teachers will meet for a lesson with the kids to understand three basic themes of Christianity: 1. Jesus loves us. 2. The importance of prayer at any age, and 3. Sharing and giving to others in Christ's love.

Our Father wants the little children to come to Him. Thank you people of God for your loving support! And may God bless you.

- - Madeline Powell

Director of Children's Ministries

## Advice from a Lake - -

- Be Clear
- Make positive ripples
- Shore up friendships
- Take time to reflect
- Be full of life!



# October



Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

						<p>Galt Fellowship AA <b>1</b> potluck 5:00-8:30pm</p> <p><b>Caring and Sharing</b> <b>11:00-12:30pm</b> AA group meets at 8:00am Nar anon meets at 9:15am</p>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>In Person Worship 10:00 <b>World Communion Sunday</b></p> <p>Bible Study on ZOOM 4:00pm</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Woman's Book Club 11:00am</p> <p>Chabolla Center BINGO 1-3:00pm</p> <p>AA group meets at 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Trustees meet 11:00am</p> <p><b>Bible Study 10:00am in person</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Women's Book Club 5:00pm on ZOOM</p> <p>AA group meets at 9:00pm</p> <p>NA group meets at 6:00pm</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Lunch Bunch</b> 11:30am Philly Boys - East Frontage Rd. Next to Pizza Guys</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>AA group meets at 8:00am</p> <p>Nar anon meets at 9:15am</p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>10:00am Worship</b> New members join</p> <p>Bible Study on ZOOM 4:00pm</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Women's Book Club 11:00am</p> <p>AA group meets at 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Finance Team 9:00am church office</p> <p><b>Bible Study 10:00am in person</b></p> <p>Building Committee 6:30-7:30</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Set-up for Sunshine Pantry 8:30-10:30am</p> <p>Women's Book Club 5:00pm on ZOOM</p> <p>NA group meets at 6:00pm</p> <p>AA group meets at 9:00pm</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Sunshine Pantry open 7:30-10am</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Pastor's Day off</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>UMW Conference, no other meetings</b></p> <p><b>Men's Breakfast</b> 9:00am at Denny's</p> <p>Nar anon meets at 9:15am</p> <p>AA group meets at 8:00am</p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>Kids wear costumes to worship &amp; Lord's Lambs to Coffee Hour</b></p> <p>Bible Study on ZOOM 4:00pm</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Women's Book Club 11:00am</p> <p>AA group meets at 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>Bible Study 10:00am in person</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Woman's Book Club 5:00pm on ZOOM</p> <p>NA group meets at 6:00pm</p> <p>AA group meets at 9:00pm</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Chamber of Commerce Lunch at Galt UMC</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Food Pantry Kick-off Mixer 6-7:00pm</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Nar anon meets at 9:15am</p> <p>AA group meets at 8:00am</p>
<p><b>* Pastor Joe 23</b> <b>preaching at Galt</b> Bible Study on ZOOM 4pm</p> <p>Worship <b>Fifth Sun Potluck.</b></p> <p>Bible Study on ZOOM</p> <p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>No Book Club 24</b> <b>Church Conference 6:00pm</b></p> <p>AA group meets at 7:00pm</p> <p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>NO Bible Study</b></p> <p>Pastor's Renewal Day</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Pastor's Renewal Day</p> <p>Set-up for Sunshine Pantry 8:30-10:30am</p> <p>NA group meets at 6:00pm</p> <p>AA group meets at 9:00pm</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Sunshine Pantry open 7:30-10am</p> <p>Pastor's Renewal Day</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Pastor's Day off</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Community Trick or Treat - on Fourth St. 4-8:00pm</p> <p>Nar anon meets at 9:15am</p> <p>AA group meets at 8:00am</p>

\* Pastor Mary preaching at Valley Springs

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