

Cary United Methodist Church  
500 First Street  
Cary, IL 60013



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Sunday Worship: 9am  
Child and Youth  
Sunday School at 10:15am  
Adult Sunday School 10:15am

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June 2021

# THE OPEN DOOR

**CARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Empowers believers, reaches the community and beyond.

## Sunday Summer Schedule

Sunday Worship at 9:00am  
Sunday School at 10:15 am  
Hospitality Hour at 10:00 am (outside)

## Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm

## Staff

Rev. Dr. Norval I. Brown	Sr. Pastor
Dr. George E. David	Pastor
Sally Lorenzen	Director of Education
Holly Voss	Office Manager
Penny Libert	Organist/Accompanist
Dave DCamp, Kevin Scott	Music Staff
Heather Bryant	Preschool Director
Katrina Zentefis	Nursery Coordinator
Jaime Arreola	Custodian

## July Issue - Deadline June 20



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Join Us for  
**WORSHIP**

**Summer Worship Hour:  
Sundays at 9:00AM,  
in-person and online.**

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Grace, mercy, and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

One of my favorite books is **The Giving Tree** by Shel Silverstein. It recounts the relationship between a boy and a tree.

"Once there was a tree...and she loved a little boy." So begins the beautifully written and illustrated story of unforgettable insight, by the gifted and versatile author. Every day the boy would come to the tree to eat her apples, swing from her branches, or slide down her trunk...and the tree was happy. But as the boy grew older, he began to want more from the tree, and the tree gave and gave and gave until nothing was left, save a stump.

This is a tender story, tinged with sadness, radiant with consolation. Silverstein has created a moving parable for readers of all ages that offers a touching interpretation of the gift of giving and a serene acceptance of another's capacity to love in return. One last time, as an elderly man, the boy trudges back to the tree and the tree declares it has nothing left to give – no apples for eating, no branches for swinging, no trunk for climbing. The boy acknowledges that the ravages of age have left him unable to eat, to swing, to climb and that all he needs is a quiet place to sit and rest. Straightening herself, the tree says that an old stump is good for sitting and resting and she invites the boy to do so. The boy did and the tree was happy.

The image of trees, is woven into the fabric of scripture. In fact, apart from God and people, the Bible mentions trees more than any other living thing. I look at the

trees in our yard, two especially, that Andrea has designated as Arifa's Tree and Gregory's Tree. Each was planted about 14 years ago when a windstorm blew down some trees around our home. Each was only about 5 feet tall when they were planted and we were assured that they would not grow nearly as tall as the ones they were replacing. Well, now one has grown taller than its predecessor and the other is well on the way. Each tree has a ring around it denoting years of lots of sunshine and water and years when those elements were not as plentiful. Those rings are the trees' autobiography.

And what of us? What tells our autobiography? Isn't the tree a wonderful metaphor for our faith, especially a tree that gives? The psalmist talks about trees planted by streams of water.

*The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;*

*<sup>13</sup>planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God.*

*<sup>14</sup>They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green,*

*<sup>15</sup>proclaiming, "The LORD is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."* Psalm 92.12-15

May we each be a tree that flourishes in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit in our old age!

*"You must be the change you wish to see in this world"* - Mahatma Gandhi

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Norval



Peace  
be with You

## June Birthdays

<b>6/1</b> Serena Schnidt	<b>6/12</b> Florence Bramble	<b>6/20</b> Dane Iverson	<b>6/27</b> Carol Maloney
<b>6/2</b> Theresa Hojnacki Jean Schroeder	<b>6/13</b> Ava Grimm	<b>6/21</b> Nate Crick	<b>6/28</b> Ruth Barrett
<b>6/4</b> Kaylin Moreland	<b>6/14</b> Emily Liautaud	<b>6/22</b> Dawn Ferree Rick Splitt	<b>6/29</b> Nancy Hutchings
<b>6/7</b> Tom Sutliff	<b>6/16</b> Jodie Hojnacki Livie King	<b>6/23</b> Jennifer Crick	
<b>6/9</b> Cheri Brockhoeft John Crick	<b>6/17</b> Brian Prather Pastor Norval	<b>6/25</b> Geri Burhop	
<b>6/11</b> Elena Mularski	<b>6/19</b> Kurt Moreland	<b>6/26</b> Beth Sorg	



## June Wedding Anniversaries

Rich & Sue Heizer	6/1	Randy & Holly Voss	6/18
Mike Vijuk & Beth Krueger	6/1	Jim & Ruth Barrett	6/19
Bob & Karen Groos	6/12	Mike & Kristin Fell	6/23
Tom & Janie Oberheide	6/12	Al & Chris Luloff	6/23
Bruce & Vicki Oberlies	6/12	Bruce & Stacy Nordengren	6/26
Bill & Joyce Simon	6/17	Tom & Pat Honemann	6/28

## Message from Cary Methodist Preschool

Cary Methodist Preschool wants to thank everyone for their generosity and support in the Virtual Basket Auction 2021. Our donations are still coming in and we are thrilled with the success of our fundraiser. Working together with you we can be a light for the families in our community. We merely need to reflect that of the true Light of the World, Jesus himself. Your generosity is helping Cary Methodist Preschool continue their quality Christian preschool education. Children are our future.



## Financial Status of Cary United Methodist Church

Following is the financial status of CUMC January through April, 2021. We are on the positive side because we received a large gift donation, and a few families paid their yearly pledge in one lump sum.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Christ,

Tom Swider

Chair, Finance Committee

Email address: [swidertc@comcast.net](mailto:swidertc@comcast.net)

Current Receipts for Jan. – Apr 2021	Budget for Jan. – Apr. 2021	Difference
\$118,819.52	\$91,770.76	+ \$27,048.76







### Vacation Bible School 2021 - Rocky Railway

This event will run from June 14 - June 18 from 1pm - 4pm.

There are several ways you can sign up for this event.

- ◆ You can obtain a registration sheet from the table at the entrances of the church and turn it in or mail it in to the church office.
- ◆ You may pay for VBS by mailing or by bringing a check to: Cary United Methodist Church, 500 N. First St., Cary, IL 60013. Attn: Christian Education , Dept ~ VBS
- ◆ Or, register for VBS online through the Cary UMC website at: [caryumc@caryumc.org](mailto:caryumc@caryumc.org)

### Greeting Cards

Our handmade greeting cards are available for purchase on the first Sunday of the month. If you are interested in purchasing cards, please contact: Vicki Oberlies or Dawn Ferree

### Gift Cards

Available to purchase every Sunday. Special orders are available. Contact: Tom and Judy Sutliff or Sue Heizer.



### Help Us Save Money and Trees: Get Your UMW Newsletter by Email

The Cary UMW quarterly publication, "Woman to Woman," is delivered via email and USPS. If you would like to help UMW save some money and the environment, please contact Carolyn Downs to have your newsletter delivered via email only. Also, if you haven't been receiving the newsletter, please contact Carolyn Downs to update your information.

### UMW Pledges

Your pledges fund UMW mission locally and abroad. Thank you for your financial support! To contribute, please make out your checks to United Methodist Women. Checks can be mailed to our unit treasurer Amy Peterson.

### Small Groups - June Calendar

UMW Small Groups are returning to the church for socially-distanced meetings. When meeting with your group, please follow these protocols:

- ◆ Wear your mask when not eating or drinking.
- ◆ Each person should bring their own refreshments. The church kitchen cannot be used.

**Books N Bagels** – Books N Bagels meets in-person, with a Zoom option, in Cary UMC at 7pm, first Friday of the month. The next meeting will be Friday, June 4. June's book is *Garden Spells* by Sarah Addison Allen. For Zoom login information, contact Dawn Ferree or Bethany Decker. Due to Independence Day, the July meeting will be held June 25, and the book will be *So You Want To Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo.

**Morning Craft Group** – meets in person 9am-12noon, every Wednesday, in Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Pat Jacobson.

**Dorcas Circle** – Dorcas Circle will not meet again until September 8, 2021. For more information, contact Penny Libert.

**Evening Craft Group** – meets in person 7-9pm, the fourth Wednesday of the month until September 22 in Fellowship Hall. (No meeting in July). For more information, contact Vicki Oberlies.



## Cary UMW June Update

### Annual UMW Rummage July 29 - July 31

Time to clean your closets! The dates for the annual UMW Rummage Sale are: 9am-7pm, Thursday, July 29; 9am-4pm, Friday, July 30; 9am-noon, Saturday, July 31. Donation drop-off dates are: Sunday, July 25 (after worship service until 3pm); 9am-7pm, July 26 & 27 9am-noon July 28. Volunteers will be on hand to help unload your vehicle on Sunday, July 25. All other days, please bring your donations to Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed to sort and price donated items, to check out shoppers and to tidy the tables. For more information or to volunteer, contact Glenda Arnold. Proceeds of the sales go to UMW Giving and the Cary UMC Kitchen Fund.



### Leadership Positions Open at District and Unit Levels

Looking for connection, purpose, service, fun? Consider serving on the Leadership Team of Cary UMW. It's a wonderful way to serve women, youth and children in the community and worldwide. Our Cary UMW Unit has the following positions open: Vice President of Programming, Membership Chair and Nominations Chair. The Elgin District Leadership Team has the following positions open: Secretary, Membership Coordinator, Spiritual Growth Coordinator, and two Nominations Committee Members. For more information, contact Glenda Arnold at [ggarnold4@gmail.com](mailto:ggarnold4@gmail.com) or Lois Voss at [lois-voss@comcast.net](mailto:lois-voss@comcast.net).

### Help Us Grow! Invite a Friend to Join UMW!

United Methodist Women is a supportive, inclusive Christian membership organization where women like you grow spiritually, develop as leaders and serve and work to create a world in which all women, children and youth thrive. United Methodist Women is celebrated as the women's ministry of The United Methodist Church.

Who can join UMW? Any woman who commits herself to the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women and to engage in mission, study, personal growth and social action can join. You don't have to be United Methodist or meet an age requirement to be a member.

### Like Us On Facebook!

Cary United Methodist Women has a closed Facebook Group. It's a great way to keep up on the latest activities. Be sure to like us on Facebook.



## Food Pantry Summer Wishlist by Carolyn Downs

As you are out shopping for your summer supplies, why not buy an item or two for the Cary-Grove Food Pantry? They need to increase their stock of non-food items. Their wish list includes laundry soap, dish detergent, napkins, tissues, paper towels, shampoo, shaving cream, razors, body wash, and large-sized diapers (especially sizes 5 and 6).

What they **DON'T** need – hair conditioner, toothpaste, baby wipes, small-sized diapers. They have plenty.

The Cary-Grove Food Pantry is open to anyone who needs food assistance. They are open from 4pm-6pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 9-11am on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month. They are located in the parking lot of St. Barnabas Church, 8901 Cary-Algonquin Rd., Cary. For more information, call 847-516-3602.



Total Item Donations	Less: Expired/Used Food Items	Net Item Donations
141	5	136

Please, no open/used food items. Individually sealed items in an open container are accepted. Please check the expiration dates. Also, please consider a monetary donation – for every dollar donated, the Food Pantry can purchase \$8 worth of food from the Chicago Food Bank. Write and send your check to Cary United Methodist Church, 500 N. First St., Cary, IL 60013. Be sure to write “Food Pantry” on the memo line.

Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>June</h1>		<b>1</b> 6:30 UMW Leadership 7:00 Trustee Meeting	<b>2</b> 9:00 Craft Group 6:10 20 Minutes with God 7:00 AA Meeting	<b>3</b> 6:30 Nurture Team 7:00 Worship Committee	<b>4</b> 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal 7:00 Books n Bagels	<b>5</b> 2:00 Wedding 3:00 Court of Honor
<b>6</b> VBS Workweek 9:00 Worship In-person 10:15 All Sunday School 12:30 VBS Training 5:00 Women's Emmaus 7:00 Wesley Class-online	<b>7</b> VBS Workweek 7:00 Men's Emmaus	<b>8</b> VBS Workweek 7:00 Digital Comm.-Zoom	<b>9</b> VBS Workweek 9:00 Craft Group 6:10 20 Minutes with God 7:00 AA Meeting	<b>10</b> VBS Workweek 7:00 Witness Team	<b>11</b> VBS Workweek	<b>12</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast
<b>13</b> <b>Graduation Sunday</b> 9:00 Worship In-person 10:00 Graduate Reception 10:15 All Sunday School 5:00 Women's Emmaus 7:00 Wesley Class-online	<b>14</b> Cary Dairy Fundraiser 1:00 VBS 7:00 Men's Emmaus	<b>15</b> 1:00 VBS 7:00 Finance Committee	<b>16</b> 1:00 VBS 9:00 Craft Group 6:10 20 Minutes with God 7:00 T160 Committee Mtg 7:00 AA Meeting	<b>17</b> 1:00 VBS 7:00 SPRC-online	<b>18</b> 1:00 VBS	<b>19</b>
<b>VBS Week</b>						
<b>20</b> <b>Father's Day</b> 9:00 Worship In-person 10:15 All Sunday School 5:00 Women's Emmaus 7:00 Wesley Class-online <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00 Men's Emmaus	<b>22</b> 7:00 Church Council	<b>23</b> 9:00 Craft Group 6:10 20 Minutes with God 7:00 AA Meeting 7:00 Craft Night	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00 Books n Bagels	<b>26</b>
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