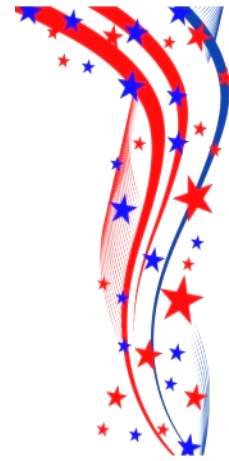


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May 2021

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm

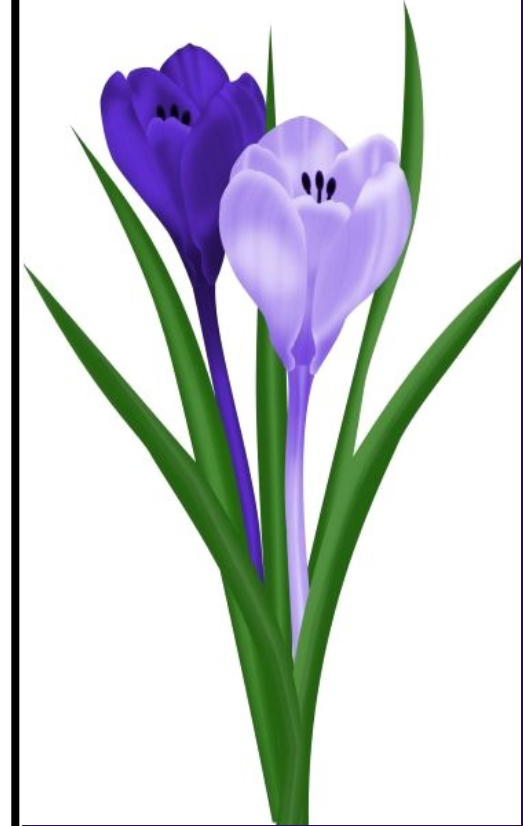
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Holly Voss	Office Manager
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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

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

I typed into the Google search engine "May is national what month?" I found approximately 45 causes – diseases, diets, organizations – that have a focus in the month of May. Way down on the list, about number 40, was Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Congress first passed a joint resolution in 1978 authorizing the President to proclaim a week-long celebration of Asian and Pacific American heritage. President Jimmy Carter's proclamation took place on March 28, 1979, and the first Asian and Pacific American Heritage week took place the week of May 4, 1979. In 1990, the proclamations expanded to a month-long observance. In 1992, Congress passed legislation recognizing the previous proclamations and Asian Pacific American Heritage Month an annual designation in May. President Obama's proclamation in 2009 expanded the observance to include Pacific Islanders.

In a month that should celebrate the contributions of our kindred from the Pacific rim, we find ourselves steeped in a wave of violence against them. How ironic! Kimmy Yang, a reporter for NBC News Asian America reports that there were approximately 3800 anti-Asian racist incidents, mostly against women, this past year. These included shunning, slurs, and physical attacks.

The directive from God to the children

of Israel was "Don't mistreat or oppress an immigrant, because you were once immigrants in the land of Egypt" (Exodus 22.21). Israel's protective affirmation of the socially marginal is rooted in its exodus memory and imagination. The command protects resident aliens—i.e., permanent residents in the community who have no rights of citizenship and, therefore, are vulnerable to all kinds of social pressure. Resident aliens, or immigrants, along with the poor, widows and orphans are often mentioned because they are vulnerable to exploitation, especially because they lack family or social protection. Israel is challenged to remember its own time as resident aliens in Egypt.

And what of our brothers and sisters of Asian descent who are citizens of this nation and are promised the unalienable right of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness? Should that be denied them? By no means, **NO!** As I face the challenges of being an American of African descent, I cannot deny my voice from others who seek liberation from racism and sexism. I cannot live with a "when I get mine then I'll help you get yours" attitude. Rather the struggle against racism causes its victims to be joined together. Their fears and anxieties are my fears and anxieties.

To this I add these words from the National Federation of Asian American United Methodists:

"We ask that the church live up to its commitments stated in the 2016 United

Greeting Cards

Our handmade greeting cards are available for purchase on the first Tuesday of the month from 9:30am -3pm. If you are interested in purchasing cards, please contact:

Vicki Oberlies or

Dawn Ferree.

The cost is \$2.00 each.



Gift Cards

Available to purchase every Tuesday from 11am - 1 pm.

Special orders are available. Contact: Tom and Judy Sutliff or Sue Heizer.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the virus continues to regulate our lives, we continue to live with hope that it will all be over soon. Please, if you haven't, get your vaccine. If you feel the need to talk with someone, please give me a call. There are only three things you need to remember; 1. Our calls are confidential. 2. We can talk over the phone or in person. Your choice. 3. There is absolutely **NO** charge to you.

This time in our lives can give us all kinds of emotional feelings, like a roller coaster. I'll be happy to help you through these times.

Susan Heizer MSW, LCSW

(847) 217-6002

All Church Outdoor Workday

Saturday, May 1 from 8AM – 12PM. We will be working at the Parsonage raking, pruning, mulching and relocating Hosta plants. Volunteers for digging and planting are needed.



May Birthdays

5/1 Jim Conley Nancy Nash Ann Simon	5/15 Johnathon Butkus Pam Garcia
5/2 Jake Ferree Maggie Frieman	5/16 Julie Poe 5/18 Mike Fagerson
5/6 Charlie Fell Kiana Iverson	5/19 Sue Green Kelsey Krigas
5/9 Emerson Brashear Lois Voss	5/20 Lynn Grap Allison Seubert
5/10 Rachael Robertson Nancy Smith	5/21 Katrina Zentefis
5/11 Kevin Arnold Jonathan Lorenzen Ryan Wiles	5/22 Stephanie Sukow
5/12 James Weisser	5/23 Addison Green Kay Smith Josh Sukow

5/24 Sylvia Yount
5/25 John Crick Caleb King Kathy Spillner
5/26 Sam Prather Wyatt Prather Tom Swider Victoria Trax
5/31 Devon Grimm



May Anniversaries

Bryan & Amy Reynolds	5/1
Gary & Dorothy Fagerson	5/5
Jeff & Julie Lilly	5/16
Jack & Nancy Petriak	5/16
Bill & Mary Koenig	5/22
Nate & Melissa Smith	5/25



Methodist Book of Resolution #3422 'Speaking Out for Compassion: Transforming the Context of Hate in The United States'. This is an urgent matter of justice.

"We ask that all United Methodists read again and live out our own Charter for Racial Justice (<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjusticecharter>) which states that all persons are of equal value in the sight of God and that racism is a rejection of the teachings of Jesus Christ. The Charter also states that our struggle for justice must be based on new attitudes, new understandings, and new relationships and must be reflected in the laws, policies, structures, and practices of both church and state.

"We implore all United Methodists to end their complicity with hate and speak out when jokes, disparagements, and stereotypes based on difference (are told). These differences fuel fear and rationalize acts of violence. We further call on all United Methodists to implement bib-

lically based, multigenerational resources that address the systemic nature of hate crimes.

"Finally, we call on the Council of Bishops to create opportunities to listen to and hear from Asian Americans and other excluded groups about the current reality and impact of the violence and hatred, and partner with these groups to act for justice so that the light of Jesus can shine in the darkness and the darkness of systematic racism will be conquered".

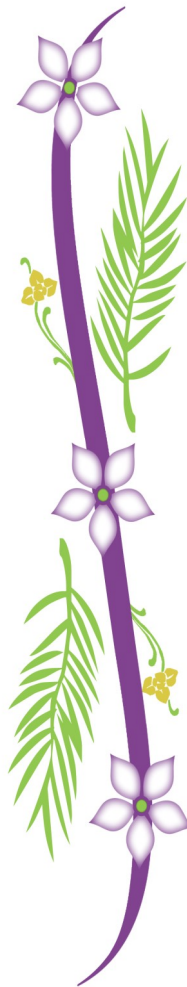
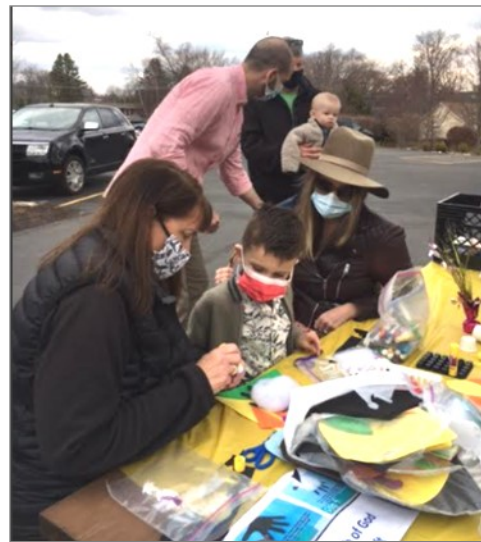
To this end, my Brothers and Sisters, let us observe/celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month by embracing these our siblings, denouncing hateful speech and acts of violence against them, and offer Cary UMC as a safe space for all. From migrant laborers to inventive trailblazers, the month is a time to acknowledge their hardships, culture, achievements, and beliefs.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Norval



Nurture Team News

On March 27, we hosted the 2021 Easter Egg Hunt. We were truly blessed by the weather that cooperated and allowed many happy children search the lawn of the church to find eggs containing all sorts of treats. Following the hunt, the children enjoyed an Easter cookie and participated in doing a variety of Easter crafts. Thanks to all who contributed to make this event happen and to those who came to enjoy it.



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 - May Calendar

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

- ◆ Stay at least six feet apart from each other.
- ◆ 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 Fellowship Hall at 7pm, first Friday of the month. The next meeting will be Friday, May 7. May's book is *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. For Zoom login information, contact Dawn Ferree or Bethany Decker. June's selection is *Garden Spells* by Sarah Addison Allen.

Morning Craft Group – meets in person 9am-12noon, the first Wednesday of the month, in Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Pat Jacobson.

Dorcas Circle – meets in person at 12 noon, the second Wednesday of the month. Please wear a mask and bring your own lunch. 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 May Update

Fellowship of the Least Coin

The Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement for justice, peace, and reconciliation led by Christian women for women and girls all over the world. UMW is collecting for the Fellowship of the Least Coin. UMW will provide containers for you to collect your coins. You can pick up your container in the church office, or we can deliver it to you. Contact Amy Peterson. Save your coins and bring your container to Cary UMC by Mother's Day (Sunday, May 9).



Annual UMW Rummage Sale Date Change

The annual UMW Rummage Sale will be in July to allow for an outdoor option, if needed. Drop-off dates: July 25-28. Set-up and sorting: July 26-28. Sale: July 29-31. Volunteers are needed to coordinate the event. Contact Glenda .



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 or Lois Voss..

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.

Easter Egg Hunt And Crafts 2021





Greetings Everyone,

We are so appreciative of the donations everyone has been making for our Virtual Basket Auction. Items are still coming in even now!!! To help us accommodate receiving all of our items and to be able to load the pictures and descriptions of our baskets virtually, we will be moving the auction date to the weekend of May 14-16.

Since we are not able to have our in-person Gala, we felt this was the best way for us to raise money for the school this year. This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year. It helps us with operational expenses, updating and replacement of items in need of replacement or repair, and to support our Ruth Barrett Tuition Assistance Fund to help families who have demonstrated financial need.

Your support to our school and the ministry that is Cary Methodist Preschool is vital to our success. Thank you for the support you have provided throughout this process. We look forward to you joining us for the virtual auction. As the auction date nears, we will provide a link for the fundraiser. Watch for details prior to the weekend of May 14. Please contact us with any questions.

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Financial Status of Cary United Methodist Church

Following is the financial status of CUMC January through March, 2021. We are on the positive side because of the fact that the Church is not fully opened, and the receipt of a check from the Jack Cory Foundation. We received a check for \$5,961.29 from the Jack Cory Foundation, which was started by Rev. Carol Cory. This is a large check as we did not realize that we had to request it yearly. The actual check should have been around \$1,500 but has accumulated for about five years. It will now become an automatic function so that we should receive a check every year for approximately \$1,500.00.

I have also placed a very condensed version of the 2021 budget on the Welcome Center table for you to take. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. If you want an uncondensed version of the budget, please email me and I will send you the file. The entire budget is 15 pages.

Yours in Christ,

Tom Swider

Chair, Finance Committee

Email address: swidertc@comcast.net

Current Receipts for Jan.– Mar. 2021	Budget for Jan.– Mar. 2021	Difference
\$76,216.43	\$68,078.07	+ \$8,138.36





Save the Date: June 14-18 Vacation Bible School

In-person and online registration beginning soon in church and on our website.

Thank you to Lori McClellan for putting together a wonderful One Room Schoolhouse Easter Sunday School class, and to Chris, John and James Weisser for helping facilitate. He is risen! He is risen indeed!



Graduation Celebration: will be at the 8:30am worship service on June 13. Confirmation, however, will not be done until the fall in October.



Our school, our children, our church. All connected with love.



CARY METHODIST PRESCHOOL

May 2021

Basket Auction Update

The weekend of May 14-16 we will have our virtual basket auction. We have some amazing items for you to bid on. Some of the items will be on display at pick-up time during the week of May 10. We sincerely hope for your support! The money we raise from this auction is used for school improvements and expenses as well as helping CMP students/families in need. Watch for more info on how to participate in this event!!!!



Important Dates

- May 3-6: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 12: Mom's Day Celebrations (Photo Day)
- May 7 No School In-service
- May 24: 11am Promotion Day & Sports Day
- May 28: 9am Promotion Day & Sports Day

Mother's Day Celebrations

Our classes will have special Mother's Day celebrations. On Wednesday May 12, the 2/3-year-old students will have their celebration from 9-10:30am and the 4/5-year-old students will celebrate from 10:30am-12:00pm. On Tuesday, the parents and students will show up at their party time together and leave together after the celebration. There will be no Stay and Play that day. The celebrations will be done outdoors behind the church on the playground/ hilly area. In addition to the special things we have planned for our moms, we will have our school pictures taken that day. Yellow Coat Photography will take photos of the children that you may order. We hope to make this a day for you to remember.





Promotion/Sports Day Picnic

Promotion celebration for 3's, Pre-K 4's, and Pre-K 5's will be on May 24 at 11 am. Your child comes at 9:00 am as usual. You will return to the school at 11 and take a chair to be seated at the outdoor chapel at the east end of the church parking lot, next to the garage area. The kids will sing a special song and receive a certificate of achievement from their teachers. After the celebration, you will take your student home with you. There will be no Stay and Play that day. On May 28, we will have our Sports Day. The teachers will run the sports centers, and you can take your child to each sports activity. This will be the last day of school. The whole family is welcome!!!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00 All Church Outdoor Work Day 9:00 Cross-Racial Cross-Cultural Ministry Spring Training
2 Music Sunday 8:30 Worship In-person 9:45 All Sunday School 11:00 Worship In-person 5:00 Women's Emmaus 7:00 Wesley Class-online	3 7:00 BSA T160 7:00 Men's Emmaus 7:00 Book Discussion	4 9:30 Greeting Card Sales 11:00 Gift Card Sales 11:30 GED Tutoring 6:30 UMW Leadership 7:00 Trustee Meeting	5 9:00 Craft Group 6:10 20 Minutes with God 7:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 AA Meeting	6 11:30 GED Tutoring 6:30 Nurture Team 7:00 Worship Committee	7 7:00 Books n Bagels	8 8:00 Men's Breakfast 3:00 Bridal Meeting
9 Mother's Day 8:30 Worship In-person 9:45 All Sunday School 11:00 Worship In-person 5:00 Women's Emmaus 7:00 Wesley Class-online 	10 7:00 BSA T160 7:00 Men's Emmaus 7:00 Book Discussion	11 11:00 Gift Card Sales 11:30 GED Tutoring 7:00 Finance Committee	12 9:00 Craft Group 9:00 CMP Mom's Day 12:00 Dorcas Circle 6:10 20 Minutes with God 7:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 AA Meeting	13 11:30 GED Tutoring 7:00 Witness Team	14	15 2:00 P557 Blue & Gold
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