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500 First Street  
Cary, IL 60013



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

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# THE OPEN DOOR

## CARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Empowers believers, reaches the community and beyond.

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### Staff

Rev. Dr. Norval I. Brown	Sr. Pastor
Dr. George E. David	Pastor
Sally Lorenzen	Director of Education
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Heather Bryant	Preschool Director
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Jaime Arreola	Custodian

### Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm

### Sunday Worship Schedule

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Sunday School at 10:15 am (virtual)  
Adult Sunday School 10:15 am (virtual)

**February Issue - Deadline January 20**

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Happy  
New Year





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**Cary United Methodist Church**  
Invites you to a fundraiser at

**Breaking Bread Catering & Deli**

638 Northwest Hwy., Cary location 847-516-2223

or

230 W. Virginia St., Suite 250, Crystal Lake location 815-893-6510

**Monday, January 11 thru Saturday, January 16**

**Hours: Monday - Friday: 10:30 - 7 pm and Saturday, 11 - 4 pm**

Family owned, Breaking Bread services a unique menu of hearty sandwiches, salads and soups. Ideal for Lunch & Dinner.

Visit: [breakingbreadrestaurants.com](http://breakingbreadrestaurants.com) for complete menu.

**Take Out or Delivery**

**15% of proceeds will be donated.**

**Coupon must be presented and/or mentioned upon ordering lunch or dinner to qualify for donation.**

**Virtual Service**

Worship services can be found by going to [CaryUMC.org](http://CaryUMC.org) and selecting "WORSHIP VIDEOS" to find current and past services, or you can follow along on the [Cary United Methodist Church Facebook page](#). The **Children's Message** can also be found on this page.

**Cary UMC Giving Options**

Offerings can be given by mailing your check to Cary UMC, 500 First St., or you may give electronically through our church [webpage](#). Look for the following link on the righthand column of the homepage.



## January Birthdays

1/2 Carly Splitt	1/14 Tom Oberheide
Jason Splitt	1/15 Bill Koenig
Nathan Splitt	1/17 Mark Brashear
1/5 Robert Deischer	1/18 Jan Fitzsimmons
1/7 Barb Sargent	Maggie Groos
1/8 Merrill David	1/20 John Lazarski
Kathleen Scott	1/22 Emily Deischer
1/10 Claire Carlberg	1/24 Max Seubert
Harleigh Serpico	1/25 Shane Sorg
1/11 Maria Baker	1/26 Bruce Nordengren
Barb Meckl	
1/13 Jim Barrett	
Frederick Libert	



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Giving Tree 2020. Many folks were blessed and felt the love from our congregation.

Also, many thanks to all who purchased the Christmas Poinsettias. The Sanctuary looked beautiful and the plants were absolutely lovely. Have you picked yours up yet? We will deliver yours if you are unable to pick them up at the church.

*Happy New Year!*

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

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

On 31 December 1862, the men and women of African descent enslaved in the states that had seceded from the Union watched anxiously for midnight to arrive. They were keenly aware that at the stroke of midnight, not only did a new year begin, but a new era for them began – FREEDOM – for on 1 January 1863, President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation went into effect. They gathered in churches. They gathered in the slave quarters. They gathered in the woods where their celebrations would not be observed. But not much changed for a while. The war was still raging. Their mobility was limited. There were few opportunities ahead of them. Many of these formerly enslaved people stayed right where they were, continuing with the routines they had followed for days, weeks, years.

As a youth, I remember going with my parents to Watchnight Services – liturgies that began in the old year and ended in the new year. In our Methodist Church, this service had two foci – The Covenant Renewal Service developed by John Wesley and a reminder of the 1862 service of our ancestors. Even now, Andrea, our children, and I join with her parents for a Watchnight Service at the Trinity UCC in Chicago where they are members.

The 1862 “watching” and the modern day “watchings” offer us the opportunity to

prepare for something new. God speaks to and through Isaiah, saying, “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.

<sup>19</sup>See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” What devastations have been wrought in your life in 2020? Forget them, God says. What blessings have come your way in this outgoing year? Do not dwell on them, commands our God. Instead, look up and look out. The devastations and the blessings of the past will be far out shown by the new things God is going to do in the new year. Look up and look out lest you miss it.

Consider how you will live out your faith in the coming year. If the mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, perhaps we need to embrace the new ways in which God is leading us to make that happen. The world in which we live hasn't changed that much, and our transformation of the world is stagnated. Doing business as usual is not going to get our business done, so let's say “yes” to renewing our covenant with God and to the new ways in which God is leading us to transform God's world.

Happy, Healthy, Holy New Year!  
Pastor Norval





## Nurture Team Road Rally Wrap Up

A wonderful time was had by all who facilitated and participated in Cary UMC's first Christmas Road Rally. Young and old had such fun figuring out clues, driving around town admiring the lights and seeing faces of dear friends we have not seen for a while. Thanks to all who attended and to those who made it happen by planning, sewing, (boy do we have talented seamstresses), and hosting a pick-up spot (with generous hospitality) at their homes.



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## Food Pantry Update for January 2021 by Carolyn Downs

### Anonymous Donor Will Match Your Monetary Food Pantry Donation

From now through January 31, an anonymous donor has offered to match monetary donations that Cary UMC collects for the Cary-Grove Food Pantry, up to \$1,000! To make your donation count, write your check to Cary United Methodist Church, indicate "Food Pantry" on the memo line, and mail or bring your check to Cary UMC, 500 N. First St., Cary, 60013, before January 31. Please help the Cary-Grove Food Pantry, and make your donation today!

The Cary-Grove Food Pantry is open to anyone who needs food assistance. The pantry is open 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 Road, Cary. For more information, call 847-516-3602.

A big THANK YOU for your December food donations!  
Here is what we collected for December so far:



Total Item Donations	Less: Expired/Used Food Items	Net Item Donations	Year-To-Date Donations
105	6	99	783



## College Care Ministry

In February, we will be mailing our Valentine care packages.

With the health concerns and restrictions in place currently, we will be doing the care packages a bit differently. To help alleviate the extra contact with the food and other items, we are asking you to donate money which will be used to purchase items and postage.

**Please make checks payable to: Cary UMW  
and please write College Care in the memo line.**

**Checks can be mailed to, or dropped off, at the church.**

Cary UMW  
500 N. First St  
Cary IL 60013

Checks will be accepted through February 7<sup>th</sup>. This year we are ministering to 10 students at approximately \$14 per school year.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Nordengren or Dawn Ferree.

## Cary UMC's Little Singing Angels

On December 20th we had a delightful service of music for all to enjoy, thanks to all who worked diligently to make that happen. The Nurture team especially thanks Kelsey Krigas who put together the recordings of the Sunday School children singing two songs, and the children who participated.



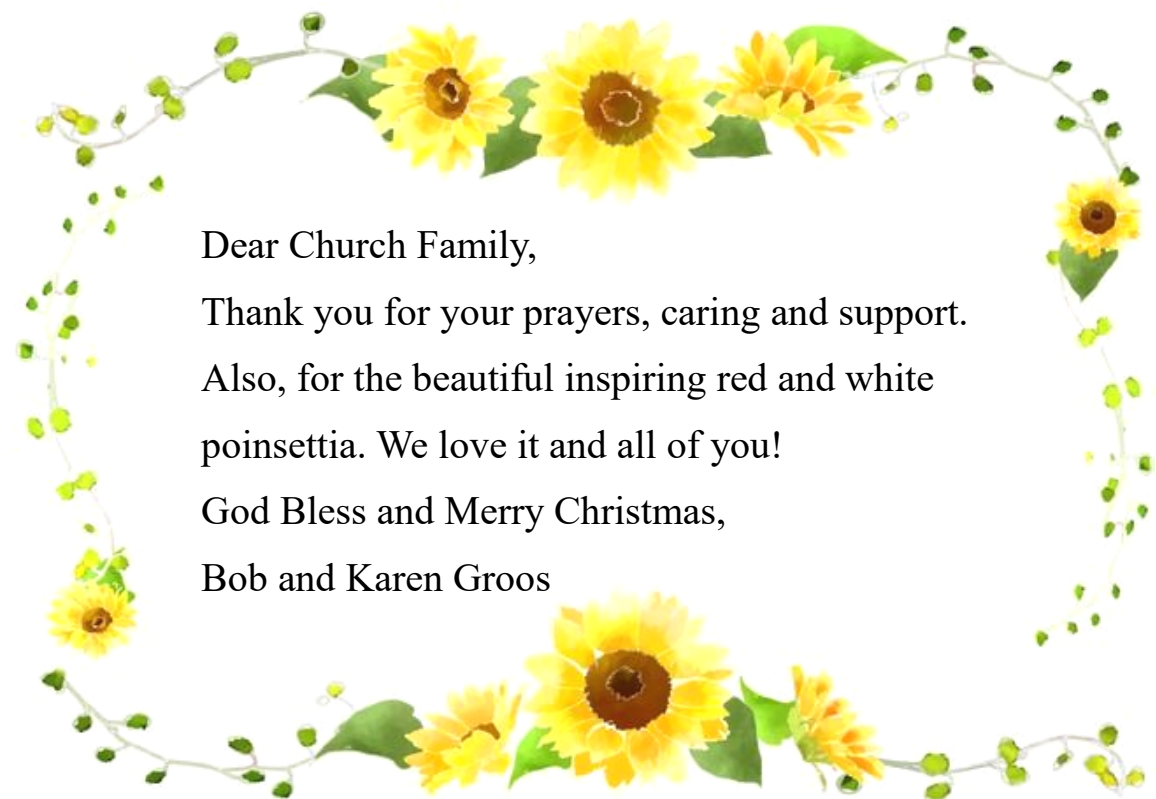


## Greeting Cards

Our handmade greeting cards will be available for purchase on the first Tuesday of the month from 9:30am -3pm starting January 5. 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 11 - 1 pm. Special orders are available. Contact: Tom & Judy Sutliff or Sue Heizer.



## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Small Groups - January Calendar

**Books N Bagels** – Out of an abundance of caution, Books N Bagels has tentatively gone back to meeting online via Zoom at 7pm, first Friday of the month. The group traditionally takes a break in January, so the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 5. February's book is *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. For online meeting information, contact Dawn Ferree or Bethany Decker. March's selection is *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes.

**Morning Craft Group** – Contact: Pat Jacobson

**Dorcas Circle** – Contact: Penny Libert

**Evening Craft Group** – Contact: Vicki Oberlies



## Cary UMW January Update

### UMW Sharing Morning—January 16

This virtual workshop will give us tools to get through these changing times. Soon you will have an opportunity to give our District UMW Leadership Team input regarding your needs and priorities for 2021. Please watch for a Survey Monkey questionnaire. Your replies will help plan the event to meet your needs.

### Mission u - Winter Learning Event - January 23

Save the date for a virtual day of learning and expanding horizons on racism. Join your UMW sisters online for “Faith and the Prison Pipeline: Understanding and Interpreting the School-to-Prison Pipeline,” Saturday, January 23, 2021, from 9:30am-2pm, and includes a lunch break. Watch for more details and registration information.

### UMW Sunday - January 31

Members of Cary UMW will lead the 9am virtual service, which will focus on “Charter For Racial Justice.” Volunteers are needed to help plan and carry out the service. If you want to help, please contact Lois Voss or Glenda Arnold.

### Small Groups - January Calendar

Cary UMW has postponed in-person programs until further notice. If you are a member of a small group, check with your coordinator on when the group will resume in-person meetings or the possibility of organizing online meetings through apps like Skype, Facebook Messenger or Zoom (for groups).

### 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 LoisVoss.

### 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, or to Cary UMC, 500, N. First St., Cary IL 60013, Attn: Amy Peterson.



## FaithBridge Annual MLK “Breakfast”

*Beloved Community*

Keynote speaker:

**Dr. Mark A. Hicks,  
Meadville Lombard,**

**January 18, 2021**

**8:00 – 9:30 am**


The MLK program in January will be the 11<sup>th</sup> annual FaithBridge gathering to celebrate the life, work, and vision of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year’s keynote speaker will be, Dr. Mark A. Hicks, the Angus MacLean Professor of Religious Education at Meadville Lombard (Chicago) and also the director of the activities of *The Fahs Collaborative: A Laboratory for Innovation in Faith Formation*. He is the creator of *Beloved Conversations*, the Unitarian Universalist experiential curriculum for racial healing, which has been used by more than 200 UU congregations and, from this past September, the re-designed program is now available online. In his keynote address, *Searching for the Beloved*, he will describe both the landscape of race-talk today and promising practices for healing within and across racial divides. He will direct group discussion carried out in small breakout rooms.

Advance signup is requested and available here:

<https://www.faithbridgeinterfaith.org/>

Information about Dr. Hicks can be found here:

<https://www.markhicksedu.com/bio>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 7:00 Books n Bagels	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 9:00 Worship - online 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Home Builders-Online	<b>4</b> 6:00 Handbells	<b>5</b> 11:00 Gift Card Sales 7:00 Trustee Meeting	<b>6</b> 7:00 Return Team 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 6:30 Nurture Team 7:00 Worship Committee	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Stamp Camp
<b>10</b> 9:00 Worship - online 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Home Builders-Online 7:00 Wesley Class	<b>11</b> 6:00 Handbells	<b>12</b> 11:00 Gift Card Sales 7:00 Finance Committee	<b>13</b> 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Breaking Bread Fundraiser</b>						
<b>17</b> 9:00 Worship - online 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Home Builders-Online 7:00 Wesley Class	<b>18</b> 6:00 Handbells	<b>19</b> 11:00 Gift Card Sales 6:30 UMW Leadership 7:30 21st Century Seeds	<b>20</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 10:00 Mission Outreach 7:00 SPRC-online	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24 and 31</b> 9:00 Worship - online 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Home Builders-Online 7:00 Wesley Class	<b>25</b> 6:00 Handbells	<b>26</b> 11:00 Gift Card Sales 7:00 Church Council	<b>27</b> 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>