Cary United Methodist Church
500 N. 1st Street, Cary, IL 60013
(847)639-7627



October 2026

Sunday Worship: 9:00am
Youth & Adult Sunday School at 10:30am
Visit us on the web at www.caryumc.org

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The Open Door

Cary United Methodist Church

October 2026 Newsletter

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We are a family of faith connected with God our Father and Jesus Christ his only Son and empowered by the Holy Spirit. We are called to serve one another and the community through fellowship in an open, loving, and safe environment.

Sunday Worship at 9:00am ~ Sunday School 10:30am ~ Hospitality Hour at 10:00am
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm
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Cary UMC

October

Oct 2026 (Central Time - Chicago)

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Why Celebrate Cary Church's 140th Anniversary?

During my ministry, I have had the privilege of helping churches plan and celebrate special anniversaries. At Prophetstown United Methodist Church, we celebrated the church's 170th anniversary in 2006, and at First United Methodist Church in Crystal Lake, we celebrated its 175th anniversary in 2014. Both celebrations were meaningful opportunities to remember God's faithfulness, honor those who came before us, and celebrate together as a church family.

As I was reading *"Built on the Rock: A Comprehensive History of Cary United Methodist Church, 1888–2007,"* I realized that Cary United Methodist Church will celebrate its 140th anniversary in 2028. From my previous experiences, I know that preparing for and celebrating a significant church anniversary can create many memorable and joyful moments for the congregation. It is much more than simply remembering a date. It is an opportunity to look back with gratitude, celebrate what God is doing among us today, and look forward with faith and hope to the future.

For this reason, I presented a proposal for Cary Church's 140th Anniversary Celebration to the Administrative Council at its September 22 meeting. In this article, I would like to share with you why I believe celebrating the 140th anniversary of Cary United Methodist Church can be an important and meaningful opportunity for our congregation.

1888–2028: 140 Years of Faith

The 140th anniversary of Cary United Methodist Church is much more than a celebration of how old our church is. It is an opportunity to remember where we came from, give thanks for God's faithfulness, honor those who have served before us, strengthen our ministry today, and prayerfully prepare for the future. For 140 years, generations of faithful people have worshiped, prayed, served, taught, given, sacrificed, and shared the love of Christ through Cary Church. We are part of that continuing story. Therefore, our anniversary should not simply look backward with nostalgia. It should help us understand who we are, why we are here, and where God may be leading us next.

1. To Find and Remember Our Faith Roots

An anniversary gives us an opportunity to rediscover the spiritual roots of our congregation. Cary Church did not suddenly appear in our generation. Beginning in 1888, faithful people responded to God's call and established a Christian community that has continued through changing times and generations. By learning their stories—their faith, prayers, sacrifices, challenges, ministries, and hopes—we better understand our own identity. We realize that we are standing on a foundation built by those who came before us. As Scripture reminds us: *"Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past."* (Deuteronomy 32:7) Remembering our history is not about living in the past. Knowing our roots can give us wisdom and courage for the future.

2. To Recognize and Thank Those Who Have Faithfully Served

The 140th anniversary gives us a special opportunity to recognize longtime members, former pastors, staff members, lay leaders, teachers, musicians, volunteers, families, and many others who have faithfully supported the ministry of Cary Church. Some served publicly and

visibly. Others quietly prayed, gave, prepared meals, taught children, maintained the building, visited the sick, sang in the choir, served on committees, supported missions, or helped whenever there was a need. Their contributions have shaped the church we have inherited today. The anniversary gives us a chance to say: "Thank you. We remember you. Your faithfulness mattered, and what you did continues to bear fruit."

3. To Celebrate God's Faithfulness
Ultimately, a church anniversary is not primarily about celebrating ourselves. It is about celebrating what God has done among us. Cary Church has experienced many changes during 140 years—changes in pastors, members, buildings, worship styles, ministries, the community, and society. There have undoubtedly been seasons of growth as well as difficult seasons. Yet through all those changes, the church has continued to worship, proclaim the gospel, serve others, and make disciples. Like Samuel setting up the stone of remembrance called Ebenezer, we can say: *"Thus far the LORD has helped us."* (1 Samuel 7:12) Our 140th anniversary becomes an act of thanksgiving: "Thank you, God, for bringing us this far."

4. To Create Momentum for Our Present Ministry
An anniversary should not interrupt the ministry of the church; it should energize it. Preparing for 2028 can bring people together around a common purpose. Longtime members and newer members, children and older adults, staff and laity can work together to tell our story, strengthen worship, expand mission, invite neighbors, reconnect with former members, and discover new opportunities for ministry. The celebration can become a catalyst for greater participation in the life of the church. Instead of asking only, "What did Cary Church accomplish during the past 140 years?" we should also ask, "What can God accomplish through Cary Church today?" The anniversary can strengthen our present commitment to Worship, Grow, Serve, and Invite, reminding every person that each of us has a place in Christ's ministry.

5. To Discern and Plan for the Future
Perhaps one of the most important purposes of the 140th anniversary is to ask: Where is God calling Cary Church next? The people celebrating the Centennial in 1988 did something significant. They did not only celebrate their first hundred years. They made an "Affirmation of Our Future," committing themselves to continue sharing Christ's love beyond the walls of the church and expressing their desire "to know Christ and to make Christ known." Forty years later, the 2028 congregation will have an opportunity to continue that commitment. During the anniversary process, we can prayerfully ask: What should we preserve? What should we strengthen? What may need to change? What needs exist in our community today? How can we reach new people? What kind of church is God calling Cary Church to become over the next ten or twenty years? The anniversary therefore becomes not only a celebration of history but also a season of visioning.

6. To Strengthen Our Connection with the Community
Cary Church has been part of the Cary community for 140 years. Therefore, this anniversary should not be only an internal church celebration. It is an opportunity to reconnect with our neighbors, community organizations, former members, schools, local leaders, and mission partners. Through service projects, community celebrations, invitations, and outreach, we

can demonstrate that Cary Church continues to be here not simply for ourselves, but to serve Christ by serving our neighbors. Our anniversary can communicate: "We have been part of this community for 140 years, and we remain committed to loving and serving this community."

7. To Inspire the Next Generation
Our history belongs not only to those who remember it. It also belongs to the children, youth, young adults, new members, and people who have not yet become part of Cary Church. The anniversary gives us an opportunity to tell the next generation: "This is your church, too. You are part of this story, and God will use you to write its next chapter." Psalm 78 speaks about telling the next generation about God's works so that they may place their trust in God. If the anniversary only remembers previous generations, it remains incomplete. Our responsibility is to receive the faith from those before us and faithfully pass it to those who come after us.

8. To Renew Our Commitment to Christ and His Mission
Finally, the greatest purpose of our 140th anniversary should be spiritual renewal. We can have beautiful decorations, historical displays, special worship services, reunions, dinners, music, photographs, and celebrations. All of these can be meaningful. But the most important question is: Will we become more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ because we celebrated these 140 years? Our anniversary should invite us to renew our commitment to Christ, to one another, and to the mission God has entrusted to us.

More Than an Anniversary
Therefore, the 140th Anniversary of Cary United Methodist Church can be understood through three simple movements:

REMEMBER — where God has brought us from.
CELEBRATE — what God is doing among us today.
RENEW — our commitment to where God is leading us tomorrow.

We celebrate because our history gives us roots, our present ministry gives us purpose, and God's future gives us hope. The people of Cary Church in 1988 celebrated their first 100 years and looked forward in faith. In 2028, forty years later, we will have the privilege of receiving what they entrusted to us and carrying it forward. Our 140th anniversary can therefore become much more than a birthday celebration. It can become a spiritual milestone for the whole congregation—a time of gratitude, reconciliation, renewed participation, mission, vision, and hope.

140 Years of Faith — 1888–2028
Remembering Our Story; Celebrating God's Faithfulness; Building Our Future
Many generations. One faith. One mission. And by God's grace, the story continues.





October Nurture News

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6–7

God's goodness is all around us. We can witness and recognize it everywhere when we open our minds and hearts to Him! We witness this goodness when we view this world in the eyes of His assurance and love… Leaving on our anxious self-focused thoughts behind.

Max Lucado has a great tool to help us remember to "Let Go and Let God" in his four-step C.A.L.M framework. Max Lucado's C.A.L.M. acronym is a four-step framework introduced in his book *Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*, based on the biblical passage Philippians 4:6–7

The C.A.L.M. Acronym Steps

C – Celebrate God's goodness: Remind yourself of who God is and focus on His past faithfulness rather than your current fears

A – Ask God for help: Present your specific needs, worries, and petitions directly to Him through prayer

L – Leave your concerns with God: Release the burden into His hands instead of trying to carry or control the outcome yourself.

M – Meditate on good things: Direct your thoughts toward pure, lovely, and praiseworthy concepts found in Scripture rather than spiraling anxiety

To rejoice essentially is a call to release control. Rejoicing is a way to remember what we believe. When we rejoice, we say, I'm letting this go to you, God. You see the natural human tendency when you're facing chaos is to want to take control.

If that's your tendency, you're normal. Our natural tendency when we are facing something hard, something scary, or anxiety producing, we will want to take the steering wheel.

The Bible gives an alternative to this gripping, which is releasing control to the God who's actually in control. If it feels counterintuitive or hard for you to do, it is. That is why we have some things we must do to get us to that place. Here are few verses that speak of how God is in control:

- Proverbs 21 says, "There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord." God is in control. God sustains all things.
- Hebrews 1:3. God is in control. God can whistle for the fly that is in the farthest part of the rivers of Egypt. If you hear it our God can too.
- He will keep in perfect peace all those who trust in him whose thoughts turn often to the Lord.
- The word of God is a sustaining power for the people of God, and it reminds us that God is over everything.

IN HIS MANY KINDNESSES AND ASSURANCES, WE CAN "**CELEBRATE HIS GOODNESS** and REJOICE! AMEN!

What is coming up for NURTURE TEAM: Fall Sunday School Has Started ….

We started Fall Sunday school on September 13 during the 10:30– 11:30 hour. Please join us downstairs for our PreK-High School youth classes and in Fellowship Hall and the lower Zoom Room for one of our 2 adult classes: Home Builders and The Wesley Class. For more information, pick up a Sunday School Pamphlet in one of our information centers at either church entrance. Or email Sally at: christianed@caryumc.org

9/13-10/4 CROP Hunger Walk donation collection will be happening. Ending Hunger One Step at a Time! The children have CROP collection boxes and will be collecting at church and at home to support the fight against hunger. All our donations collected are to be turned in by October 4 after the Sunday school hour.

"The steps we take - and the funds we raise together - will provide life-saving support including emergency food and resources, along with the seeds, tools and programs that will help families feed themselves in the future."

Please donate generously to take steps against hunger here and throughout our world. Twenty-five percent of what is collected is allocated to fighting hunger right here in McHenry County!

10/04 CROP Hunger Walk ~ wear your favorite walking shoes.

10/11 We begin making cards for our Veterans.

10/17 the Nurture Team will host the Fall Faith Festival/Trunk or Treat at the front of the church lot and lawn. At the event the children will wear their costumes, play games, enjoy some fall art, eat treats, enter a basket raffle. Join the fun from 10am-12pm and enjoy family fun with the Cary/ FRG community.

10/18 Third Grade Bibles will be given out at our 9am service. Congratulations Jordan and Dylan!





Sunday School Fall 2026





Fall Celebration Picnic
Welcoming Fall and Cary UMC and Community Church of Fox River Grove joining!























Financial Status of Cary United Methodist Church

Thank you so very much for your continued financial support to Cary United Methodist Church. The good news is that we are currently ahead of the expenders. The bad news is that there isn't any bad news.

Following is the financial status of CUMC for January thru August 2026.

As usual, if you have any questions about the current financial status, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Christ,
Tom Swider
Chair, Finance Committee
(847) 727-9324 or (847) 639-6173
Email address: swidertc@comcast.net

Current Income for Aug 2026	Current Expenses for Aug 2026	Difference
$30,744.89	$28,253.56	+2,491.33
Current Income for Jan. – Aug 2026	Current Expenses for Jan. – Aug 2026	Difference
$247,447.60	$236,818.15	+$10,629.45

Cary UMC Directory 2027

Your directory team decided to create our new church directory on site rather than use a professional company. We will follow the general direction of past booklets with both informal photos and "headshots" of our members, plus basic contact information. This means we will need your help too!

October will be our photo and data collection month. Think about all those photos you have. Could one be your "headshot" or family photo in our directory? Then email it to Officecaryumc@gmail.com, or bring it to the church office or the Sunday photo station before or after worship services on October 11 and 18. Will you need someone to take a new photo? Stop by our Sunday photo station before or after October services and a team member will photograph you or your family. We hope to include everyone, but it's not a requirement. We also want you to submit activity photos to show our church life.



A Member Information Form must be completed by each person listed in the directory. This may appear as an email for you to complete or will also be available in the Narthex or Lobby. Members of the Directory team include Pastor Charles, Sheila DCamp, Lynn Grap, Sue Heizer, Kathie Parks, Steve Siles, Judy Sutliff, Holly Voss, Lois Voss. Sara Kelly is our liaison with the Church Council.

Mission Links

During October, we will collect monetary donations for a **US Based Advance Fund #707** to support NOMADS Mission Volunteers (#982658). Nomads On a Mission Active in Divine Service – NOMADS provide volunteer labor for historically Methodist organizations. According to their description "NOMADS demonstrate God' s love through our work and by listening to the people with whom we work. We do new construction, remodeling, and repairs for churches, children's homes, camps, colleges, outreach missions and disaster rebuilding. Team members do maintenance, cleaning, painting, electrical, drywall, sewing, flooring. With God's help, NOMADS pretty much do it all."
Please consider making a donation for NOMADS. Please make your checks out to Cary UMC and write "**US Based Advance**" in the memo line. If giving cash, please write it on the envelope along with your name.)

Souperb 2026

It's that time of year! Our annual Souperb Kitchen returns Saturday, Oct. 17, serving from 10:30 – 1:00. Sadly, for Stacy Nordengren, it's time to pass along the Golden Ladle she won for her 2025 entry. She earned the coveted and prestigious People's Choice Award for her wonderful Tortellini Soup. If you want an opportunity to earn and display proudly the Golden Ladle Award in your home for the next year, you must enter and prepare a soup for serving.
We would like to offer a broad variety of soups, so please consider bringing a hot and tasty soup to the kitchen no later than 10am, Saturday, Oct. 17. If that isn't convenient for your schedule, we can accept your soup on Friday and will have it ready for serving on Saturday.
Please contact Deb Kraemer to register your entry, (debekraemer@aol.com or 847-347-9706).



Welcome Fox River Grove Members



Names from left to right:
Pastor Charles Yoon,
Paul Carlberg,
Patti Wayman,
Stephen Pickering,
Amy Dawson,
Sharon Khan in front row.

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

Cary Methodist Preschool

We are "Fall"ing for Our CMP Families

October 2026

What a great first month it has been at Cary Methodist Preschool. All of the children seem to have adjusted to being at preschool and are having a good time. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful children and families here at Cary Methodist Preschool! There are some exciting events planned for this month! Please take a look at the "Important Dates" and mark your calendars! Thank you for being here and sharing your precious children with us.



Blessings~ Mrs. Collier

Dad's Day Pumpkin Carving Event



Calling All Dads! (Grandpas, Uncles, Family, Friends, or Moms) You are invited to CMP's Annual Dad's Day Pumpkin Carving Event on Saturday, October 17. It will be open house style from 9:00-11:00am. Come share this special time with your preschooler. We will be carving our pumpkins in the preschool rooms. Please be prepared to sit on the floor!! Refreshments will be served! **BRING YOUR OWN PUMPKIN TO CARVE AND PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CARVING TOOLS.** Also, make sure to visit the classroom so you can see a special project that your child made for you!

Butter Braids and Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Our first fundraiser of the year will be Butter Braids and Cookie Dough... just in time for the Holidays! More information to follow. Thank you so much for your continued support.





Fitness Stars

We are so excited that the Fitness Stars, Stretch-n-Grow program is about to start for the 2026-2027 school year! This is a fun fitness class where kids learn strength, endurance, flexibility, balance and nutrition! This class will take place during our school day! We can't wait to get started!

Fire Prevention Month

October is fire prevention month! The children will be learning about fire safety and we will be having a fire drill at school. If your child comes home and says there was a fire at the preschool, you will know it was just a drill! The Cary Fire Department will also be visiting us this month! This is a good time to be talking to your preschooler about fire safety and the important jobs of our community helpers.



Reminders:

- ☺ Please be sure to sign in at drop off.
- ☺ Tuition is due by the 10th of every month.
- ☺ Please keep a change of clothes in your child's backpack that is weather appropriate.
- ☺ Please remember to sign up for Stay 'N Play in advance.
- ☺ Thank you for following our rules during drop-off. It helps everything run smoothly and we want to make sure all the children arrive safely!

Important Dates:

Chapel With Sally	3's Oct. 2 4/5's Oct. 2 2's Oct. 8
Stretch 'N Grow	2's Oct. 6 3's Oct. 2 4/5's Oct. 2
Butter Braid Fundraiser	Monday, Oct. 5— Monday, Oct. 26
NO SCHOOL Teacher In-service Indigenous Peoples' Day	 Wed., Oct. 7 & Monday, Oct. 12
Book Orders Due	Monday, Oct. 12
Picture Day	Oct. 14 & Oct. 15
Dad's Day Pumpkin Carving Event	Sat., Oct. 17 9:00-11:00 am
Fall Fest Parties (more info to follow)	2's Oct. 29 3's Oct. 30 4/5's Oct.30



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Crafts/Vendors
and souper lunch
Saturday, October 17, 2026
Free Admission 9:30 AM - 3 PM

United Women in Faith

CARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Join us for a Souperb lunch.
Starting at 10:30m until 1:00pm or the soup runs out.

Handmade crafts/gifts, Handmade cards, Wood crafts, Arbonne, Tastefully Simple, Pampered Chef, LulaRoe, Sunset Scents, L'BRI, and Norwex

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United Women in Faith

Happy Fall, everyone! Let it be a season of gratitude, giving, and togetherness. A couple of weeks ago Pastor Charles focused on the Biblical question "Where is your brother?" in his series of sermons on "The Bible's Four Great Questions" As he said that morning, "If we fail to listen to our brothers' and sisters' cries we begin to follow the way of Cain"

UWFaith lets that message drive our continued work in our congregation, in McHenry County, and around the world. This past summer, our church community answered the call and contributed 32 backpacks to Kids Above All. Many of you also donated socks to Kids in Need and contributed to our College Care mission. Thank you for opening your hearts and wallets.

Last fall we participated in a sewing event stitching reusable maxi pads with Girls4Ghana, because where our sisters cry out, we try to listen. Unfortunately, flooding damaged much of what we stitched along with the other period products donated at the event. We made an emergency cash donation in response to their plea. If you would like to donate as well, visit https://g4gghana.org/



Angels in the Fairway – Serving up Fellowship One Tee at a Time!

What a day! Our annual **Mark Peterson Memorial Golf Outing, Dinner & Silent Auction** held on August 21, was a hole-in-one from start to finish!

The day began with golfers hitting the course at Cary Country Club, where there was plenty of friendly competition, a few impressive shots, a few *creative* shots, and, of course, lots of laughter along the way. Whether you were a seasoned golfer or just there to enjoy the fellowship, everyone seemed to have a great time.

After the final putts were made, we traded golf clubs for dinner plates and gathered for a delicious dinner and some great conversation. It was wonderful to see so many friends, family, and church family members come together to celebrate the day and the wonderful spirit of generosity that makes this event so special.

The **Silent Auction** was anything but silent! The tables were filled with amazing baskets, gift cards, experiences, and goodies donated by our church committees, congregation members, and generous local businesses. There was definitely some serious bidding going on—and maybe a little friendly competition over who was going home with which prize!

Most importantly, the day was about **fellowship, remembering Mark, supporting our church, and having fun together.** The generosity shown throughout the day was truly inspiring.

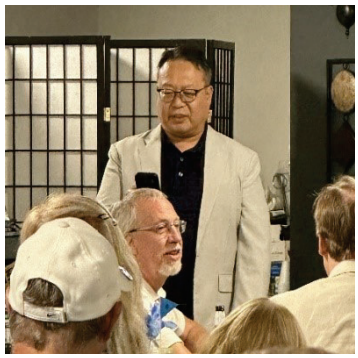
A huge **THANK YOU** goes out to everyone who golfed, attended dinner, donated auction items, sponsored a hole, helped with setup and cleanup, bid on auction items, or simply came out to enjoy the evening.

Your support and generosity made the day a tremendous success. We may not all have had a perfect golf game, but together, we definitely scored a **hole-in-one for our church!**

With thanks and gratitude,
The Golf Committee * John Lazarski * Tom Lorenzen * Bruce and Stacy Nordengren * Tom and Judy Sutliff * Sue Heizer















United Women in Faith October News

Books 'n Bagels

Next meeting is Friday, October 2, at 7pm, at the church, in Zoom room 112, downstairs. The book title is, *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans. Contact Dawn Ferree or Bethany Decker.

Mark your Calendar: Dates for United Women in Faith Events

Tuesday, October 6, 6:30pm, FH, **Leadership Team**, all are welcome. Contact *Glenda Arnold 312-550-1740*
Wednesday, October 14, 11:30am. Location TBD **Dorcas Circle**. Contact *Penny Libert 847-639-2708*
Every Wednesday morning, 9:30am, FH, **Coffee & Crafts & Conversation.**
Contact *Pat Jacobson 847-639-6173*
Every Thursday morning, 8:30am, **Women's Prayer Group** at Eggville Café, Cary. Contact *Dorothy Fagerson, Sue Heizer, or Carroll Wagus 847-516-2016*
Thursday, October 22, 7pm, **Craft Night**. Contact Lori McClellan 847-507-1127

Dorcas Circle

Anyone available for a lunch fellowship on the second Wednesday of the month should join us on October 14, 11:30am. Location TBD. We love to share stories of faith, family and friends. For more information, contact Penny Libert (847-639-2708).

Every Wednesday Morning

Our Wednesday Mornings Coffee & Craft Group welcomes your conversation and crafting. Bring your own project, and we'll have the coffee ready. Stop by to visit 9:30am-noon in Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Pat Jacobson (847-639-6173).

Evening Craft Group

Thursday, October 22 evening from 7-9pm, our Evening Craft Group welcomes your crafting skills and conversation. Bring your own project or choose from one of ours. For more information, contact loribmcclellan@comcast.net.

Thursday Women's Prayer Group

Every Thursday morning at 8:30am, our Women's Prayer Group meets at Eggville Café, 350 Northwest Highway in Cary, to share prayer and enjoy breakfast and fellowship. Contact Dorothy Fagerson, Sue Heizer, or Carroll Wagus (847-516-2016).

Stamp Camp

Saturday, November 14, 2026, at 9am in Fellowship Hall. Join us in making five handmade greeting cards. The $20 fee includes all supplies, fun and fellowship. Contact Dawn Ferree to reserve your space.

October Birthdays

October Birthdays	
1-Oct	**9-Oct**
Debbie Lazarski	C.J. Solarte
Tom Lorenzen	**13-Oct.**
Harper Sukow	Maddie Lazarski
2-Oct	**14-Oct**
Susan Levels	Dane Mularski
5-Oct	**21-Oct**
Melissa Parks	Robbie Groos
6-Oct	**24-Oct**
Ron Hutchings	Brenda Iverson
Max McGee	**29-Oct**
7-Oct	Harry Ackerman
Paul Carlberg	**30-Oct**
8-Oct	Amshul George
Andrew Lorenzen	



October Anniversaries

Patrick & Carrie Green 10/11



Staff & Volunteers

Charles Yoon	Pastor
Sally Lorenzen	Christian Education Director
Holly Voss	Office Manager
Mary Ellen Spoerl	Financial Secretary
John Stoeckert	Stewardship Secretary
Dave DCamp	Music Director
Kevin Scott	Choir Director
Penny Libert	Organist
Jim Ferree	Tech/AV Coordinator
Holly Voss	Wedding Coordinator
Katrina Zentefis	Nursery Coordinator
	Funeral Coordinator
Deb Kraemer and Judy Sutliff	Funeral Luncheon Coordinators
Laura Collier	Preschool Director
Arturo and Eric Arreola	Custodian
Jaime Arreola	
Custodian	

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9am - 3pm

Sunday Schedule:

Worship 9am

Sunday School 10:30am

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You Tube Channel



Teacher Dedication 2026: Left to right. Lori McClellan, Sally Lorenzen, Pastor Charles Yoon, Chris Weisser, Katie Weaver, Dorothy Fagerson, Josh Sukow, Stephanie Sukow, Jeff Bivin, Stephanie Brashear, Dawn Ferree.