Cary United Methodist Church
500 N. 1st Street, Cary, IL 60013
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November 2026

Sunday Worship: 9:00am
Youth & Adult Sunday School at 10:30am
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Cary United Methodist Church

November 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

November

Nov 2026 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am - Worship-SC 10:30am - Confirmation-WW 10:30am - Sunday School	2 5:45pm - T229 Daisys-102 6pm - Handbell Choir SC 7pm - Chicagoland Voices-SC 7pm - T160 Meeting-FHall	3 9:15am - Stretch n Grow-FHdef 9:30am - CUMC Directory Team-Lit 5pm - T571 Girl Scouts-102 6pm - T627 Daisys-103 6:30pm - UWFaith-112 7pm - Trustee Team-FHab	4 9:30am - Crafts/Coffee-FHab 11am - Butter Braid Pickup-Lobby 6pm - P557 Den Mtg-FHall 7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal-SC 8pm - AA Meeting-102	5 8:30am - Retired Men's 8:30am - Women's Prayer 7pm - Stamp Night-FHab	6 9:15am - Stretch n Grow-FHdef 7pm - Books & Bagels-112/Zoom	7
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The Harvest of God

In her beautiful book A Tree Full of Angels, Benedictine sister Macrina Wiederkehr reminds us that God's presence can be found in the ordinary moments of life. In her reflection, God comes through a gentle breeze, the first light of morning, a familiar voice saying, “I love you,” the rain falling on thirsty ground, and the beauty of a maple tree in the sunlight. These are simple, everyday experiences. Yet through them, she recognizes something extraordinary: God is present, even in the smallest moments of our lives.

As we enter November, I invite you to slow down, look around, and recognize God's presence in your daily life. November is a month of transition. The colorful leaves begin to fall, the days grow shorter, and the fields become empty after the harvest. We prepare for winter, celebrate Thanksgiving, and begin a new Christian year with Advent. It is also a wonderful season to reflect on God's faithfulness and the many blessings we have received.

Remembering God's Faithfulness

On All Saints Sunday, November 1, we will remember and give thanks for the lives of those who have gone before us in faith. We will remember our loved ones, family members, friends and faithful members of our church who have touched our lives and helped shape our faith. Although they are no longer physically with us, their love, faith and witness continue to live in our hearts. As we remember them, we celebrate the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ and give thanks for the wonderful legacy they have left behind. Their lives remind us that we are part of God's continuing story of love and grace.

Celebrating God's Provision Through Stewardship

November is also an important season in our church as we continue our stewardship campaign, “God Provides.” In the story of the widow and Elisha in 2 Kings 4:1–7, Elisha asks a simple but powerful question: *“What do you have in your house?”* The widow had only a small jar of oil. But when she trusted God and offered what she had, God provided in a way she could never have imagined. This story reminds us that stewardship is not simply about money or giving to the church.

Stewardship is about recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God and faithfully using those gifts for God's purposes. God has blessed each of us with time, talents, abilities, experiences, relationships, and resources. Sometimes we focus so much on what we do not have that we forget to appreciate what God has already given us. As we look toward the future of Cary Church, I believe God is asking us the same question: “What do you have?” What gifts can we share? What ministries can we strengthen? What opportunities can we embrace? How can we use what God has entrusted to us to serve our neighbors and share Christ's love? When each of us offers what we have, even when it seems small, God can bring those gifts together to accomplish something far greater than we could do alone. Our little can become much in God's hands!

Giving Thanks for God's Abundant Blessings

On Thanksgiving Sunday, November 22, we will gather with grateful hearts to celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness. Thanksgiving is more than remembering the blessings we have received. It is also an opportunity to ask how we can become a blessing to others. When we see the empty fields after the harvest, we remember the farmers who planted the seeds, the rain that watered the ground, the sunshine that helped the crops grow, and the hands that gathered the harvest. Behind every harvest, we recognize God's gracious provision. In the same way, when we look around our church, we see the harvest of God's love through people who faithfully worship, pray, teach, sing, serve, give, and care for one another. You are part of God's harvest! Every act of kindness, every

prayer, every offering, and every hour of service becomes a seed of faith that God can use to bless others.

Looking Forward with Advent Hope

On Sunday, November 29, we will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent and begin a new Christian year. Advent invites us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ, the greatest gift of God's love. As the world around us grows colder and darker, we light the first Advent candle, the candle of hope. That small flame reminds us that God's light continues to shine, even in times of uncertainty. Just as God has been faithful in the past, we can trust God to guide us into the future. We do not know everything that lies ahead for our church, our families, or our world. But we know that God is with us, God cares for us, and God will continue to lead us.

Seeing God's Harvest Among Us

As we journey through November, I encourage you to look for God's presence in the ordinary moments of your life. When you see the beautiful colors of autumn, give thanks to God. When you remember a loved one, give thanks for the gift of their life. When someone offers a helping hand or a word of encouragement, recognize God's love at work. When you share your time, talents, or resources, remember that you are participating in something greater than yourself. And when you gather with your church family for worship, fellowship, and service, remember that God is present among us.

The harvest of God is not measured only by what we receive, but also by the love we share, the lives we touch, and the seeds of faith we plant for future generations. Let us remember with gratitude, give with generosity, serve with joy, and look toward the future with hope. May this November be a season of thanksgiving, faithful stewardship, and renewed hope for all of us.

May God continue to bless you, your family, and our beloved Cary United Methodist Church.

Your brother in Christ,
Charles Yoon
Pastor Charles



All Church Workday Saturday, November 14 8am – 12pm All are welcome!

CROP Hunger Walk 2026



Baptism of Rosalie Marie Solarte October 11, 2026



Nurture Team News

The Nurture Team held its Fall Faith Fest on October 17. We were blessed to see many happy faces celebrating the beautiful fall morning that were either lending us a helping hand or joining in the fun! The children had such fun playing games including our new Spider and Octopus game and our Batty Target Practice as well as trying their hands at making the best skeleton ever! Many children wore their costumes and had a great time going to our amazingly decorated Trunk or Treat Cars!! Congratulations to the Ohlson family for winning the Scarecrow contest and to the Haug family for winning the Crave VBS raffle basket. Heartfelt thanks to all that worked at, donated to, and attended Fall Faith Fest 26!

Upcoming Events:

- **Youth Sunday school raised over $300 for the CROP walk! This annual walk collects funds to help fight hunger here in McHenry County and far beyond!**
- **October 18 Dylan and Jordan received their 3rd Grade Bibles!! God bless you boys as you continue your faith journeys using your brand-new Bibles.**
- **Sunday School and CMP are making cards for Veterans Day distribution. Notify the church office by the beginning of November if there is a veteran in your life that you would like to honor with one of the cards our children have created.**
- **December 5 Nurture Team Elves are at Santa's Breakfast**
- **December 20 our youth sing at church during our Christmas music Sunday!**



































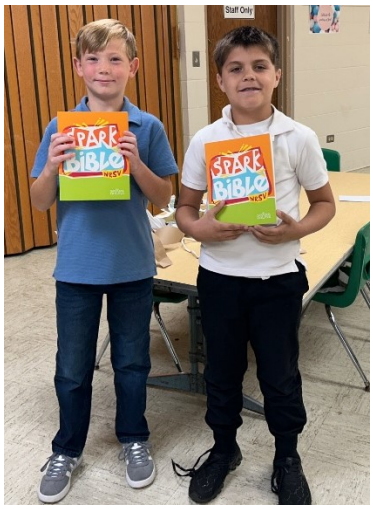
















Third Grade Bible Sunday
Congratulations
Dylan and Jordan







Cary Methodist Preschool

October Chapel Time with CMP









CGPAC ETC EDUCATIONAL THEATRE COMPANY

ETC Theater performs
Descendants
October 4
At CUMC





Financial Status of Cary United Methodist Church

Oooops, it seems that we slipped a little on the income for September, but I am confident that we will make it up in the next couple of months. If not, then I am worried that I will lose more hair that I don't have. Please keep my head warm as winter is approaching. Thank you so very much for your continued financial support to Cary United Methodist Church.

Following is the financial status of CUMC for January through September 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
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Email address: swidertc@comcast.net

Current Income for Sept 2026	Current Expenses for Sept 2026	Difference
$26,119.91	$27,489.96	-$1,370.05
Current Income for Jan. – Sept 2026	Current Expenses for Jan. – Sept 2026	Difference
$273,567.51	$264,308.11	+$9,259.40

Share the Joy with The Giving Tree!

Help make the holidays a little brighter by participating in **The Giving Tree**, supporting **Home of the Sparrow and The Salvation Army**!

Gift tags will be available from **November 2 through November 23**. Simply choose a tag from the tree and **sign your name and phone # on the clipboard** so we know which gift you've selected.

Purchase the requested gift and return it **unwrapped, with the tag attached, by November 30**.

Your generosity will help bring joy and hope to individuals and families in our community this holiday season. Thank you for sharing God's love through this simple act of kindness!

Contact: Dawn Ferree or Bonnie Floor



United Women in Faith

An old cliche would have it that too many cooks in one kitchen is a bad thing. The record number of soups contributed to United Women of Faith's Souper Lunch and Craft/Vendor Fair sure disproved that!

Many thanks to the members of our community of faith who contributed their delicious masterpieces. Such a wide variety of soups to warm us up on a brisk fall day.

Congratulations to Amy Peterson on winning the Golden Ladle for her chicken gnocchi soup.

And thanks to everyone who volunteered in the kitchen or at the UWFaith bake sale table. Most importantly, thank you to all the vendors and crafters who showed up to sell this year. There could be no fair without them.

Mission Links

During November we will collect monetary donations for NIC District Project Fund #710, Fox River Valley United.

The Fox River Valley Organizing Initiative is a group of everyday citizens dedicated to resolving pressing social problems facing communities along the Fox River Valley in Kane and surrounding counties. United in the belief that people working together have the power to change their communities, they are a broad-based, non-partisan organization made up of churches, nonprofits and other institutions. Together with relational power, they take collective action on social and economic issues to benefit the people of the Fox River Valley. Their current focus is on expanding affordable housing and diverting persons with mental illness away from the criminal justice system.

Monetary donations will support the Fox River Valley United #60000231. (Please write “Fox River Valley United” in the memo line for checks or if giving cash please write it on the envelope along with your name.)

Christmas Poinsettia’s for 2026

We are planning for poinsettia purchases for our advent season, which starts Sunday, November 29. We will take orders for 6½” red and white poinsettia plants to decorate our sanctuary. They are $11.00 each. Orders can be placed starting Sunday, November 1 through November 15. Order forms will be available in bulletins and at both church entrances. Orders can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the mailed to the church office, or put in the grey metal box in the workroom next to church office.

Make checks payable to: Cary United Methodist Church and write poinsettias in the memo line.

The flowers will arrive on December 17 and can be taken home after the 10pm Christmas Eve service.

Thank you, Denise Ackermann



United Women in Faith November News

Books 'n Bagels

Next meeting is Friday, November 6, at 7pm, at the church, in Zoom room 112, downstairs. The book title is, *Appalachian Song* by Michelle Shocklee. Contact Dawn Ferree or Bethany Decker.

Mark your Calendar: Dates for United Women in Faith Events

Tuesday, November 3, 6:30pm, FH, **Leadership Team**, all are welcome. Contact *Glenda Arnold 312-550-1740*
Wednesday, November 11, 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 November 11, 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, November 19 in the 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.

November Birthdays

11/1	Laura Prather	11/18	Ruth Brekke
11/4	Pat Van Allen		Jim Ferree
11/5	Teresa Bivin		Willa Sukow
11/12	Nicholas Sorg	11/20	Katy Wilford
11/16	Patrick Baker	11/24	Dorothy Fagerson
	Lori Seubert	11/25	Justin Serpico
11/17	Caleb Reynolds	11/26	Kailey Krigas
		11/27	Deanne Pelz
		11/30	Eunice Yoon

November Anniversaries

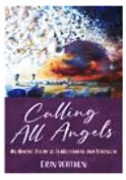
Ray & Chris Weisser	11/14
Steve & Nancy Siles	11/21
Tom & Deb Kraemer	11/25
Josh & Stephanie Sukow	11/28
Merrill & Malovika David	11/30



Calling All Angels

An Advent Study of Fearlessness and Strength

Step into Advent where stories of angelic encounters come to life, echoing the timeless message of overcoming fear. Just like the characters in the nativity story, we're invited to embrace courage and join in God's transformative work. Hosted by: **Home Builders Sunday School Class 10:30-11:30AM** on: **Sunday, Nov. 29, Sunday, Dec. 6, Sunday, Dec. 13, Sunday, Dec. 20**. In the lower-level youth room (112). Please let Dawn Ferree (ferreedj@gmail.com) know if you will join us for this study and purchase your book. Book: Calling All Angels by Erin Wathen available on Amazon.



Save-The-Date

Breakfast with Santa
and
Kris Kringle Shop
Saturday, December 5
8am – 11am

Saturday, December 12
Annual Cookie Walk
9am – 12pm

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
April Huffstutler	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

DONATIONS

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