

Cary United Methodist Church
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Cary, IL 60013



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Sunday Worship: 8:30am and 11am
Child and Youth
Sunday School at 9:45am
Adult Sunday School 9:45am

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March 2021

THE OPEN DOOR

CARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Empowers believers, reaches the community and beyond.

Sunday Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship at 8:30 and 11 am
Sunday School at 9:45 am

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm

Staff

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| 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 |
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| Katrina Zentefis | Nursery Coordinator |
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April Issue - Deadline March 20



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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.

In Genesis 1:27 we read these familiar words

²⁷So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

Andrea often tells the story of her entrance into a male-dominated profession, that of funeral director. While her father, the founder of their funeral home, was serving in the Illinois State legislature, she, a recent college graduate, ran the business. Comments from colleagues were not flattering and there was very little encouragement forthcoming. The prediction was that she would run the business into the ground. Now, some forty years later, she is president and owner of Brookins Funeral Home, a business that celebrated, albeit lowkey, 50 years of service last year.

It is unfortunate that Andrea's story is not an anomaly. Throughout history, the stories of women tell of discrimination, misogyny, harassment, and abuse because of the failure of men to acknowledge God's placement of women in creation. The Church is not absent from that dark history, for it has (and still does in some places) engaged in its own hindrances of women and their causes. This leads us to March as Women's History Month.

The celebration of Women's History Month grew out of a weeklong celebration

of women's contributions to culture, history and society organized by the school district of Sonoma, California, in 1978. Presentations were given at dozens of schools, hundreds of students participated in a "Real Woman" essay contest and a parade was held in downtown Santa Rosa.

A few years later, the idea had caught on within communities, school districts and organizations across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as National Women's History Week. The U.S. Congress followed suit the next year, passing a resolution establishing a national celebration. Six years later, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March.

As our nation celebrates the election and inauguration of our first woman Vice President, let us call to mind the shoulders of women upon whom she stands, many of them not notable but who simply reveled in their creation in God's image and who fought the evil, injustice, and oppression that came their way simply because of their gender. In this Women's History Month, let us call the role of women loudly enough so that their names are heard and acknowledged the other 11 months of the year.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Norval



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.

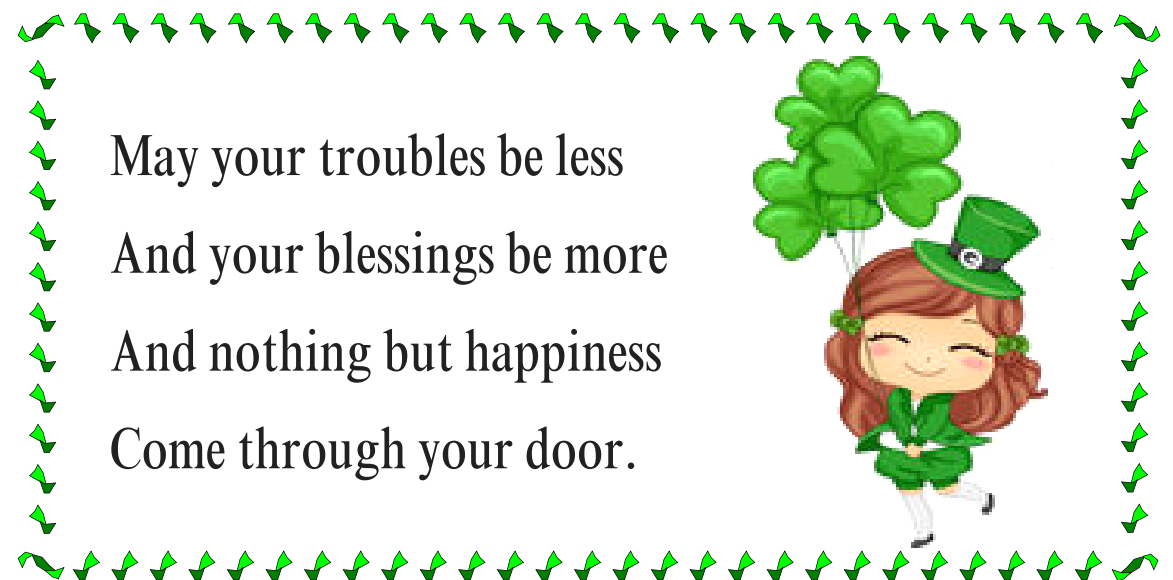
The cost is \$2.00 each.



Gift Cards

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

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



20 Minutes With God Program



The Lenten Season is a wonderful opportunity to explore new disciplines, new ways of connecting with God. For a long time here at Cary UMC special programs were offered on Wednesday evenings to encourage living a more disciplined life. I know about that because I led some of those Wednesday evening programs before becoming your pastor. This year, I invite you to join me on Wednesday evenings from 6:10 – 6:30 to spend twenty minutes with God. We will be sharing some different ways to connect with God. It may be a simple liturgy of Evening Prayer or learning a new way to pray. It could be a short meditation or a Bible Study. Regardless of the format, it will be a mid-week 20-minute check-in. Have a candle to light to remind you/us of the presence of the Holy Spirit and of God keeping vigil over us through the night.

Join the Zoom Meeting using the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84253238707?pwd=d0V0aTBsRGFnRnVzbkxRRGNheVkvdz09>

Meeting ID: 842 5323 8707

Passcode: 610182

One tap mobile

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Take Good Care of Yourself

Some of you might remember the old song which goes, “Take good care of yourself, you belong to me.” Some days when we are feeling low, maybe God is saying just that to us. The Bible tells us, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest” Matthew 11:28 (NIV) we can be assured we are important to Him; therefore, it is important for us to take care of ourselves. We’ve been isolated, lonely, and afraid for our families and ourselves for such a long time. Even in isolation there are things that you can do to help when you feel down. First of all, remember you are never alone. Our Lord is always with us. Prayer is always available to you, if you need a little guidance, The Upper Room devotional is available at the church. If you are not able to pick it up yourself call the church and someone will bring it to you. You can call a friend and spend time chatting on the phone. As the weather gets nicer, take a walk outside, enjoy the sunshine. If you are unable to get out, open all your curtains and let the sunshine in. Physical activities are a good release and mind clearer. If you have a hobby, do it. Perhaps it’s time to start a new one. If you don’t have a hobby, then mop your kitchen floor, vacuum the carpet, or dust those knickknacks you’ve been avoiding.

Whatever you find to do, do it; busy hands make clearer minds. Don’t stay in bed ‘till noon or stay up all night watching TV. Avoid watching too much news; most of it is garbage anyway. The best thing you can do for yourself is to connect to others. Most of all, don’t keep all those negative, lonely, destructive feelings inside. If you don’t have anyone to connect to, you can call me. I am always ready to listen. God Bless you, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, and take good care of yourselves.

Contact: Susan Heizer, MSW LCSW



The Easter Egg Hunt is Coming!!

On March 27, Nurture Team will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt. To be ready for our "Egg-Hunters" we will need some smaller sized, individually wrapped candy donations for our plastic eggs. Candy donation bins will be in the narthex and office entrance sides of the church. We ask that all donations come in by the March 20, so there will be plenty of time to stuff the eggs. Thank you for helping make this event possible.



In-Person Sunday School is happening again!!!

On February 21, we were happy to begin in-person Sunday school again. Sunday school begins at 9:45 and goes to 10:45. Youths attending 8:30 church service prior to Sunday School can go directly downstairs after service to the Wesley Wing, where we will sign them in for class. Parents of second grade and younger students are required to sign them in and out. Older students may sign themselves in and out. Youth not attending church prior to Sunday School are to enter in the lower west Wesley Wing doors to be checked in. **Pre-K-Kindergarten class will be done in person with Ms. Chris, and Zoom class will continue with Ms. Debbie. Senior High Sunday school will continue on Zoom as well. Adult Sunday school students attending 8:30 church service also may go directly to their Sunday school class, where their instructors will take attendance. Adults not attending church prior to Sunday school will need to check in at the office end church doors, where they will have a temperature check and receive hand sanitizer. **All students are to wear their masks.** Anyone in quarantine for COVID or COVID-like symptoms or exposure to someone with COVID should not attend Sunday School until 14 days from the onset of symptoms or exposure.

** The Wesley Sunday school class will continue to be held via Zoom.
Let us know if you have any questions. Email: christianed@caryumc.org or 847-639-7627

4 Ways to Observe Lent

Lent is a season of focus and preparation. It aligns our hearts with God's heart as we approach Easter.

The following are just a few ways to focus and prepare.



Give It Up

Consider giving up something that distracts from your important relationships: like too much time on Twitter or Clash of Clans.

Maybe cut out screen usage for several hours a day.

Take a day of true rest: let go of toil for 24 hours.



Plug In

Consider adding in something that helps you connect to God.

Read a book of the Bible, a devotional, or practice Lectio Divina on a daily basis.



Serve

Start a new routine of service.

Volunteer regularly as an academic mentor, step up to volunteer in a local church, or visit a nursing home.



Share It

Make it a communal event.

Share your Lent practices with others via a small group and/or attending worship.

March Birthdays

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| 3/3 Chuck Smith Mary Ann Stoeckert | 3/16 Sue Heizer | 3/28 Dale Dungan |
| 3/5 Tim DCamp Vicki Oberlies | 3/18 Duncan Rank | 3/30 Pat Jacobson Steve Siles Randy Voss |
| 3/8 Paige Arnold Bob Baker Tristan Serpico | 3/19 Carolyn Downs | 3/31 Jack Petriak |
| 3/9 Carroll Wagus | 3/20 Adam Grimm Janie Oberheide | |
| 3/10 Shannon George | 3/23 Mark Peterson | |
| 3/14 Hank Kraus Brian Nordengren Joan Prather | 3/25 Ben Gaulke | |
| 3/15 Pamela Davies | 3/27 Katie Groos Steven Norell Sandy Rogers Melissa Smith | |



March Anniversaries

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| John & Kathy Kadlec | 3/22 |
| Chris & Mary Ellen Spoerl | 3/24 |



Happy
Anniversary



Nurture Team Presents CUMC Scavenger-Extravaganza Fun with family and friends- Multi-generational

You will have a blast collecting and documenting Lenten and Spring discoveries close to home. What a great way to break out from cabin fever!!!

Think you might be interested??

Email or call by March 15th.

Sally Lorenzen at christianed@caryumc.org ~

847-639-7627 with any questions, or to let us know you want to join us.



Keep your eyes peeled for future posts.



Registration

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is ongoing. If you have not registered yet, the deadline for the early registration discount is fast approaching. After April 1st, the registration fee will increase from \$75 to \$95.



Out of an abundance of caution in this most unusual school year, we will not host our in-person annual CMP Gala. Fear not - in typical CMP fashion, we will not let hard times get us down. In April we will host a virtual auction. We already have some amazing donations collected, with more to come. Look for details coming soon.



Important Dates

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| Classroom Easter Parties | Wednesday, April 7 |
| Easter Egg Hunt Front lawn | March 27 @ 3pm Line up at 2:50 |
| Student Assessments | Sent out the week of March 22 |
| Preschool Board Meeting | March 23 at (7:00 pm) |
| Parent Conferences No School | April 12 |
| CMP Virtual Auction | April |
| Spring Break No School | March 29 - April 5 |

Egg Hunt and Easter Party Update

On Wednesday, April 7, we will host parties to celebrate Easter with the students. Party prep parent helpers will receive items to prepare for our parties well in advance of our celebration to ensure they are prepared on time and that proper COVID-19 handling protocols are followed. On March 27, CUMC will host an Easter Egg Hunt. Children will also receive a store-purchased special cookie to take with them. Flyers will be sent home prior to the event as a reminder. The March 27 hunt will begin at 3pm. Line-up begins at 2:50pm. Bring a small basket to use for the egg hunt. This event is a great and safe way break your cabin fever and to celebrate Easter.



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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 - March 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 will return to in-person meetings, with a Zoom option, in Fellowship Hall at 7pm, first Friday of the month. This month's meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 5. March's book is *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes. For Zoom login information, contact Dawn Ferree or Bethany Decker. Due to the Easter holiday, April's meeting is scheduled for March 26. April's selection is *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros.

Morning Craft Group – will meet in person 9am-12noon, the first Wednesday of the month, in Fellowship Hall. The group's first meeting will be March 3. For more information, contact Pat Jacobson.

Dorcas Circle – will meet in person at 12noon, the second Wednesday of the month. The group's first meeting will be March 10 in the Youth Room downstairs, for a showing of "The Drowsy Chaperone." Please wear a mask and bring your own lunch. For more information, contact Penny Libert.

Evening Craft Group – Is looking for a new evening to meet. For meeting information, contact Vicki Oberlies.



Cary UMW March Update

UMW Day of Spiritual Renewal

Save the date! Saturday, March 20, is the annual Elgin District UMW Day of Spiritual Renewal. This year's theme is "Light My Path," inspired by Psalm 119:105. Look for details in Cary UMC's Weekly Highlights.



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.

Annual UMW Rummage Sale Date Change

Out of an abundance of caution, the 2021 UMW Rummage Sale will be moved to the summer, to provide an outdoor option, if needed. Look for details, including dates, in the coming months.



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.

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.

Easter Flowers

Let us celebrate the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday, April 4, and decorate our Sanctuary with beautiful Spring flowers. The flowers that can be purchased are: 6" Lily \$14.00, 6" Tulip \$12.50, 7½" Daffodil \$15.00. Place orders between Sunday, Feb. 21 - March 7. To place an order online, go to www.caryumc.org and find Easter Flower Orders under SignUpGenius button, or fill out an order form in the Narthex & Lobby areas. Payment for flowers can be put in offering plate, mail check to church or place payment in metal lockbox in the mailroom. Your flowers can be taken home after the second worship service on Easter Sunday. If you are unable to pickup your flowers, arrangements can be made to deliver them to you. Contact Denise Ackermann for any questions.



Easter Flowers 2021 Order Form

Each year the sanctuary is adorned with Easter Flowers. The flowers that can be purchased are: 6" Lily \$14.00, 6" Tulip \$12.50, 7½" Daffodil \$15.00. Place orders between Sunday, Feb. 21 - March 7. **All orders must be in no later than Sunday, March 7, 2021.** Please enclose payment with your order and mail to Cary UMC, 500 First St., Cary, IL 60013, place in offering plate or place in the metal lockbox in the mailroom. Flowers may be taken home after the 11am Easter service.

Name _____ Phone _____





Given in: Memory of: _____

Honor of: _____

Celebration of: _____

Quantity of flowers ordered: Lilly _____ Tulip _____ Daffodil _____

Total \$ _____

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <i>The Season of Lent</i>  | 1 6:00 Handbells 7:00 BSA T160 7:00 Men's Emaus | 2 9:30 Greeting Card Sales 11:00 Gift Card Sales 6:30 UMW Leadership 7:00 Trustee Meeting | 3 9:00 Craft Group 6:10 20 Minutes with God 7:00 Return Team 7:30 Choir Rehearsal | 4 6:30 Nurture Team 7:00 Worship Team | 5 7:00 Books n Bagels | 6 |
| 7 8:30 Worship In-person 9:45 All Sunday School 11:00 Worship In-person 7:00 Wesley Class-online | 8 6:00 Handbells 7:00 BSA T160 7:00 Men's Emaus | 9 11:00 Gift Card Sales 7:00 Finance Committee | 10 9:00 Craft Group 12:00 Dorcas Circle 6:10 20 Minutes with God 7:30 Choir Rehearsal | 11 7:00 Witness Team | 12 | 13 8:00 Men's Breakfast |
| 14 8:30 Worship In-person 9:45 All Sunday School 11:00 Worship In-person 7:00 Wesley Class-online | 15 6:00 Handbells 7:00 BSA T160 7:00 Men's Emaus | 16 11:00 Gift Card Sales 7:30 21st Century Seeds | 17 9:00 Craft Group 6:10 20 Minutes with God 7:30 Choir Rehearsal  | 18 4:00 Mission Outreach 7:00 SPRC-online | 19 | 20 2:00 Scavenger Hunt Newsletter Deadline |
| 21 8:30 Worship In-person 9:45 All Sunday School 11:00 Worship In-person 7:00 Wesley Class-online | 22 6:00 Handbells 7:00 BSA T160 7:00 Men's Emaus | 23 11:00 Gift Card Sales 7:00 Church Council | 24 9:00 Craft Group 6:10 20 Minutes with God 7:30 Choir Rehearsal | 25 | 26 7:00 Books n Bagels | 27 2:00 Easter Egg Hunt  |
| 28 Palm Sunday 8:30 Worship In-person 9:45 All Sunday School 11:00 Worship In-person 7:00 Wesley Class-online | 29 6:00 Handbells 7:00 BSA T160 7:00 Men's Emaus | 30 11:00 Gift Card Sales | 31 9:00 Craft Group 6:10 20 Minutes with God 7:30 Choir Rehearsal |  | | |