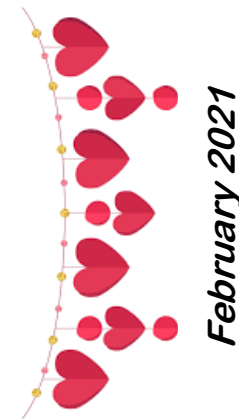


Cary United Methodist Church
500 First Street
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Sunday Worship at 9 am (virtual)
Child and Youth
Sunday School at 10:15 am (virtual)
Adult Sunday School 10:15 am (virtual)

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THE OPEN DOOR

CARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Empowers believers, reaches the community and beyond.

Sunday Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship at 9 am (virtual)
Sunday School at 10:15 am (virtual)

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm

Staff

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
Heather Bryant	Preschool Director
Katrina Zentefis	Nursery Coordinator
Jaime Arreola	Custodian

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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.

February is Black History Month, its origins in the mind of Carter G. Woodson, an American of African descent, a historian, author, journalist, and the founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. He was one of the first scholars to study the history of the African diaspora, including African American history. He chose February to build on existing birthday celebrations of two men important to the Black Community – Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Woodson hoped to focus on the countless black men and women who had contributed to the advance of human civilization and not just Lincoln and Douglass. What began as Negro History Week morphed into a month's celebration that has continued long after Woodson thought it would fade away. It is now woven into the warp and weft of the tapestry of our nation.

Black History is important because it gives us the opportunity to honor the all-too-often neglected accomplishments of Americans of African descent in every area of endeavor throughout our history. Not only that, but it also gives us insight into the experiences that have shaped and formed a people – politically, cultur-

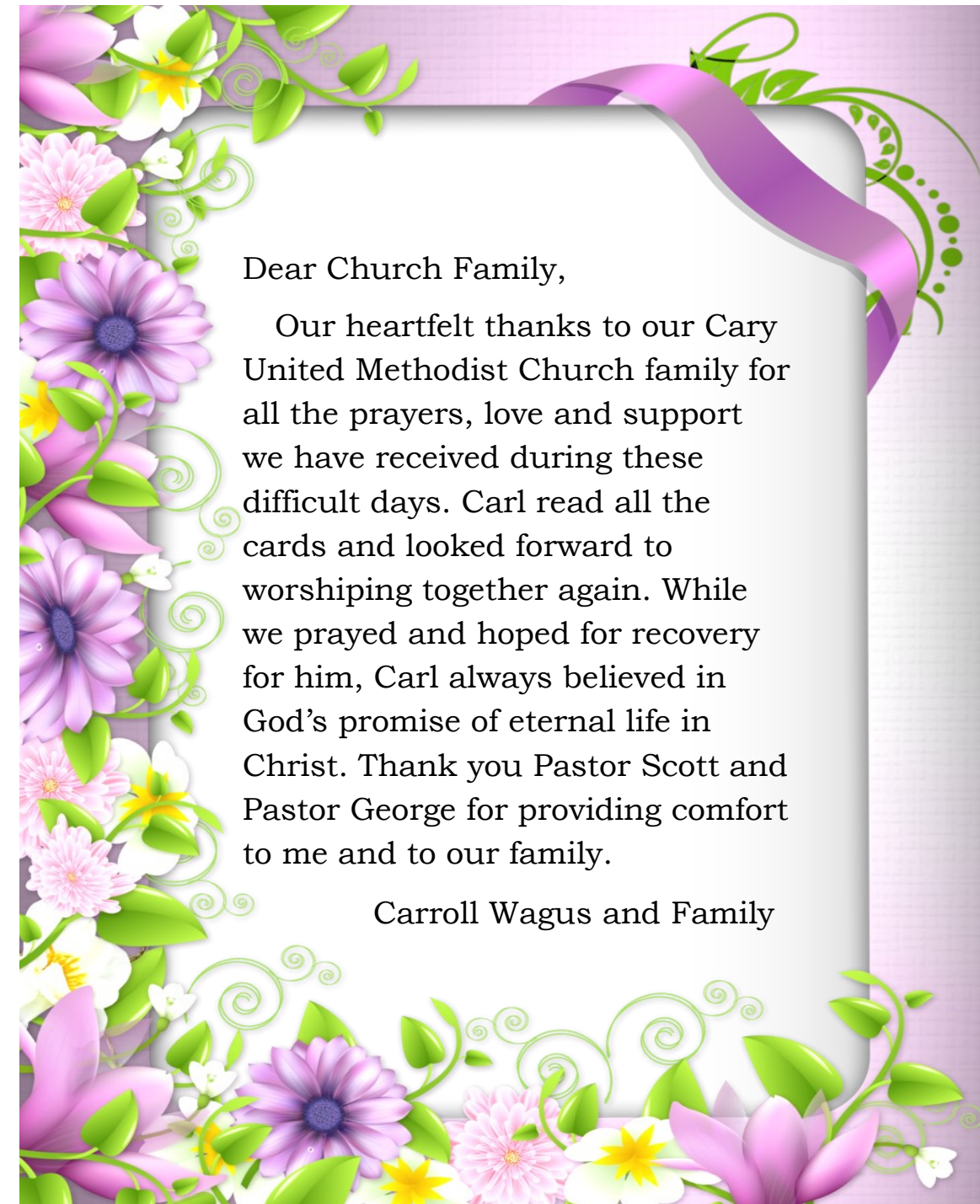
ally, even religiously. We must also understand that Black History did not unfold in a vacuum. Its facts are American history, although there are probably more myths and misconceptions in the minds of many than there is real truth.

In our Methodist tradition, John Wesley baptized two Negro slaves, setting the scene for establishing an inclusive church and on his deathbed encouraged his Methodist followers to "Go on, in the name of God and in the power of his might, till even American slavery (the vilest that ever saw the sun) shall vanish away before it." Yet our church and society still suffer from the throes of racial unrest.

Black History Month invites us to change the mantra, "The only thing we learn from history is that we learn nothing from history" (Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel) and begin to learn **OUR** history in the nation and in the church. That history must release us from our distortions and "let us march on 'til victory is won." And what is that victory? The victory is the end of racism and all its inherent evils and the rise of a new humanity where all share equally in the bounty of our God and all are loved and cherished.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Norval



Dear Church Family,

Our heartfelt thanks to our Cary United Methodist Church family for all the prayers, love and support we have received during these difficult days. Carl read all the cards and looked forward to worshiping together again. While we prayed and hoped for recovery for him, Carl always believed in God's promise of eternal life in Christ. Thank you Pastor Scott and Pastor George for providing comfort to me and to our family.

Carroll Wagus and Family

February Birthdays

2/2	Toby Splitt	2/15	David Deischer
2/3	Joyce Fernekes		Steve Groos
	Brian Poe		Marilyn Smith
2/4	Lina Baker	2/16	Wally Yount
	Darlene Bremer	2/21	Eddie Arnold
	Sam Fell	2/23	Bryan Reynolds
2/8	Dennis Bates	2/24	Khristy Frieman
2/9	Richard Singletary	2/25	Lisa Solarte
2/11	Tate Tatroe	2/27	Hannah David
2/12	Annie Lazarski		Julie Deischer
2/14	Denise Ackermann		
	Sofie Rank		



February Anniversaries

Ed & Pamela Davies	2/17
Joe & Alyssa Hofmann	2/20



Ashes will be available for drive-thru in front of church at:
8 - 10 am, 12 - 2 pm and 4 - 6 pm on Wednesday, February 17.
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Staff Appreciation

“Somehow, I just can’t say enough how much I appreciate you being in the world”. – Mark Anthony

The year 2020 certainly brought with it challenges, changes, and yes, even some joy. There are so many people who kept things going (and continue to keep them going) for CUMC in a Herculean effort to maintain a semblance of normalcy for everyone else. To simply say “Thank You” seems like it just isn’t enough. At this time, the Staff Parish Relations Committee would like to take the opportunity to express our deepest thanks, appreciation, and gratitude for the Staff who continue to work to keep things running smoothly.

Please join us in saying thank you to our staff:

- Office Manager: Holly Voss
 - Director of Education: Sally Lorenzen
 - Music Directors: Dave DCamp and Kevin Scott
 - Accompanist/Organist: Penny Libert
 - Custodian: Jaimie Arreola and Arturo Arreola
 - Child Care Coordinator: Katrina Zentefis
 - Nursery Staff: Athena Zentefis and Emily Liautaud
- Our church is strong and thriving because of all you do!



Music Ministry at CUMC

The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the Lord. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the Lord and sang: "He is good; his love endures forever."

2 Chronicles 5:13
CUMC has surely been blessed over the years with an amazing music ministry. If you were to take a survey of church members and ask why they joined our church, many would say music heavily influenced their decision. Over the years, CUMC has had children's choirs and a children's chime choir, and there has always been music in Sunday school. We have had Chancel Choir, Joyful Noise, and the Praise Band. Many talented members of our congregation have offered their voices in special music or played their musical instruments in worship.

The Music Staff at CUMC consists of Dave DCamp, music director and bell choir director, Kevin Scott, Chancel Choir director, and Penny Libert, organist and accompanist extraordinaire! All three gifted musicians

have music degrees and have shared their gifts with CUMC for many years. Even though we are not able to worship in our traditional ways, music is always a part of our worship. If you are interested in sharing your gift, whether it be voice or instrumental, please contact any of music staff and join us in praising the Lord and giving thanks.



Food Pantry Update for February 2021 by Carolyn Downs

CUMC Smashes Cary-Grove Food Pantry Donation Challenge!

In December, an anonymous donor stepped up and offered to match monetary donations that Cary UMC collected through January for the Cary-Grove Food Pantry, up to \$1,000. As of this writing, CUMC has collected \$2,390! A BIG THANK YOU to all who donated! The Cary-Grove Food Pantry uses monetary donations to purchase food from the Northern Illinois Food Bank, where \$1 can buy \$8 worth of food. Your donation helps keep the Pantry stocked in times when food donations dwindle. To donate, 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.

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 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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.



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 11 - 1 pm. Special orders are available. Contact: Tom & Judy Sutliff and Sue Heizer.



Thank You for Your Generosity

by Lois Voss

Our 2020 Giving Tree outreach touched the lives of 14 children and 15 senior women at Trinity Methodist Church in Carpentersville. Pastor Vega expressed deep thanks for our generosity of gifts, gift cards, and blankets.

A team of volunteers delivered beautiful poinsettias and blankets to our 3 pastors and 42 of our own most senior church members. We are thankful for their long dedication to our church. Some delightful thank you notes were received at the church and have been posted outside the office.

The Rainbow Covenant is a way of supporting missions and missionaries of the United Methodist Church. This

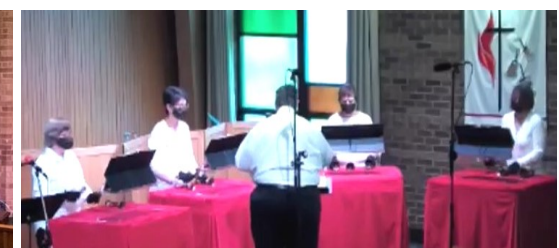
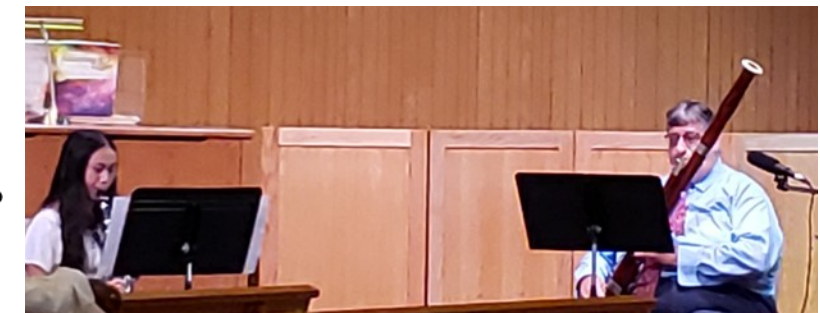
is 2nd mile giving after apportionments are paid. Our church again fulfilled both apportionment and Rainbow Covenant giving. Thank You!

The Cary-Grove Food Pantry Challenge ends January 31. As of January 24, our generous Cary UMC members have donated an amazing \$2,390, and we are still collecting! Add in the \$1,000 from the challenge, and our donations will be more than \$3,390! Check out the "Food Pantry Update" article on how your donation will be used.

So, THANK YOU from your Mission Outreach Team!



Music Ministry at CUMC





Enrollment Update

Thank you to those of you who have turned in your 2021-2022 registration forms. If you have not turned in your paperwork, please do so as soon as possible. We still have openings in all of our classes, but we are now registering new families. We do not want you to miss out on your desired spot for your child. Thank you!



School Work

If you are not seeing a lot come home, please do not be concerned....**your child is hard at work** in his/her class. As we approach conference time and portfolios are being worked on, a big portion of our work is saved for use as artifacts for assessments and to be placed in their portfolio collection.



CMP's Virtual Basket Raffle 2021

Coming Soon! Online Virtual Auction. There will be an auction of a variety of different baskets that you may bid on. As we are unable to have our annual CMP Gala this year, we are having a virtual auction. Please join us during this challenging time to support our amazing preschool. Look for further details up coming in your children's folders, your emails, on our website and on Facebook.



- Reminders:**
- ☺ Please make sure your child's boots and all snow clothes are labeled with his/her name.
 - ☺ Check your child's calendar daily for the special things they need to bring to school each day.
 - ☺ Check the change of clothes in your child's backpack to make sure they are weather appropriate!
 - ☺ Tuition is due the 10th of the month.
 - ☺ **Please let the preschool office know if your child is missing school due to themselves or someone in the family presenting COVID-like symptoms.**
 - ☺ Send written notification of any updates in cell phone numbers, home numbers, pick-up info, etc.

Important Dates:

Valentine Parties	February 10
Open Enrollment Begins	February 1
NO SCHOOL President's Day	February 15
Preschool Board Meeting	February 16 (7:00 pm)
Book Order Out Book Orders Return	February 1 February 8
Stay 'n Play Email Schedule For March dates	February 22
Watch your child's calendar for how they are to submit valentines for their valentines party:	February 10 party
CMP's Virtual Raffle Basket Auction	March / April

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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 - February Calendar

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).

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. This month's 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 – For meeting information contact: Pat Jacobson

Dorcas Circle – For meeting information contact: Penny Libert

Evening Craft Group – For meeting information contact: Vicki Oberlies

Cary UMW February Update

College Care Ministry - In February, we will mail our Valentine care packages. To help alleviate the extra cost 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, write College Care on the memo line, and mail or bring your check to Cary UMC, 500 N. First St., Cary IL 60013.** Checks will be accepted through February 7. 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.

UMW Virtual Friendship Lunch - We will gather online via Zoom at 12 noon, Sunday, February 21, for food, fun and fellowship! Fix your favorite lunch and join online with your sisters as we install our unit officers, learn about District activities and celebrate each other! We will collect donations for the UMW Legacy Fund. To donate, write your check to UMW, write "Legacy Fund" on the memo line, and mail or bring to Cary United Methodist Church, 500 N. First St., Cary, 60013. Zoom login information will be emailed in the coming weeks.

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.

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.

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



Nurture Team News

Sunday school remains virtual to date. Thanks to our amazing teachers we have been able to share the word of God with all of our students even when we cannot meet in person.






What's more fun than a barrel of monkeys???

Going on a scavenger hunt to see if you can find some.

The Nurture Team has some Lenten excitement planned for you. On March 20th we are planning some seeking of our own with a specially planned scavenger hunt, that all ages of our church can participate in.

From seeing how many crosses you can find in Cary to spotting the old town pump. Hope you will join the fun. Look for more information in upcoming blasts and newsletters.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:00 Handbells	2 9:30 Greeting Card Sales 11:00 Gift Card Sales 6:30 UMW Leadership 7:00 Trustee Meeting	3 7:00 Return Team 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	4 6:30 Nurture Team 7:00 Worship Team	5 7:00 Books n Bagels	6 2:00 P557 Sleding
7 9:00 Worship - online 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Home Builders-Online	8 6:00 Handbells	9 11:00 Gift Card Sales 7:00 Finance Committee	10 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	11 7:00 Witness Team	12	13 8:00 Men's Breakfast
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21 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Home Builders-Online 12:00 UMW Friendship Lunch-online 7:00 Wesley Class	22 6:00 Handbells	23 11:00 Gift Card Sales 7:00 Church Council	24 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27
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