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

August 2026

Sunday Worship: 9:00am
Youth & Adult Sunday School at 10:15am
Visit us on the web at www.caryumc.org

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The Open Door

Cary United Methodist Church

August 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 10:15am ~ Hospitality Hour at 10:00am
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm

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Keep Our Church Moving

"The Church never stands still. It moves forward or backward according to the devotion and loyalty of its members. The Church is not a building of brick and stone. It is people. The Church is strong when it is filled with people of faith, love, and sacrifice. The Church is weak when even a few of its people do not see the needs of their time and are insensitive to the demands that the goodness of God places before them."

These words were written by our former pastor in the Rock River Conference (now the Northern Illinois Conference), Rev. C. F. Chasteen, in the late 1950s. They remain just as true today. The church is not simply a building – it is God's people. It is the movement of God's people, led and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

The early Christian church began with a small group of believers gathered in prayer in the Upper Room (Acts 1). Methodism also began with a small group. While studying at Oxford University in England, John Wesley and a few other students formed a group that became known as the "Holy Club." They met regularly for prayer, Bible study, fasting, Holy Communion, and acts of mercy, especially visiting prisoners and caring for the poor.

As the Methodist movement grew, another small-group ministry called the class meeting became the heart of Methodist discipleship. Every Methodist was expected to belong to a class. Although the class meeting was first organized to collect offerings, it soon became much more. It provided spiritual encouragement, mutual accountability, prayer, Bible discussion, and Christian fellowship.

In early American Methodism, the class meeting became one of the defining marks of the Methodist movement. Small groups of no more than twelve people met weekly under the guidance of a class leader for prayer, Bible study, personal testimony, encouragement, and spiritual growth. Sadly, by the middle of the nineteenth century, the class meeting gradually declined, and Methodism lost one of its greatest strengths – the active spiritual involvement of its lay members.

Today, many churches have rediscovered the importance of small groups. Healthy, growing congregations often place small-group ministry at the center of church life. In many ways, this is a return to one of Methodism's greatest strengths. I believe it is time for us to reclaim this rich Methodist tradition. My hope and prayer is that every member of our church family will become involved in a small group – a "church within the church." Whether the focus is prayer, Bible study, Christian learning, mission and outreach, community building, or fellowship, small groups provide opportunities to deepen our relationship with God and strengthen our relationships with one another.

Cary Church is blessed with many committees that help carry out our ministries. In addition to these important teams, I encourage you to become part of a small group where we can grow spiritually, pray for one another, build meaningful friendships, and support both our church family and our community.

In his *Thoughts Upon Methodism* (1786), John Wesley wrote:

"I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist, either in Europe or America. But I am afraid lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power."

Those words continue to challenge us today. Our desire is not simply to maintain a church, but to be a living, growing community filled with the power and presence of God's Spirit. It is my prayer that our church will be filled with even more prayer, deeper relationships, stronger mutual support, and greater spiritual accountability. Together, let us keep our faith community moving forward as we follow Christ.

In the Love and Peace of Christ,

Pastor Charles

Please Donate To The Food Pantry

According to a 2025 report published by Urban Institute, more than 1 in 4 working-age adults (age 18-64) used a credit card to purchase food for their families and experienced re-payment challenges. Working-age adults with low and moderate incomes were more likely to experience repayment challenges than those with high incomes. Consequently, food pantries are seeing an increase in new clients.

We can help our neighbors by donating to the Cary-Grove Food Pantry. Here is a list of their current needs: bar soap, shampoo/conditioner, feminine products, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving cream, kid's cereal, jelly (no peanut butter), tuna, rice (white or flavors).

Please, no open containers or previously used items. An open box of individually sealed items (like granola bars, fruit snacks, etc.) are acceptable. Please check expiration dates. A few months past expiration is acceptable. You can drop your item donation in the bin located outside the church office, or you can take your donation directly to the Food Pantry located in the parking lot of St. Barnabas Church, 8901 Cary-Algonquin Rd., Cary.

Also, please consider a monetary donation – for every dollar donated, the Food Pantry can purchase $8 worth of food from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Write and send your check to Cary United Methodist Church, 500 N. First St., Cary. Be sure to write "Food Pantry" on the memo line.

The Cary-Grove Food Pantry is open to anyone who needs food assistance. They are open from 4pm-6pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 9-11am on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month. For more information, call St. Barnabas at 847-516-3602.

MISSION LINKS

In August, we will collect donations for **United Voices for Children** as part of our 5th Sunday appeal. It's a way for our church to join with other congregations in the Northern Illinois Conference and make a difference.

Monetary donations will support United Voices for Children which is part of the UMC Connectional Giving. (Please write "United Voices for Children" in the memo line for checks, or if giving cash, please write it on the envelope along with your name.)

United Voices for Children (UVC) is a coalition of NIC congregations, agencies, groups and individuals that speaks and acts on behalf of children, youth and families in need. Funds are divided among the institutions in the UVC coalition: Kids Above All, Rosecrance Health Network and MYSI. Learn more at United Voices for Children 2026

August Nurture News:

Nurture Team Meeting:
August 6, 2026, at 6:30pm
Room 107 and on Zoom

Upcoming Dates

Back to School Blessing and Teacher Dedication:
August 16, 2026, at our 9:00am service, Sunday school students will be blessed, and our teachers will be dedicated. The youth should wear their backpacks to the service where they will be blessed!

Youth Sunday School Teacher Meeting:
August 30, 2026, at 11:15am, following Summer Sunday school in Room 107

Labor Day weekend ~ No Sunday school September 7, 2026

Fall Sunday School Begins: September 13, 2026, ***Celebrating God's Goodness***

Third Grade Bible Sunday: September 20, 2026, Third graders will receive their Bibles at our 9am service.

With July almost in the books, Nurture Team begins to make preparations for the beginning of fall Sunday school. Miss Chris and I have enjoyed the relaxed pace of summer Sunday school with a one room Sunday school set-up. It is wonderful to see our older youth mentoring the younger students in their midst.

In this laid back season of our year, before the busyness of fall begins, we sincerely offer a heartfelt appreciation for our Sunday school teachers. We extend our deepest gratitude and love to our dedicated and qualified Sunday School staff!

Their commitment to sharing God's love and wisdom is inspiring, and we are grateful for:

- Their patience and kindness in teaching our students young and old
- Their creativity and enthusiasm in making learning interesting, fun and engaging
- Their dedication to helping our members grow in their faith and understanding of God's Word
- Their love and care for each member of their classes, recognizing everyone's unique gifts and talents

Thank you for being an integral part of our church family and for investing in the lives of our students. May God bless and reward you for your faithful service.

We offer classes for all ages. Sunday School teachers prepare lessons faithfully each week, so we can learn how to apply scripture to our daily lives. Teachers make a difference in a student's life.

In 2 Timothy 2:2 we read: **2** And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

If anyone is feeling moved by the Holy Spirit to serve Him in either our youth or adult Sunday School classes, please let Sally Lorenzen know at christianed@caryumc.org, or call 847-639-7627.

We would also be open to your new ideas in Christian ministry and would love to hear about them from you.

God Bless,
Sally Lorenzen

CWS and The CROP Hunger Walk
Our McHenry County Walk is Sunday, October 4 at First Church of Crystal Lake

The CROP Hunger Walk is a nationwide movement sponsored by Church World Service to raise funds to end hunger and poverty in the U.S. and around the world. Hundreds of religious groups, businesses, schools and others organize local Walk events in their communities each year, while others join the National Walk and choose their own location and experience.

No one in this world should be hungry. That's why the CROP Hunger Walk is more than just a yearly gathering. It's a movement that's 57 years strong, made up of compassionate people in more than 500 communities across the U.S.

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.

Recruit a team of family and friends to join our CROP Hunger Walk. Every step and every donation ends hunger!

Watch for future videos on this year's theme …

CHICKENS, BEANS AND BIG drreeaammss!!

Your county team sponsors a special fundraiser in each of the 3 months leading up to our Walk. July was Lou Malnati's. August is new for us, the Tropical Smoothie Café. September is again at Culver's where the team helps serve the meals.

Funds raised at these three events will buy quantities of personal hygiene products to supply each of the four Food Pantries we are supporting: Cary-Fox River Grove, Crystal Lake, Grafton, and Algonquin-LITH. Questions? Talk with Lois Voss (county team rep) or Heather McGovern (new treasurer).

Mark Peterson Memorial Golf Outing, Dinner & Silent Auction

Golf Outing: We'll play a **Best Ball** format, making it enjoyable for golfers of all skill levels. There will be golf games and prizes awarded. Tee off with fellow parishioners and friends while enjoying a beautiful day on the course at the Cary Country Club.

Dinner: A buffet-style dinner will be served beginning at **6:00pm.**

Silent Auction: Browse and bid on a variety of fantastic baskets, gift cards, and unique experiences generously donated by church committees, local businesses, and members of our congregation.

Date & Schedule: Friday, August 21, 2026

- Registration Opens: **11:30am**
- Tee Times Begin: **12:00pm – 1:30pm**
- Dinner & Silent Auction: **6:00pm**

Location:
Cary Country Club, 2400 Grove Ln., Cary, IL 60013

Cost:
Golf & Dinner: $125.00 per person
Dinner Only: $40.00 per person

Hole Sponsorship Opportunity: Please consider sponsoring a hole as an individual, family, or business for **$100**. Your sponsorship name will be displayed on a sign placed at one of the holes.

Supporting Our Church: By participating in this special event, you'll enjoy a wonderful day with friends and fellow parishioners while helping support the important ministries and mission of our church.

Registration & RSVP: Be sure to reserve your spot early! For golf registration, dinner reservations, sponsorship opportunities, or questions, please contact:
John Lazarski jdlazarski@sbcglobal.net
Blessings & Birdies,
The Golf Committee

United Women in Faith August News

Books 'n Bagels

Next meeting is Friday, August 7, at 7pm, at the church, in Zoom room 112, downstairs. Book title *The Phone Booth at the Edge of the World* by Laura Imai Messina. Contact Dawn Ferree or Bethany Decker.

Mark your Calendar: Dates for United Women in Faith Events

Tuesday, August 4, 6:30pm, FH, **Leadership Team**, all are welcome. Contact *Glenda Arnold 312-550-1740*

Wednesday, August 12, 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, August 27, 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 July 8, 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, August 27 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, September 19, 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.

August Birthdays

8/2
Scott Flesher
8/3
Kelvin Levels
8/5
Axel Mularski
8/7
Barbara Dixon
Mary Koenig
8/9
Dave DCamp
Jim Wilford
8/11
Dana Floor
8/12
Sara Kelly
8/15
Maddie Crick
8/19
Sandy Wilford
8/22
Kathy Kadlec
8/23
Deb Meyer
8/25
Mark Wilcox
8/27
Stephanie Brashear
Bill Zentefis
8/31
Jennifer Voss

August Anniversaries

Scott & Lori McClellan	8/5
David & Sheila DCamp	8/11
Dale & Barbara Dungan	8/19
John & Debbie Lazarski	8/31

Gift Cards: Do you eat, shop or drive? We have gift cards for that and many, many more. Stop by our table and take a look at our selections! Gift cards available for sale on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. When you use these cards, it helps support the church. A small percentage is given back to the church by the company that furnishes our cards. If you desire more info, contact Judy or Tom Sutliff.

Crocheting Prayer Shawls:

August 18, August 25, and September 1, 7 - 9pm. Cheylee Klemesrud will help us learn basic and advanced stitch patterns. Lori McClellan

Cary Methodist Preschool

Classes begin on Tuesday, September 8! We are enrolling children who are age 2 (when school starts) through age 5. Please email: cmp.preschool@gmail.com to schedule a tour.

Cary Methodist Preschool
500 First Street, Cary, IL 60013
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Staff & Volunteers

Charles Yoon	Pastor
Sally Lorenzen	Christian Education Director
Holly Voss	Office Manager
Mary Ellen Spoerl	Financial Secretary
John Stoeckert	Financial 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
Sue Heizer	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 10:15am

DONATIONS

You Tube Channel

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 12:00 Zentefis Shower
2 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School	**3**	**4** 6:30 UWinFaith Mtg. 7:00 Trustee Meeting	**5** 9:30 Crafts/Coffee 8:00 AA Meeting	**6** 8:30 Retired Men's Fellowship 8:30 Women's Prayer Breakfast 6:30 Nurture Team 7:00 Stamp Night	**7** 7:00 Books 'N Bagels	**8** 8:30 Men's Breakfast
9 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 10:00 Gift Cards	**10** 7:00 T160 Meeting	**11** 7:00 Finance Meeting	**12** 9:30 Crafts/Coffee 11:30 Dorcas Circle 7:00 T160 Committee Mtg. 8:00 AA Meeting	**13** 8:30 Retired Men's Fellowship 8:30 Women's Prayer Breakfast	**14**	**15**
16 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School	**17** 7:00 T160 Meeting	**18** 7:00 Crocheting Prayer Shawls	**19** 9:30 Crafts/Coffee 7:00 T160 Committee 8:00 AA Meeting	**20** 8:30 Retired Men's Fellowship 8:30 Women's Prayer Breakfast **Newsletter Deadline**	**21** 12:00 Golf Outing 6:00 Dinner/Silent Auction	**22** 8:00 Emmaus Walk Trng.
23 9:00 Worship 10:00 Gift Cards 11:30 Sunday School Teacher Training **30** 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School	**24** 5:30 Chicagoland Voices 7:00 T160 Meeting **31** 4:30 T3725 Brownies 5:30 Chicagoland Voices 7:00 T160 Meeting	**25** 7:00 Church Council 7:00 Crocheting Prayer Shawls	**26** 9:30 Crafts/Coffee 7:30 Choir Rehearsal 8:00 AA Meeting	**27** 8:30 Retired Men's Fellowship 8:30 Women's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 Craft Night	**28**	**29**