Cary United Methodist Church
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July 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

July 2026 Newsletter

August Issue - Deadline July 20

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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Walking Together in Christ

Dear Cary United Methodist Church Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Esther and I are filled with gratitude as we begin this new chapter of ministry with you. Our move went very smoothly, and we thank God for His faithful guidance every step of the way. We would also like to express our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who worked so hard to prepare for our arrival. Thank you to the Trustees for the many hours spent repainting and preparing the parsonage, to the United Methodist Women for the beautiful flowers, delicious cookies, pie, and fresh fruit, and to so many others who have extended warm words, thoughtful gestures, and generous hospitality. From the very beginning, you have made us feel genuinely welcomed and loved. We are deeply grateful.

As we begin this journey together, I would like to share a little about my pastoral heart and ministry philosophy. My hope is that by understanding the convictions that have shaped my ministry, we may come to know one another better as we walk this journey of faith together.

The Church Belongs to Jesus Christ

For more than three decades, my ministry has been shaped by one simple but profound conviction: the church belongs to Jesus Christ. Every congregation – regardless of its size, culture, or circumstance – is called to become a living witness of His grace within its community. My pastoral calling began in the Korean Methodist Church, where I learned that faithful ministry requires both theological depth and genuine relationships. Since joining the United Methodist Church, I have been blessed to serve rural, suburban, multicultural, and Korean-American congregations. Each ministry setting has strengthened my belief that healthy churches are formed when trust is cultivated, disciples are equipped, and every aspect of congregational life is intentionally aligned with Christ's mission.

Forming a Christ-Centered Community

Pastoral ministry is a sacred trust. My calling is to help people grow into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ while nurturing a congregation rooted in God's grace. Spiritual vitality grows through meaningful worship, intentional discipleship, compassionate pastoral care, and authentic Christian fellowship. I hope to cultivate a church where every person and every family feel known, prayed for, encouraged, and spiritually strengthened. When we genuinely care for one another, unity deepens, faith matures, and the church becomes a place where others naturally encounter the love of Christ.

Preaching and Worship That Shape Our Identity

Preaching has always been at the heart of my ministry. I strive to proclaim God's Word faithfully, centering every sermon on Christ, remaining rooted in Scripture, embracing our Wesleyan heritage, and speaking to the realities of everyday life. My academic work in Methodist history has given me an even deeper appreciation for John Wesley's vision of personal holiness and social holiness working together. I also believe worship should be both reverent and welcoming. Our worship should honor our rich traditions while remaining accessible to newcomers and meaningful for every generation. Worship is where God renews our faith, shapes our identity, and sends us into the world with renewed purpose.

A Vision for Missional Growth

The church is called not only to care for those already inside its doors but also to become Christ's visible presence in the community. Throughout my ministry, I have encouraged congregations to build meaningful relationships with local schools, community organizations, and neighbors through practical
acts of love and service. Healthy growth is not measured only by attendance but by transformed lives. It is seen as disciples mature, leaders emerge, and new people discover the life-changing grace of Jesus Christ. My desire is to help Cary Church continue growing from a culture of maintenance toward a culture of mission, where hospitality, invitation, generosity, and service become natural expressions of our faith.

Bridging Generations and Cultures

Having served in both Korean and American ministry settings, I have learned that unity does not require uniformity. The church reflects the beauty of Christ when different generations and diverse cultures worship, serve, and learn together. I hope to honor the faithfulness of those who have built Cary Church while encouraging and equipping the next generation of leaders. By listening carefully, serving humbly, and building relationships intentionally, we can become an even stronger witness to our community.

Leading Together

I believe effective pastoral leadership is collaborative. God has blessed every member with gifts for ministry, and together we participate in Christ's mission. I value working closely with our lay leadership, ministry teams, and congregation as we prayerfully discern God's direction together. My experiences in district and conference leadership have reinforced my conviction that we are strongest when we faithfully live out our covenant with one another and practice wise stewardship of the resources God has entrusted to us.

Looking Ahead with Hope

As Esther and I begin this ministry with Cary United Methodist Church, we do so with deep respect for the congregation's rich history, gratitude for its present strengths, and great hope for what God has prepared for the future. Our first commitment is to listen – to learn your stories, understand your hopes, and discern together where God is leading us in this new season. My prayer is that together we will continue strengthening our Christ-centered community, nurturing vibrant worship, making devoted disciples, extending Christ's love beyond our church walls, and building bridges across generations and cultures. I believe God has wonderful things in store for Cary Church. The One who has faithfully guided this congregation throughout its history will continue to lead us into the future. As we trust Him together, may He shape us into a church that glorifies Christ, loves our neighbors, and faithfully shares the hope of the Gospel.

Thank you for welcoming Esther and me with such kindness and generosity. We are truly excited to begin this journey with you, and we look forward to serving alongside you as we seek God's will together. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

In Christ,
Pastor Charles

Pictured:
Esther Yoon
& Charles Yoon

Pictured:
Eunice, Charles, Sarah, Esther & Kristine

MISSION LINKS

During July, we will collect Backpacks and school supplies or monetary donations to support Kids Above All which is part of the UMC Connectional Giving*.
(Please write "Kids Above All" in the memo line for checks, or if giving cash, please write it on the envelope along with your name.)

Step Up For Kids This Back-To-School Season!

Each year, Kids Above All holds an annual Back-To-School Backpack Drive, working with generous individuals, as well as our community, corporate and faith partners, to provide backpacks and school supplies for the children, youth and young adults in our programs.

Cary UMC will support this mission again this year. Please place your item(s) in the bins located by the church office. **Requested items are:** backpacks for children of all ages, pencils, eraser, pencil case, pens (red, blue, or black), colored pencils, crayons, washable markers (fine & broad tip), watercolors, highlighters, dry erase markers & eraser, ruler, glue sticks, Elmer's glue, scissors, 3x5 index cards, notebooks (wide or college ruled), one-inch three-ring binder.

*Connectional Giving is one of the founding ideas that the United Methodist Church was built upon. Participating in connectional giving helps us to be in mission with people and congregations around the world - giving every church, regardless of size, a larger mission footprint. Connectional giving includes Apportionment giving (Northern Illinois Conference Fund and General Church) as well as Mission Link (The Advance) giving.

July Nurture News

Upcoming Dates . . .

Sunday School Teacher Meeting 8/30/26.
Room 107, 11:30
This meeting will allow you to pick up any pertinent curriculum, look at class attendance sheets, review Sunday school opening theme for 2026, sign safe sanctuary forms and allow for any questions you may have.

Fall Sunday School begins on September 13.

We just finished RAINFOREST FALLS VBS where we learned all about the nature of God. WOW GOD! We had 76 children enrolled, which is 23 more students than last summer!! What a blessing!

A big thank you to our CUMC congregation for their generous donations, talents, and prayers, helping make this event a "wild", success. *We had a wonderful mix of younger and older youth joining us for this event*. Many CMP students, past and present, attended. ***Such a joy to have so many of our preschool children in attendance!*** We appreciate deeply the youth and adults using their gifts, time, and talent to see this mission come to life.

The overarching goal of RAINFOREST FALLS is to help children build a deeply rooted, lifelong relationship with God by exploring His fundamental nature and character. We never carry our burdens alone. When we feel powerless, alone, or confused Jesus is always there to give us hope. What a message of hope and comfort for us all!

We felt The Holy Spirit all around us during this busy week at CUMC. The children came up with many heartwarming God sightings. God sightings are the all the things we witness in the world around us showing us the evidence of God's handiwork and presence in our lives. This helps us learn to look for these God sightings in our lives, aiding us in seeing the Lord around us in our world.

Our VBS mission at RAINFOREST FALLS this year was Habitat for Humanity. Nick Nalley from McHenry County Habitat came to inform the VBS students and staff about the purpose of their organization. Habitat for Humanity's purpose is to eliminate substandard housing and make decent, sustainable, and affordable shelter a reality for everyone. The global nonprofit empowers families to build strength, stability, and independence through safe, secure homeownership and community development. **Everyone** dug deep into their pockets to raise $1416.47 for Habitat! Our highest VBS donation ever!!!!

WOW GOD!

What a true blessing the week was, as we immersed ourselves in God's truths, embraced His word, and felt His love. We lifted our voices in praise, engaged in creative crafts, enjoyed lively games, and celebrated fellowship and delicious food. Our hearts are overflowing! Thanks to everyone for the caring and generosity that was shown!

Sally Lorenzen

I ♥ VBS™
John 3:16

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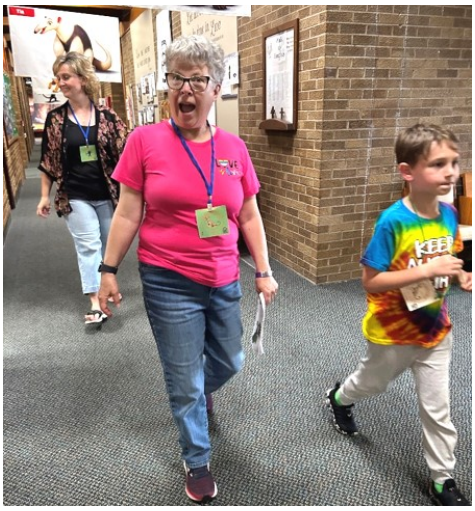

VBS!

Mark Peterson Memorial
Golf Outing, Dinner & Silent Auction

It's time to tee up for the Mark Peterson Memorial Golf Outing, Dinner & Silent Auction!
Join us for a day of fellowship, fun, and friendly competition—all in support of our church. Whether you're spending the day on the golf course or joining us for dinner and the silent auction, there is something for everyone.

Event Highlights

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.

Delicious 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 and Birdies,
The Golf Committee

Mark Your Calendar

Cary United Methodist Church Car Show

Saturday, July 25, 2026

Viewing and Public Judging: 10am—1pm. Vehicle Registration: 9am—10am (Free)

Located at: Cary United Methodist Church 500 N. First Street, Cary, IL

Local Boy Scout Troop selling lunch and drinks.

Local DJ Music plus Prizes for Kids

Annual Rummage Sale occurring during car show: 9am - 1pm

See a variety of Antique, Muscle and EV Cars!

For more information call Bob at 847-525-5348

Financial Status of Cary United Methodist Church

Thank you so very much to the quarterly and annual pledging units that have helped us going forward into the summer months. This means that CUMC can look forward to supporting the congregation and beyond during the summer months.

Following is the financial status of CUMC for January thru April 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 May 2025	Current Expenses for May 2025	Difference
$48,940.60	$25,660.31	+$23,280.29

Current Income for January - May 2026	Current Expenses for January - May 2026	Difference
$155,094.10	$46,771.58	+8,322.52

United Women in Faith Annual Rummage Sale - Come Treasure Hunt with Us!

It's almost here! Get ready for great finds and good fun at our **Rummage Sale**! Whether you're looking for gently used clothes, home goods, toys, books, or a unique treasure, there will be something for everyone.

Sale dates and times:

9am – 4pm Thursday, July 23
9am – 2pm Friday, July 24
9am – 1pm Saturday, July 25

Proceeds will support United Women in Faith Community Mission Giving, so every purchase helps make a difference! A correction from last month's article: proceeds will not be going to go towards the kitchen fund; only mission giving.

We are looking forward to accepting your donations for the sale. *Please make sure that donations are clean and in usable condition.* **We can't accept** big furniture like armoires, tv cabinets, sofas and mattresses. Additionally, we cannot accept tv's of any size, window blinds, or tires. There may be additional items that need to be turned away based on salability and disposal if not sold.

Donation drop-off dates and times:

11am – 2pm Sunday, July 19 (volunteers will be available on this day to help with unloading vehicles)
9am – 3pm Monday, July 20
9am – 1pm Tuesday, July 21
9am – 12pm Wednesday, July 22

Many **volunteers** are needed to help with sorting, displaying and organizing items on tables, and sales. High School students and Scouts, do you need volunteer hours? Church members, do you have a few hours to spare?
Watch for a link to Sign-Up Genius to let us know how and when you can help!

Come shop and support our church community. Spread the word and bring a friend to shop or volunteer!

Mission u information

Mission u Save the Dates **Weekend: July 10-12, 2026** * Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center 1922 IL RT 2 North, Oregon IL 61061 Korean Language Day: July 25, 2026 Woori Naperville KUMC, 2403 W. Diehl Rd., Naperville IL 60563 One-Day (Spanish, English, Youth/ Children): August 8, 2026 Euclid Avenue UMC, 405 S. Euclid Ave., Oak Park IL 60302 Join us at Mission u as we explore the theme, Experiencing Emmanuel. The study will focus on the times in the Bible when people experienced Emmanuel, or "God with us."
Link: https://uwfaithnic.org/prairie-central-events/

- How do we discern God's presence and call on our lives in times of joy and in times of sadness, fear, or anxiety?
- What can we learn from these Emmanuel encounters in the Bible to help inform our discernment to faith, hope, and love in action?

Leadership Volunteers

Calling all women who would like to be a part of our leadership team! You are hereby nominated to join us! Your United Women in Faith Prairie Central team does not have an elected nominations committee, so we are asking you to volunteer to serve. For the 2027-2028 years we are looking for Mission Coordinators for Social Action, Membership, Mission Education. It would be wonderful to have a vice-president. It would be phenomenal to have a Nominations Chairperson and committee. Contact: Lois Voss 847-409-6013

United Women in Faith June 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, July 7, 6:30pm, FH, **Leadership Team**, all are welcome. Contact *Glenda Arnold 312-550-1740*

Wednesday, July 8, 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, July 16, 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, July 16 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.

July Birthdays

7/1
Bill Simon
7/2
Gary Fagerson
7/3
Pat Honemann
7/6
Kristen Splitt
7/9
Ed Davies
7/12
Barb Dungan
7/13
Kim Brackett
7/14
Jeff Bivin
7/15
Carrie Green
Nancy Siles
7/20
Amy Peterson
7/23
Chris Weisser
7/26
Lori McCllellan
Jeanne Schuetzle
7/27
Sarah Brackett
7/28
Kevin Scott
7/30
Nancy Petriak
Brandon Poe
Dan Rank
7/31
Taylor Trax

July Anniversaries

Jim & Dawn Ferree	7/11
Kelvin & Susan Levels	7/11
Jeff & Teresa Bivin	7/25
Manav & Shannon George	7/27

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 847-354-1622 or Sue Heizer 847 217-6002.

Calendar Room Use Forms: Please turn in your Calendar Room/Use Forms for your church group meetings and events **by July 2**. If you are hosting them online please indicate that on the form. To schedule a Zoom meeting, contact the church office.
Send forms to caryumc@caryumc.org.
Or, leave them in my mailbox in mailroom.
Contact: Holly Voss 847-639-7627

Learn to Crochet/Knit:

Interested in learning to crochet/knit a prayer shawl? Hooks/needles/yarn will be provided. Contact Lori McClellan 837-507-1127 loribmcclellan@comcast.net

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

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30 Crafts/Coffee 7:00 AA Meeting	2 8:30 Retired Men's Fellowship 8:30 Women's Prayer Breakfast 6:30 Nurture Team 7:00 Stamp Night	3 **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**	4
5 **Welcome Pastor Charles** 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School	6 6:00 Girl Scout Leader Mtg.	7 7:00 Trustee Meeting	8 11:30 Dorcas Circle-away 7:00 AA Meeting	9 8:30 Retired Men's Fellowship 8:30 Women's Prayer Breakfast	10	11 8:30 Men's Breakfast
12 9:00 Worship 10:00 Gift Cards 10:15 Sunday School	13	14 7:00 Finance Meeting	15 9:30 Crafts & Coffee 7:00 T160 Committee 7:00 AA Meeting	16 8:30 Retired Men's Fellowship 8:30 Women's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 Craft Night	17	18 **Newsletter Deadline**
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26 9:00 Worship 10:00 Gift Cards 10:00 Popup Crafts 10:15 Sunday School	27	28 6:30 Church Council	29 9:30 Crafts & Coffee 7:00 AA Meeting	30 8:30 Retired Men's Fellowship 8:30 Women's Prayer Breakfast	31	