

Cary United Methodist Church
500 First Street
Cary, IL 60013



December 2022



Sunday Worship: 9:00 am
Youth and Adult
Sunday School at 10:15 am

Visit us on the web at www.caryumc.org



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THE OPEN DOOR

CARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Empowers believers, reaches the community and beyond.

Sunday Schedule

Sunday Worship at 9:00 am
Sunday School at 10:15 am
Hospitality Hour at 10:00 am

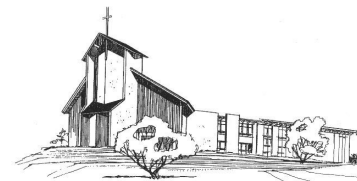
Office Hours

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
Mary Ellen Spoerl	Financial Secretary
Penny Libert	Organist/Accompanist
Dave DCamp, Kevin Scott	Music Staff
Katrina Zentefis	Nursery Coordinator
Aurturo Arreola	Custodian
Jaime Arreola	Custodian

January Issue - Deadline December 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.

It began this past Sunday – 27 November – the Season of Light. These next few weeks lead us to the celebration of the Birth of Jesus, the one who described himself as the light of the world, the one whom John the gospel writer says, “⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all humankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1.4-5).

Light defies a concrete definition. A careful look at the dictionary or encyclopedia or even a scientific journal does not reveal exactly what light is and for my purposes today, it does not really matter what light is, but what it does.

Light is an illuminator. It gives us the ability to see the world around us.

Light is a comforter. Just ask the Children of Israel how it felt to have that night light in the darkened desert or a child afraid to sleep in a dark room.

Light provides warmth. Again, just ask the Children of Israel as they huddled together in the night desert or remember how it feels to stand in the sunshine on a chilly day.

Light helps us to find our way. A beacon helps ships to find their way into the harbor and aids night travelers to places of safety and comfort.

Jesus, the Light of the world, does all of these things and more for us. During this season of light, let us consider all of the things God does for us through his son Jesus and it becomes clearer to us how “the light of the world” impacts our lives, let us say, “Thanks be to God.”

Grace and peace,
Pastor Norval



United Women in Faith Care about Recycling

As you clean and freshen your home for the holidays, please think about what you can recycle, reuse, or repurpose. You can download a free copy of the McHenry County Green Guide as a reference: www.mchenry.edu/green/green-guide-22.pdf

Here are some of their tips: take your plastic **shopping bags** to Jewel, Walmart, Target, Best Buy, or Kohl's. Put them in the collection bin, often at the entrance.

Take all colors of your **CLEAN Styrofoam** to the first shed at Algonquin Township Highway Dept., 3702 US Highway 14, Crystal Lake. www.algtwsp.com/recycling Separate white from colored. Do not put this forever plastic in your garage.

Your **paperback and hardback books** can be shared with a friend or donated to book drives or resale stores. They can also be recycled in your home collection bin, unless the covers are glossy or metallic.

On the **NOT to be recycled list** are napkins, paper towels, and paper plates. However, they are compostable if you choose to compost them. Try to use cloth napkins and rags for towels. Use real plates instead of paper ones.

Also on the **NOT to be recycled list** are plastic cups, lids, straws, and utensils. Try to avoid them!

Here's another **NOT to be recycled list** of all types of flexible plastic packaging: wrappers, pouches, thin-formed, chip or popcorn bags, zip top stand up pouches, flimsy bags (rice or beans, etc.), and form-packaging you need scissors to open.



Mission Outreach Committee End-of-year Giving Options

Anyone wishing to make a mission related donation for an end of the year tax credit can choose from the following list. Please note the Advance Number on your check. Due by December 20, 2022.

David Makobo (#3021869): Missionary in Senegal

Global Refugee/Migration Response (#3022144)

Tree of Life Ministry, Pierre, South Dakota (#123615)

Kids Above All (#50000011)

NIJFON-Northern Illinois Justice For Our Neighbors (#50000140): Migrant Crisis

Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) (#50000150): Hurricane Ian

December Birthdays

12/1 Valerie Deehring Bob Groos Torben Mularski	12/12 Karen Moe Janice Prunier-King	12/26 Ken Scott
12/2 Amy Reynolds Judy Sutliff	12/13 Jim Iverson Tom Kraemer	12/27 Chris Oberheide
12/4 Karen Groos Bruce Oberlies	12/14 Rich Heizer	12/28 Liliana Reynold
12/5 Steve Scholz Joyce Simon	12/17 Joseph Frieman	12/30 Ray Weisser
12/8 Ariel Seubert Barry Wintersteen	12/20 Manav George Holly Voss	
12/9 Jorge Brockhoeft Cameron Iverson	12/21 Glenda Arnold	
	12/25 Zach Ferree	
	12/26 Penny Libert Linda Scholz	



December Wedding Anniversaries

John & Jennifer Crick 12/16

Financial Status of Cary United Methodist Church

Thank you very much for your continuing contributions. Following is the financial status of CUMC for January through October 2022.

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 (847) 639-6173

Email address: swidertc@comcast.net



Current Income for October 2022	Current Expenses for October 2022	Difference
\$20,288.68	\$22,973.34	- \$2,684.66
Current Income for 2022	Current Expenses for 2022	Difference
\$261,984.25	\$286,363.04	- \$24,378.79

REQUESTING FUNDS FROM THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Below is a list of information that the Endowment Committee will need to review and approve your specific project requested. Please expect up to two week's response from the Committee for approval.

- ◆ Project title.
- ◆ A summary of the project, and how much money you are requesting.
- ◆ An introduction to your group including your aims/goals.
- ◆ A clear description of the project or activities you are planning.
- ◆ Expected start date.
- ◆ Timeline for project outline.
- ◆ Expected completion date.
- ◆ How does this expenditure support the mission of the church?
- ◆ Project budget, including all the costs of the project, which parts you are asking them for funding, and where the rest of the money will come from.
- ◆ **Make your budget as specific as possible.** Get quotes for everything you will need to pay for, so that it is accurate.
- ◆ **Do not include any non-specific items in your budget**, such as “contingency costs” or “miscellaneous” with expected budget.

Projects under \$1,500 should be addressed under the general committee budget.

Please turn in by email/hard copy of this request to the church office and to Mark

Peterson by email at markpeterson705@gmail.com

Thank you,

The Endowment Committee

Let's Appreciate Our Staff!

Every year, SPRC collects donations for a monetary gift to present to the church staff during Staff Appreciation Sunday in January. This is our opportunity to say “thank you” for all the daily duties they perform to keep the church operating. You can place your donation in an envelope marked “Staff Appreciation” in the collection basket during the church service, or you can put it in the secured grey box in the workroom (next to the church office). Cash or checks are acceptable. Please make checks payable to Cary UMC and write “Staff Appreciation” on the memo line. We will present the staff with their gifts during a special Staff Appreciation hospitality hour on Sunday, January 22. Many thanks to you all for your generosity!

CROP Walk for Hunger 2022 Lois Voss



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Thank you church family and friends! Your support of the October McHenry County CROP Hunger Walk was phenomenal!

Our team leads the others by collecting \$6,067.78 as of November 15, 2022.

Food pantries in Algonquin, Cary, Crystal Lake, and Grafton will receive equal portions of 25% raised by our walk total. The remaining amount is distributed by Church World Service in ending hunger “one step at a time” and bringing clean water into regions around the world. Church World Service has noted specific help in Ukraine, our USA hurricane sites, as well as the Dominican Republic.

Here are the amounts raised by team for this year's McHenry County CROP Walk

Cary United Methodist Church	\$6,067.78	Golden Shoe Award for 2022
St. Paul’s United Church of Christ	\$3,145.00	
Ridgefield Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church	\$3,070.50	
Bethany Lutheran Church	\$2,870.00	
First Church Crystal Lake Methodist	\$1,670.00	
Living Waters Lutheran Church	\$1,380.00	
Algonquin Christ United Methodist Church	\$868.00	
McHenry County Jewish Congregation	\$299.00	
TOTAL	\$19,370.28	Fantastic!

Total walkers taken from the sign-in sheets was 79.
The number of walkers counted from the team pictures was over a hundred!

The food pantries in McHenry County were thankful for the *Easy Eats Meal in a Bag* event. We prepared 500 gifts of a recipe and ingredients for a meal to feed four. With the help of Cary-Grove Food Pantry, Northern Illinois Food Bank, Aldi Foods, Jewel, an insurance company, and the fundraisers, the cost was about \$2 a meal. We delivered the bags to Algonquin Lake in the Hills Interfaith FP, Cary-Grove FP, Crystal Lake FP, Grafton FP Huntley, Hebron Community FP, Marengo Area Outreach Enterprises (MORE), McHenry FISH FP, Woodstock FP, and Wonder Lake Neighbors FP.

The official collection is open until 12/31/22. You can go to our website <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/cary-united-methodist-church> to donate, or write a check to CROP/CWS to bring to CUMC. If your business “matches” your charitable donations, please consider checking that box when you donate.

THANK YOU again to all who volunteered their time, talent, and service for this event.

Please mark your 2023 calendars for October 15 as we host the McHenry County CROP Hunger Walk. With gratitude, Lois Voss

Holiday Cookie Sale - Helpers Needed

We need your help! We need Cookie Baker volunteers. Bring them to church on Friday, Dec. 9 from 9am-3pm and volunteers to help setup tables and cookies or come on Saturday to greet & help buyers, prepare or serve hot drinks for our Mingle tables, then cleanup after the sale. Cookie Walk Saturday, Dec. 10 from 9am - 1pm. Cookies will be weighed and sold by the pound: \$10.



Christmas Poinsettias



As the tradition carries on for Cary UMC, we will decorate our sanctuary with poinsettias to celebrate the birth of Christ. 6” red poinsettias at \$10.00. Orders are due by Sunday, Dec. 4. Order forms are available at both entrances, and can be placed in offering plate on Sunday, mailed to the church office, or placed in the gray metal box in mailroom.

Please make checks payable to: Cary United Methodist Church and mark “Poinsettias” in the memo section. The flowers can be taken home on Christmas Eve after 11pm worship service or Christmas Day. Contact: Denise Ackermann at 847-989-5296 or nhdb1314@sbcglobal.net

Kris Kringle Shop...

Come see us! The Kris Kringle shop is coming to Hospitality Hour. If you miss us at Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec 3 come see us during Hospitality Hour December 4.

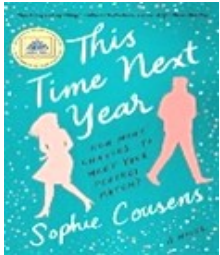


United Women in Faith December News



Books ‘n Bagels

Friday, Dec. 2, 7:00 - 9:00pm.
We will meet at the Parsonage 416 Crest Dr. Cary IL.
Our book for discussion is *This Time Next Year* By Sophie Cousens.
Join us for a holiday celebration and "a white elephant book exchange" where you wrap & share one of your books rather than buying a new one. Contact: Dawn Ferree or Bethany Decker



Dorcas Circle

Anyone available for a lunch fellowship on the second Wednesday of the month should join us on December 14, at noon in Fellowship Hall for a potluck Christmas party, and we will provide the meat and a delicious dessert. 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 9:30 am-noon in Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Pat Jacobson (847-639-6173).

Monthly Evening Craft Group

On the fourth Wednesday 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.

Thursdays

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 Fageron, Sue Heizer, or Carroll Wagus (847-516-2016).

Mark your Calendar Dates for United Women in Faith Events

Saturday, December 3	Kris Kringle Shop at Breakfast with Santa 8-11am
Saturday, December 10	Mingle & Jingle - Ladies Breakfast 8:15-8:45am
Saturday, December 10	Annual Holiday Cookie Sale 9am-1pm



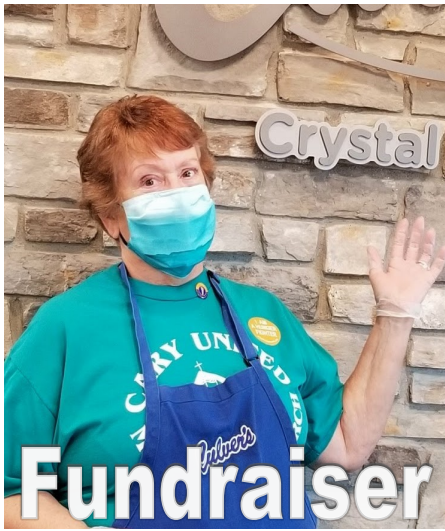
Sara, Harry, Denise



Bruce & Sue-safety



Sally, Andrew, Tom



Fundraiser

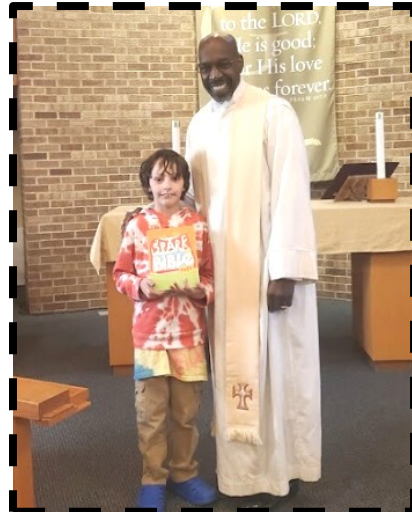


Debbie, Vance, Ben, Darlene



cirque de Sore Legs

Nurture Team News



On November 20 two of our third graders received their Bibles. What a blessing to be able to share this event in Asher's and Torben's faith journey. Remember to keep these wonderful boys in your prayers.



Nursery Staff

Katrina Zentefis
Athena Zentefis
Emily Liautaud
Maddie Crick



On November 20, we had a dedication of our Sunday school teachers.

We are truly blessed to have these wonderful men and women sharing the Gospel message with our church family.

Teachers

Dawn Ferree
Jim Ferree
Jeffrey Bivin
Social Concerns Leaders
Katie Weaver
Chris Weisser

Lori McClellan
Dorothy Fagerson
Christina Rank
Stephanie Brashear
James Weisser
Josh Sukow
Stephanie Sukow

The Sunday school children had great fun celebrating Favorite Bible Character Sunday last month. The children were asked to either talk about, draw or dress as their favorite character in the Bible.

Paul



Mary



King David



Advent Schedule

Sunday, December 11 Music Sunday at 9am - our Music Department, anchored by David DCamp, Kevin Scott and Penny Libert, will present vocal and instrumental seasonal music. Come to hear some old favorites and to develop new ones as the Angels' voices are heard.

Saturday, December 24 Family Interactive Worship at 4pm. Bring the children—infants, toddlers and up to participate in the Christmas story and share together in the Eucharist.

Pre-Midnight Worship at 11pm. Music, singing—both choral and congregation as we welcome the Christ Child into the world.

Sunday, Christmas Day Worship at 9am. O' Come let us adore him!

Marchers Needed!

The Merry Cary Christmas Parade is Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022, from 1 - 3pm. We need people to march in the parade to present a "living" journey to Bethlehem – shepherds, Magi, the Holy Family and some just to be taxed. Other marchers will hand out flyers/post cards about Advent/Christmas activities at Cary UMC. Please call/email the church office to let us know you will be there. Parade lineup is 12:30 by Briargate School.



Food Pantry Update December 2022 by Carolyn Downs

The holidays are here, and the Cary-Grove Food Pantry has turned in its wish list. Help them stock their shelves with these much-needed items for December:

- ♦ baking ingredients
- ♦ flour
- ♦ evaporated milk
- ♦ cake/cookie/bread mixes
- ♦ white/brown/confectioners' sugar
- ♦ chocolate chips
- ♦ vanilla extract and other flavorings
- ♦ Please, NO CANNED PUMPKIN (they have plenty)
- ♦ Toilet paper/paper towels
- ♦ Larger sized diapers (sizes 4,5,6 – please NO SMALL DIAPERS)

CGFP has turkeys available for the holidays. Clients can pick them up anytime during shopping hours. If you don't have storage now, you can reserve your turkey

by placing your name on a list, but you must claim it by Tuesday, December 20 or Thursday, December 22. A limited number of hams may be available soon for the holidays, so check with the Food Pantry.

The Cary-Grove Food Pantry is open to anyone who needs food assistance. Their hours are 4-6pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 9-11am on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month. They are in the parking lot of St. Barnabas Church, 8901 Cary-Algonquin Road, Cary. For more information, call 847-516-3602.

Cary Grove Food Pantry Year-To-Date 2022 Donation Report – We are so close to reaching our goal of 1200 donated items for 2022! Help us reach our goal!

# of items donated	# of expired/unusable donations	# of net items YTD
1133	75	1058

Please, no open/used food items. Individually sealed items in an open container are accepted. Please check the expiration dates. 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.

Thank you for your generous support!

Christmas Tree Decorating: Thank you to everyone that created ornaments, decorated and are joining in the festivities of decorating our first CUMC tree at Jaycee Park. We will meet to decorate on Saturday, December 3, at 1:30pm. God bless you this Christmas season!



Cary Methodist Preschool

A Blessed Christmas & A Happy New Year December 2022



We can't believe that we are almost halfway through our school year. Time is flying, and the children are very busy in the classrooms this month preparing special gifts for you. They will probably tell you they are working on a "surprise." You will definitely know their gift is from their hearts. We hope you are able to enjoy your precious children during this busy season and reflect on all of the many blessings of your family. We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Laura Collier & Amy Donlea

Important Dates:

Chapel Time with Ms. Sally
Friday, Dec. 2
Christmas Celebration (2's)
Thurs., Dec. 15
Christmas Program
(3, 4 & 5's)
Fri., Dec. 16, 10:00-11:00
NO SCHOOL -
Dec. 19 - Jan. 2
NO SCHOOL - In Service
Fri. Jan. 13
NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther
King Day Mon. Jan 16

Christmas Program

Our Christmas program will be on Friday, Dec. 16, at 10:30am. The Friday morning students (3's & 4'/5's) will arrive at 9am as normal. Parents can arrive at 10:15am to save seats in the sanctuary. The Program will start at 10:30am. After our program, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for Christmas treats, holiday cheer and a special visitor. The 2-year-old room will have their Christmas Celebration on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 10:00 in the classroom.






Amazon Smile Fundraiser

Do you love shopping on Amazon? Don't forget...Cary Methodist Preschool is an **Amazon Smile** recipient! It's the EASI-EST fundraiser for the pre-school! Please look for the email we sent to you if you are interested in signing up!

Registration 2023-2024

Registration for the next school year will begin January 16 - 20 for our current students, alumni, and Cary Methodist Church members. We will open registration up to the public beginning Monday, January 23. Class offerings and tuition rates will be posted beginning January 12.

CMP * 500 First Street * Cary, IL 60013 * 847-639-7655 * cmp.preschool@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8:30 Retired Men's Fellowship 8:30 Women's Prayer Breakfast 6:00 P557 Bears 6:30 Nurture Team 7:00 P457 Comm.	2 9:00 Santa's Breakfast & Kris Kringle Setup 6:30 Books n Bagels	3 8:00 Santa's Breakfast 8:00 Kris Kringle Shop 1:30 Jaycee Park Tree Decorating 4:00 Winter Recital
4 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Gift Card Sales 10:15 Sunday School 12:30 Merry Cary Parade 5:00 Women's Emmaus	5 5:00 Chime Choir 5:00 Girl Scout Troop 417 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Advent Bible Study 7:00 Men's Emmaus 7:00 T160 Meeting 7:30 Chicagoland Voices 7:30 P557 Webelos	6 6:30 P557 Bears 7:00 Trustee Committee 7:30 P557 Committee	7 6:30 P557 Tigers 7:00 AA Meeting 7:00 P457 Committee 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	8 8:30 Retired Men's Fellowship 8:30 Women's Prayer Breakfast	9 9:00 Cookie Walk Setup 10:00 CMP Practice	10 8:15 Mingle & Jingle Ladies Breakfast 9:00 Cookie Walk 
11 Music Sunday 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Gift Card Sales 10:15 Sunday School 5:00 Women's Emmaus	12 6:00 Girl Scout Troop 1907 7:00 Advent Bible Study 7:00 Men's Emmaus 7:00 T160 Meeting 7:30 Chicagoland Voices 7:30 P557 Webelos	13 6:30 P557 Wolves 7:00 Finance Committee	14 9:15 CMP Program Practice 12:00 Dorcas Circle 3:45 Girl Scout T1074 6:30 P557 Tigers 7:00 AA Meeting 7:00 T160 Comm. Mtg.	15 8:30 Retired Men's Fellowship 8:30 Women's Prayer Breakfast 6:00 P557 Bears 7:00 Preschool Board Mtg. 7:00 P457 Meeting	16 9:30 CMP Christmas Program	17
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