

Cary United Methodist Church
500 First Street
Cary, IL 60013

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April 2021

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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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CARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Empowers believers, reaches the community and beyond.

April 2021

Sunday Worship Schedule

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Sunday School at 9:45 am

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm

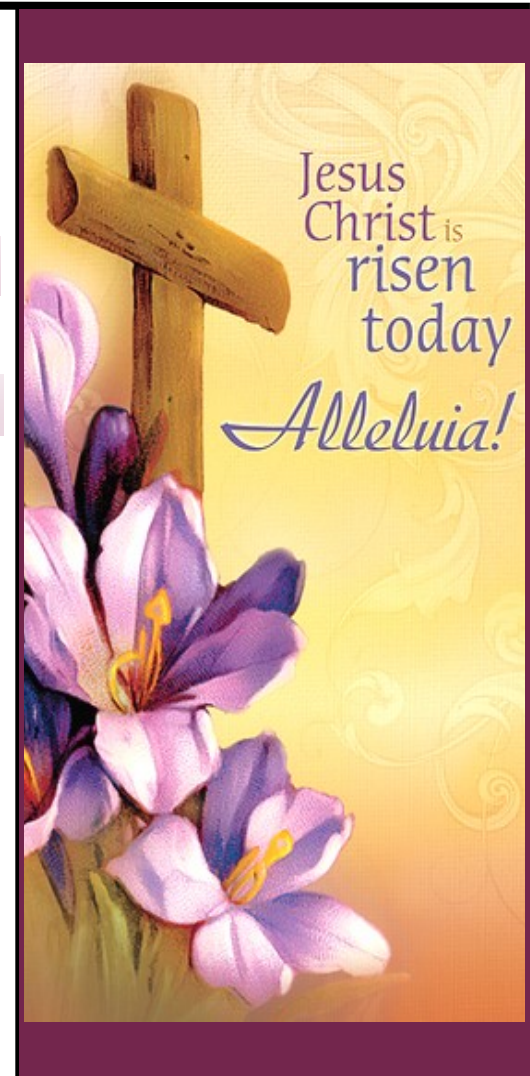
Staff

Rev. Dr. Norval I. Brown	Sr. Pastor
Dr. George E. David	Pastor
Sally Lorenzen	Director of Education
Holly Voss	Office Manager
Penny Libert	Organist/Accompanist
Dave DCamp, Kevin Scott	Music Staff
Heather Bryant	Preschool Director
Katrina Zentefis	Nursery Coordinator
Jaime Arreola	Custodian

May Issue - Deadline April 20



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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 and Judy Sutliff or Sue Heizer.

Food Pantry Update for April 2021 by Carolyn Downs

CARY-GROVE FOOD PANTRY: CHECK THE DATE BEFORE YOU DONATE

Donating to the Cary Grove Food Pantry is a great way to care for our community. Whether you purchase extra food from the store or donate extra/unneeded canned goods from your cupboards, please check expiration dates on your item donations. The Cary Grove Food Pantry will not accept any food item more than two months past its expiration date.

Also, the Food Pantry cannot accept any item that has been opened/used; for example, used bottles/jars of condiments, lotions and liquid soaps; opened boxes of cake mix, baking mix and pancake mix; open box of tissues. However, open boxes/bags of individually wrapped items are acceptable; for example, an open bag or box of individually wrapped cereal bars, fruit snacks and tea

bags. Also acceptable are open bags of toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls and unused diapers.

Finally, please consider a monetary donation – for every dollar donated, the Food Pantry can purchase \$8 worth of food from the Chicago 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.



# of Items Donated	# of Expired/Unusable Donations	Net Items	# of items to date
22	2	20	91

April Birthdays

4/2	4/12	4/21
Chris Luloff	Patrick Green	Kristin Fell
4/4	Ella Grimm	4/23
Tommy Schnidt	4/14	Oscar Garcia
Sarah Tracy	Samual Cluts	4/25
4/6	Dick Deehring	Suzanne Scott
Larisa Luloff	4/15	4/26
4/7	Jason Krigas	Stacy Nordengren
Don Smith	4/17	
4/8	Alli Josefowicz	
Bob Nash	Keith Lang	
4/9	4/18	
Bill Kaspari	Lexi Frieman	
4/10	Adam Tatroe	
Sheila DCamp		



April Anniversaries

Tim & Ruth Brekke	4/1
Wade & Alice Petriak	4/1
Dana & Bonnie Floor	4/8
Keith Lang & Carolyn Downs	4/8
Mark & Amy Peterson	4/9
Bob & Nancy Nash	4/20
Jim & Brenda Iverson	4/24
Paul King & Janice Prunier-King	4/26
Joseph & Khristy Frieman	4/27
Lee & Devon Grimm	4/30



Pastor George & Myra David's New Address
Pastor George & Myra have moved from Cary to Dell Webb's Sun City in Huntley. Their new address is:13643 Wittingham Lane, Unit 2, Huntley, Illinois 60142. Phone numbers and email will remain the same.

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.

This year, Resurrection Sunday is April 4 – the 53rd anniversary of the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the final day of the Season for Nonviolence sponsored by the Gandhi Center. Remembering death and new life on the same day is not unlike that first Good Friday.

A careful reading of John's gospel has Jesus' crucifixion occurring at the exact moment that the Passover lambs were being sacrificed. The rabbi-provocateur had enraged the religious and political hierarchy in such ways that death seemed the only solution to stop his progress. The Passover lambs signaled God's activity to liberate the Children of Israel who were enslaved in Israel. The confluence of death and liberation/life in that moment signaled the new thing God had promised and was bringing to fruition.

On Resurrection Sunday 2021, the confluence of death and life come to the fore again. As was Jesus, King was a provocateur. On April 4, 1967, just one year before his death, he condemned the Vietnam War and the triple evils of racism, poverty, and militarism. His solemn judgment on the body politic was, to many, intolerable. In those last months of his life, his rage grew more visible. He was practiced in the rhetoric of grief. For his troubles he was profiled, picked up, beaten up, and, like the one from whom he learned nonviolent direct action, brutally killed.

The evening before his death, King spoke of "not fearing any man," an obvious reference to Jesus' teaching to "not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul" (Matthew 10.28), assuring the gathered assembly that, though death might claim him, the Promised Land would be achieved. Up to the end, King constantly called his hearers to a vision of God's shalom, challenging all to participate in the task of creating something new – a world where "justice rolled down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." Jesus' vision was for a transformed world where all might live in harmony with one another and share in the abundance of life. This Resurrection Sunday, God continues to bring forth the new thing promised from of old – a new world. The celebration of the Resurrection and remembering a death are not about lilies and bonnets, eggs and ham. It is not even about the joy of gaining eternal life. No, the Resurrection is about a commitment to create a new world, a new order, ushering in God's peace here on earth. On this Resurrection Sunday, through the world-making power of King's words, let us hear that another reality is possible. "Now let us begin," he said. "Now let us rededicate ourselves to the long and bitter, but beautiful, struggle for a new world." Amen. Thanks be to God.

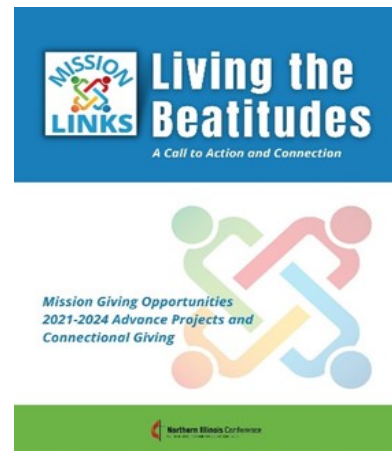
Grace and Peace
Pastor Norval



Rainbow Covenant

Look at what's happening to the Rainbow Covenant program...it's been revamped...it's been renamed...it's been reenergized! After Apportionments, this is the second mile giving for mission work. Our church participates with the help of our Mission Outreach Team.

Please read this article published in the NEWS section on our Northern Illinois Conference website.



The Conference Board of Global Ministries (CBGM) announces the release of a new conference mission-giving book called "Mission Links: Living the Beatitudes" which replaces the Rainbow Covenant book. Mission Links is the product of more than 12 months of prayerful, reflective work for the committee, which sought to update and refresh the book's design and content while linking connectional giving to scripture.

Mission Links is scheduled for release in digital format mid-March.

Jesus' blessings during his Sermon on the Mount as recounted in Matthew 5, known as the beatitudes, guided the new book's organization and structure. In verses 1-12, Jesus offers a description of the various forms human goodness can take within the eight categories of the beatitudes. The projects and ministries described in Mission Links are matched with one or more beatitudes that allow the church to "advance" the cause of Christ and work for the public good. CBGM developed icons representing the beatitude "categories" and tagged each project or ministry with one or more icons to highlight its connection to

Jesus' blessings.

Committee members were assigned projects or ministries to contact for updates and media to help tell their story. While the committee revamped the booklet's look and feel, they note that NIC's commitment to global and local projects and people remains the same.

"The name and setup are different, but we have kept those missions that are still in operation," said Kathy Carey, CBGM member. "Hopefully, this new format will draw attention to the appropriate mission the church or individuals want to support."

The Rev. Shirley Pulgar-Hughes, Conference Secretary on Global Ministries, is enthusiastic about the new book. "The NIC Board of Global Ministries, passionate about its mission, has been wonderfully creative and busy, envisioning and reimagining our Connectional Giving Book, **Rainbow Covenant**," she said. "Through months of hard work we have brought into fruition a new format that will enable the achievement of the vision and mission of Global Ministries with greater impact as we allow local churches to navigate successfully through a simpler book format."

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.

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

Small Groups - April 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 has returned to in-person meetings, with a Zoom option, in Fellowship Hall at 7pm, first Friday of the month. Due to the Easter holiday, April's meeting was held on March 26. The next meeting will be Friday, May 7. May's book is *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. For Zoom login information, contact Dawn Ferree or Bethany Decker.

Morning Craft Group – will meet in person 9am-12noon, the first Wednesday of the month, in Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Pat Jacobson.

Dorcas Circle – will meet in person at 12 noon, the second Wednesday of the month. 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 April Update

Fellowship of the Least Coin

Out of caution, we will not hold the Rainbow Garden Ladies Event this year. But we will still collect for UMW's Fellowship of the Least Coin. UMW will provide containers for you to collect your coins. You can pick up your container in the church office, or we can deliver it to you. Contact Amy Peterson. Save your coins, and bring your container to Cary UMC by Mother's Day (Sunday, May 9).

Annual UMW Rummage Sale Date Change

Out of caution, the annual UMW Rummage Sale will be in July to allow for an outdoor option, if needed. Drop-off dates: July 25-28. Set-up and sorting: July 26-28. Sale: July 29-31. Volunteers are needed to coordinate the event. Contact Glenda Arnold.



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.

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.

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.



David Quinn, NIC Apportionments Administrator, notes that the book's organization of projects under "Global Advances," "US-Based" and "NIC Districts" allows churches or individuals to easily and quickly select projects that resonate with them and support the church over and beyond their apportionments.

"The Rainbow Covenant format has done an amazing job at ensuring that projects received adequate support during a time when the world needed it most," Quinn said. "As much as we loved Rainbow Covenant and its color bands, it was time to refresh the look while looking ahead."

Carey agrees that the new format is designed to support thoughtful connectional giving. "I think it makes it easier both for churches and individual UMC members who like to support a mission, maybe for an honorarium or in memory of someone," she said.

Even with the revamp, Quinn says that the process for donations remains the same. The appropriate fund number(s) should be noted in the check memo line and checks should be sent to PO Box 5656, Carol Stream IL 60197-5646.

"Mission Giving will make it more transparent to local churches to see where their money is going," Quinn added.

Mission Links is designed to educate local church congregations, mission committees or small groups about apportioned funds through connectional giving, help them give to Advances in a specific category, and deepen their knowledge of the missionaries our Annual Conference supports. CBGM members hope that Mission Links will deepen relationships between churches and the causes they support.

There is also an opportunity to structure giving around the conference goals, as many projects or ministries have an underlying commitment to growing and reaching new disciples of Jesus Christ, living out the conviction that racism is incompatible with Christian teaching, and increasing the number of highly vital congregations. Churches may use the new resource in many ways: reflecting on the beatitudes and relating them to connectional giving, "visiting" the country or city where a project or ministry "lives," developing giving themes around the three conference goals, highlighting the impact of UMC members around the world and around the block, and much more.

"This is an amazing chance for churches to step up and support projects that will unite the Methodist faith in supporting those who need us," Quinn said. Pulgar-Hughes looks forward to the publication of the digital resource. "As local churches make a commitment to support local, regional and international mission projects, the new book will refresh the church's mission mindset and ongoing ministry in the forthcoming post-pandemic context," she said.

Living the Beatitudes will be hosted both as a digital magazine and as an accessible PDF soon online. Churches can link their website, social media, and email campaigns to the book.

Posted: February 26 2021 at 2:28 PM

Author: Diane Strzelecki,
NIC Communications Specialist





CMP Annual Ice Cream Social and Open House

Tuesday, April 27 at 6 PM

CMP wants to welcome new and current CMP families for a fun night! Come enjoy some ice cream and get acquainted with the children and families here at CMP. Teachers will be available to answer questions while you enjoy an ice cream treat on our back patio and playground behind the church. We look forward to seeing you!



Save The Date: April 17, 2021 CMP Virtual Auction

Join us for our auction of some amazing items...Sports, Arts, Food, Drinks, Gift Cards, Skin-care, Beauty, Faith, Local Artists and Much, Much More



Mother's Day Celebrations

We will have our special outdoors Mother's Day celebration on May 12. The parents and students will show up together for the event. **Watch your child's calendar for the time their party starts.** We will be celebrating with having our picture day which will allow photos with mom as well as your child alone. Then we will be decorating a flower pot and planting a flower together. There will be no Stay N Play following the mother's day celebration.



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 1, the registration fee will increase from \$75 to \$95.

Important Dates

Easter Parties	April 7
Parent Teacher Conferences	April 12 No School
School Spirit Week	April 19—April 23
Virtual Family	April 20
Ice Cream Social & Open House	April 27 @ 6:00
CMP Virtual Basket Auction	April 17
Mom's Day Pictures and Plantings No Stay N Play	May 12 Check Classroom Calendars For More Details

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Thoughts About Earth Day by Lois Voss

Every April, I get reinvigorated about "reuse, recycle, repurpose" because of Earth Day. Today an article about recycling all brands of well-used food storage containers made me think of my ancient Tupperware and Rubbermaid products. So I followed the link below.

https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/rubbermaid-food-storage-brigade_faqs

That led me to the home page of terracycle <https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/> and a great article about Earth Day.

Then I was interested in the Gardening section which took me to the products at <https://www.dwellsmart.com/>

I urge you to take time to refresh your knowledge about the impacts on our environment. As Christians we are charged with taking care of our earth and all that dwells here.

This is a great time of year to get out and enjoy the earth. Spruce up your garden, plant a tree, or put up a bird feeder. Go for a hike in the mountains, a walk in the woods, a trip to the beach, a bike ride around a park, or just a walk around your neighborhood - and celebrate Earth Day!

Scheduled each year on April 22, Earth Day began in 1970 as a celebration of our planet and recognition of the interdependence and fragility of our eco-system. While we've made great progress in cleaning up our waterways, clearing the air, restricting toxic pesticides, and promoting environmental consciousness, we still have a long way to go.

Earth Day marks an opportunity to consider lifestyle changes that can improve

sustainability of our communities and our world. Assess your personal impact on the environment.

Earth Day coincides with time for Spring Cleaning. Get rid of products that feature the ominous skull-and-crossbones warnings. These products are generally bad for your family, your pets, and the environment. You can greatly improve your indoor air quality and reduce sinus problems by banishing toxic cleaning chemicals from your home.

Breaking News: First Church of Crystal Lake is collecting **hard plastic caps** to build benches, like we did a few years ago. Their benches will be used around the church. First church was a big contributor for our bench. We will have a collection bin in the coat area near Fellowship Hall Lobby. Lids must have all metal or paper liners removed and be clean (example, rinse the milk lids). No pen or pencil caps, nor plastic toys...just plastic jar and container lids.

We also continue to collect the **small plastic tabs** from bread/baked goods bags. Look for a plastic collection bag on the Education bulletin board. These are sent to a program that helps provide wheelchairs to people in need.

Elgin Recycling can recycle a variety of household items for you. Check out their website at www.elginrecycling.com for more info.



Financial Status of Cary United Methodist Church

Beginning with the April issue, I will provide a monthly report on the financial state of Cary UMC. There will be three columns – one for the current receipts, another for the proposed budget for that timeframe, and lastly a column for how much we are under or over budget. Each month’s reporting will be cumulative – i.e., January thru February, January thru March, etc. I will also place a very condensed version of the 2021 budget on the table in the Lobby located where the “The Upper Room” periodical is found. If you have any questions, please feel free, well almost feel free, to contact me. If you want an uncondensed version of the budget, please email me, and I will send you the file. The entire budget is 15 pages.

Yours in Christ,

Tom Swider

Chair, Finance Committee

(Email address: swidertc@comcast.net)

Current Receipts for Jan. – Feb. 2021	Budget for Jan. – Feb. 2021	Difference
\$48,652.00	\$54,788.00	\$6,136.00



More Nurture News

Our CUMC Scavenger Extravaganza was held on Saturday, March 20. We began at 2:00pm looking for things around the church that were on our lists. We had three teams of several carloads of hunters. The teams were: God Squad, Discipline Divas and JC’s Homies.

All three teams went around Fox River Grove and Cary looking for the items on our virtual lists. At some stops we snapped a photo; at others we searched for facts. A WONDERFUL TIME WAS HAD BY ALL. WHAT A GREAT TIME OF FELLOWSHIP SPENT WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST! A big, huge thank you goes out to Stephanie and Josh Sukow for orchestrating the details of the event so we could have this blessed afternoon of fun!




Upcoming Events:

Easter Day One Room Sunday School with Ms. Lori. On Easter Sunday Lori McClellan will be facilitating a special Easter Sunday School class down in Wesley Wing during the 9:45-10:45 Sunday school hour. Come join us for this fun opportunity to rejoice, engage and enjoy the worship of our risen LORD!



Mark your calendars!
VBS begins
June 14 - June 19.
Jesus Power Pulls Us Through!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship	2 12:00 Passion Narrative of John-Outdoors 12:00 Prayer Vigil 7:00 Good Friday Worship Office Closed	3
4 Easter Sunday 6:00 Sunrise Service 8:30 Worship In-person 9:45 All Sunday School 11:00 Worship In-person 7:00 Wesley Class-online	5 6:00 Handbells 7:00 BSA T160 7:00 Men's Emmaus	6 9:30 Greeting Card Sales 11:00 Gift Card Sales 6:30 UMW Leadership 7:00 Trustee Meeting	7 9:00 Craft Group 6:10 20 Minutes with God 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	8 6:30 Nurture Team 7:00 Witness Team	9	10 8:00 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Stamp Camp
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