

# *The Quester*



Fairfield Grace United  
Methodist Church

July/August  
2015

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Dear Members and Friends of Fairfield-Grace UMC.

As you know, Pastor Cho is away on his much deserved sabbatical leave. He asked me to write the opening letter for the summer edition of the Quester. Among the many hats I wear at FGUMC, I am currently Leader of the Finance Team. And, at our last Finance Team meeting I was asked by the team to write a letter to the congregation about our financial situation. So this letter will serve a dual purpose.

First I must explain that we never start a year with a truly balanced budget. We always try to estimate our income and our expenses, and we always find out that the estimated expenses are more than our estimated income. The gap is often in the neighborhood of \$20,000-\$30,000. What this means is that each year we are constantly looking for ways to spend less money than we estimated and raise more money than we estimated. We pray hard that God will lead us in ways that we can accomplish that. When we cannot close that gap by the end of the year, what suffers is our mission to help others through our shared connectional giving.

That being said, the Finance Team was shocked by our Treasurer's report at our last meeting. It showed that we had \$14,000 in outstanding bills at the end of May. We do put a priority on paying the people who work for us. But beyond that our Treasurer, Martha Wood, has the unenviable task of deciding which bills to pay and which ones have to go unpaid until the next Sunday offering or income producing activity comes along. One of the factors this year is that no one was willing to step up and run Summerfest as a tag sale/bake sale/auction, etc. Will someone take this over and run it in the fall? **It is an income producer that we really need.**

What else can we all do to help FGUMC have a successful financial year, which means paying all our local bills as well as meeting our obligation to the greater United Methodist Church.

1. We can help the church save money. We have already reduced secretarial office time in the summer and we will stop buying new music for our choirs. We can all be sure that lights get turned off when we leave a room—be it the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Parlor or whatever.
2. We can look at our individual giving. If we are behind we can try to catch up. If we are away in the summer, we can give ahead or mail in our gifts. If we no longer are giving to Energize, can we switch some of those gifts to our regular pledge giving?
3. We can support our fund raisers by offering leadership, worker time and even our shopping dollars by buying gift cards from Martha or eating at our spaghetti dinners. And we can be on the lookout for new fund raising ideas.

Have a great summer! Know that our church is here and needing our financial and prayerful support **EVERY** day.

*Al Oneto*



## Preaching Schedule for July & August 2015

July 12 – Pivot Ministries  
 July 19 – Rev. Carol Gibson  
 July 26 – Hymn Sing Sunday  
             Lay preacher, Bill Miller  
             Jeanne Millett  
 August 2 – Lay Preacher, Karen Price  
                     & Pastor J Daeschner (communion)  
 August 9 – Rev. Bob Knebel  
 August 16 – Rev. Doug Osgood  
 August 23 – Rev. Art Yost

## Pastoral Care Coverage for Rev. Kun Sam Cho

June 29, 2015-August 31, 2015

Date	Person Covering	Contact Info
6/29-7/5	Ed Horn	203-227-4707
7/6-7/12	Ed Horn	203-227-4707
7/13-7/19	Jim Stinson	203-984-0141
7/20-7/26	Jim Stinson	203-984-0141
7/27-8/2	Brian Bodt	203-874-1982; 203-895-3753
8/3-8/9	David Piscatelli	203-812-0793
8/10-8/16	David Piscatelli	203-812-0793
8/17-8/23	Martha Epstein	203-268-8395; 914-830-5462
8/24-8/31	Martha Epstein	203-268-8395; 914-830-5462



*Ushers*

**July Team #4 ~ Greg Tanno**

- ~ Craig Michelson
- ~ Dennis Robb
- ~ Denise Tanno
- ~ Greg Tanno

**August Team #1 ~ Ed Stock**

- ~ Dot Peck
- ~ Edward Stocki
- ~ Art Thomas
- ~ Charlie Morris
- ~ Bob Watson

***Greeters***

*Membership*

***Fellowship Hour***

*Volunteers*

***Worship Leaders***

July 05:	Georgina Holdsworth
July 12:	Dennis Robb
July 19:	Dot Daruka
July 26:	Bob Price
August 2:	Dottie Connelly
August 9:	Bob Price
August 16:	Francis Amoo
August 23:	Bob Darken
August 30:	Martha Wood

**Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving**

**Fairfield Grace** wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Summer is approaching and this is a great way to continue your support if you plan on being away.

Authorization forms are available in the church office. Any questions about this program; please contact Martha Wood.

**Fairfield Grace Families  
In Our Prayers**

*Week of:*

July 5:	Medlin Family, Meyer Family and Meyers Family
July 12:	Michelson Family, Bill Miller, and Jeanne Millett
July 19:	Kazuo Mizoguchi, Michelle Molnar and Charles Morris
July 26:	Mulligan Family, Sheila Muscott and Nagy Family
Aug 2:	Oneto Family, Park Family and Cynthia Peck-Humphrey
Aug 9	Dottie Peck, Pennell Families and Peters Family
Aug 16:	Plucker Family, Marion Prescott and Price Family
Aug 23:	Regan Family, Rempe Family and Robb Family
Aug 30:	Rozelle Family, Rush Family and Russo Family

## Susanna's Circle

The **Susanna Circle** ladies will not be meeting during July and August, but please mark your calendars for our Welcome Back Pot Luck Lunch on Wednesday, September 16th at 10:30 am. In addition to the lunch, the main agenda item will be the Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 21, 2015. We value everyone's input and we look forward to seeing as many ladies as possible in September.

FYI Ladies: We had a delightful picnic on Wednesday evening at the home of our wonderful hostess, Joyce Aldrich in Shelton, and we hope to see many more of you at future Susanna Circle meetings. It was also decided that we would not meet in the evenings at all (unless it's a very special program), so please mark your calendars for the third Wednesday of the month for our 10:30am meetings. More information to follow in upcoming Questers and Sunday Bulletins.



### Taize: A Time to Pray

There is power and peace in prayer

Fairfield Grace invites you  
to come to its weekly prayer services...

When: Every Wednesday

Where: The Sanctuary

Services: 9:30-10:00 am

**(morning service only  
during summer months)**

This is a time to meditate, relax, reflect, and pray in a quiet and peaceful setting, where you can be with God in moments of silence.

All are welcome. Come. Invite a friend!

### *Lectionary Readings July 2015*

July 05, 2015  
6th Sun after Pentecost  
2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Mark 6:1-13

July 12, 2015  
7th Sun after Pentecost  
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-19

July 19, 2015  
8th Sun after Pentecost  
2 Samuel 7:1-14a  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26, 2015  
9th Sun after Pentecost  
2 Samuel 11:1-15  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21







## **Schedule of Summer Patio Worship Services:**

**July 5:**

**July 12: Dot Daruka**

**July 19: Judy & Paul**

**July 26:**

**August 2:**

**August 9: Dennis Robb**

**August 16: Bill Miller**

**August 23:**

**August 30:**

Dennis is available all of August.

With the arrival of summer comes Fairfield-Grace's outdoor worship service, held every Sunday morning from 8:30-9:00 a.m. on the church patio during July and August. These services offer an informal and joyous worship experience and are a wonderful way to worship God and enjoy His creation. Services begin on July 5th and continue through August 30th, so come join us!

We need your help to keep this service going! We are still seeking several individuals to lead these services. Please consider providing leadership for one or more of these informal services. Contact Laura Sherwood ([lirauscher@yahoo.com](mailto:lirauscher@yahoo.com), 203-218-0941) if interested.



### July Birthdays

01	Zet Ford-Medina
02	Elsie Kerekes
04	Alyssa Bligen
07	Stu Peters
08	Erika Leppla
08	Sheila Muscott
12	Barbara Bacarella
13	Dot Daruka
13	Paul Meyer
16	Dana Jurgielewicz
16	Tyler Llewellyn
18	Amy Amoo
18	Al Plucker
19	Sylvia Blackburn
22	Peter Trifiatis
24	Andrew Harrison
24	Bill Miller
25	Dot Zupansky
30	Shirley Sims

### August Birthdays

04	Cindy Block
06	Bryce Dowgiallo
06	Kaitlyn Mulligan
07	Jennifer Bissell
12	Annabel Amoo
12	Michael Robb
14	Cordelia Solomon
16	Lee DeVecchio
16	Addison Rush
16	Suzanne Sugrue
17	Alicia Aldrich
24	Angel Bermudez
25	Dillon Stimpson
26	Mel Holdworth
27	Francis Amoo
28	Andrew Meyers
28	Austin Meyers
30	Ruth Lasko
30	Molly Robb



### July Anniversaries

July 08	Joyce & Dan Aldrich	25 yrs
July 11	Patty & David Jurgielewicz	18 yrs
July 12	Joan & Dennis Robb	29 yrs
July 13	Sylvia & Jim Blackburn	41 yrs
July 20	Laura & Duncan Sherwood	08 yrs
July 29	Judy & Daniel Vindheim	37 yrs

### August Anniversaries

Aug 16	Betsy & Mike McGrath	24 yrs
Aug 17	Judy & Paul Meyer	41 yrs
Aug 21	Suzanne & Joe Sugrue	33 yrs
Aug 22	Myra & Jim Lubeck	51 yrs
Aug 25	Kim & Jim Peters	25 yrs
Aug 26	Georgina & Mel Holdsworth	48 yrs

# Community News

## Operation Hope's Annual Tag Sale

**Saturday, July 25 from 9:00 - 4:00**

**Sunday, July 26 from 12:00 - 4:00**

Admission is \$1.00.

First Church Congregational, 148 Beach Road, Fairfield.

This is a great opportunity for folks to donate items they no longer have use for - all for a worthy cause. Donations can be dropped off Monday, July 20 through Thursday, July 23 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. They welcome furniture, household goods, jewelry, table and kitchen linens, pictures/paintings, toys, gaming systems, bikes, outdoor and sporting goods, and more. Operation Hope cannot accept bedding, televisions, computers, monitors, entertainment centers, clothing, shoes, books, or stuffed animals. Furniture may be donated at 148 Beach Road during scheduled donation times, but cannot be picked up by Operation Hope.

### **Operation Hope is looking for bakers to help provide treats for the bake sale table held during the tag sale.**

Baked good can be dropped off at Operation Hope, 636 Old Post Road on Friday July 24th, or during the day on Saturday between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Cookies, Brownies, Cakes, Pies, Breads and more are all gladly accepted. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Paula Morthanos or Donna Schmidt at (203) 292-5588.

Dear Friends at Fairfield Grace,

My family and I are so grateful to the Fairfield Grace Community for all of the warm hugs, thoughtful cards and encouraging words following the death of my father, Paul Kisseberth. We would like to thank everyone who helped make Dad's memorial service and the reception in Fellowship Hall so special. Pastor Cho thank you for your continuing guidance and for giving us strength. Jeanne Millett thank you for enthusiastically playing the music and hymns we so wanted and needed to hear. Bob Price and Joe Sugrue thank you for helping to set everything up and making things run smoothly. Ann Bartlett and Anne Regan thank you for printing the beautiful programs. Lee Delvecchio thank you for putting so much love and attention into planning every detail of the reception (Kissy's kisses, roses on the table, pickles and olives to name just a few)! Lee, Marge, Georgina, Beverly, Judy, Jean and Dottie thank you for the beautiful assortment of baked goods and drinks, and for setting up, serving, and cleaning up. My family, our relatives and all of our friends thank you all! You touched us deeply!

God Bless You,

Mary Bedson and Family and Kisseberth Family





## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A very big thank you to all who volunteered their time and effort at this year's Vacation Bible School. In addition to the seven adult volunteers, we also had 25 Youth willing to share their time. I am so proud of them. They really did an outstanding job.

We hosted 48 children as they explored how to serve God and others with active love. Through daily Bible lessons, the children were able to reveal five Action Words for following God's plan for our lives – Move!, Act!, Care!, Follow! and Share!

By participating in a variety of activities, our children were able to develop a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ! In addition, the children participated in and supported Soles4Souls by collecting over 100 pairs of shoes to help support this global organization, which is dedicated to fighting the devastating impact of poverty through the distribution of shoes and clothing.

The children also made healing blankets for those attending The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in Connecticut. By having a guest speaker, they learned that this is an amazing camp that gives sick children the opportunity to just be a kid by attending a week long summer camp.

G-Force VBS, where we show God's love in action, is all about a verse from the Bible. It is found in Acts 17:28a. "In God we live, move and exist". The children now know that when we do those things, we are good disciples of Jesus.

To the volunteers, thank you again for your continued support,

Patty Jurgielewicz







**Join us for a new way of experiencing the Bible.**

God's greatest love affair with humanity is condensed into 31 accessible chapters. Segments of scripture are woven together like a seamless story from Genesis to Revelation. The poems, stories and teachings of the Bible read like a novel.

**Learn more at Rally Day, September 13, when we will kick off this church wide experience!**

Questions: Please contact Karen Price (203-333-1272)  
or Shelia Muscott (203-368-9199)

# Energize Final Report

On a Sunday morning in June we celebrated what we all accomplished working together under the banner of “Energize.” This congregation should be very proud of its accomplishments. Sixty-seven families pledged to the “Energize” campaign, and fifty-eight families were able to complete their pledge giving—that is about 86 ½% of families completed their pledge gifts. We started the campaign with \$268,629 pledged. We received \$250,986, which includes somewhat over \$10,500 in gifts that were not part of any pledge. So that means we received 93% of what we expected . That is FANTASTIC!! So a BIG thanks to all of you who participated.

So where did that \$250,968 go?

a. Fellowship Hall/Tremayne Hall renovation:	\$115,394
b. Creating the family/handicapped bathroom:	22,811
c. Heating system upgrades:	19,634
d. Lighting upgrades:	14,030
e. Sound system upgrades:	12,044
f. Missions	10,000
g. Consultant to plan campaign	21,000
h. Removal of unsafe trees on property	16,000
i. Carpeting	4,784
j. Giving Tree	2,293
k. Campaign expenses	2,489
l. Miscellaneous repair projects	10,489

And finally a big Thank You to the Energize Team: Patty Jurgielewicz, Craig Michelson, Bob Price and Dennis Robb. Thanks also to Pastor Cho, who met with us many times, and to Jeanne Millett, who consulted with us and helped manage many of the projects (Fellowship Hall, bathroom and carpeting in particular). The Energize Project is now officially closed.

That is not to say that all capital projects around the church were able to be completed with this campaign. Some other major projects that will need to be considered as part of a future campaign include repaving our parking lot, repairing our roof, providing a movable wall between Fellowship Hall and Tremayne Hall, and possibly air conditioning the sanctuary and some of our key meeting rooms.

Al Oneto

Chairman, Energize Campaign

# *Fall Retreat*

## *"To Be Alive"*

(Participating in an Unending Conversation)



*a weekend experience for men and women*

WISDOM HOUSE  
229 East Litchfield Rd.  
Litchfield, CT 06759

September 25-27, 2015  
(Friday, 7:00 p.m. –  
Sunday after lunch)



We all want to be alive...To feel alive, to thrive, to live "out loud"! We want to be less lonely, less exhausted, less conflicted; more awake, more grateful, more energized, more purposeful. We can do that by joining the unending conversation of the Biblical story...

- Alive in the story of creation
- Alive in the adventure of Jesus
- Alive in the peaceful uprising
- Alive in God's Spirit

***Led by Reverend Caroly R. Gibson***

Total Cost \$235.00 (includes 5 meals, room, program, and materials)

Register Soon – Space in Farmhouse is Limited

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Special Diet: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registration with \$150.00 deposit to:  
Rev. Caroly Gibson 145 Hilltop Drive Trumbull, CT 06611  
Balance due by September 1<sup>st</sup>

Questions or Further Details, call (203) 380-1260 email: cgibsonumc@peoplepc.com



## SWIM ACROSS THE SOUND

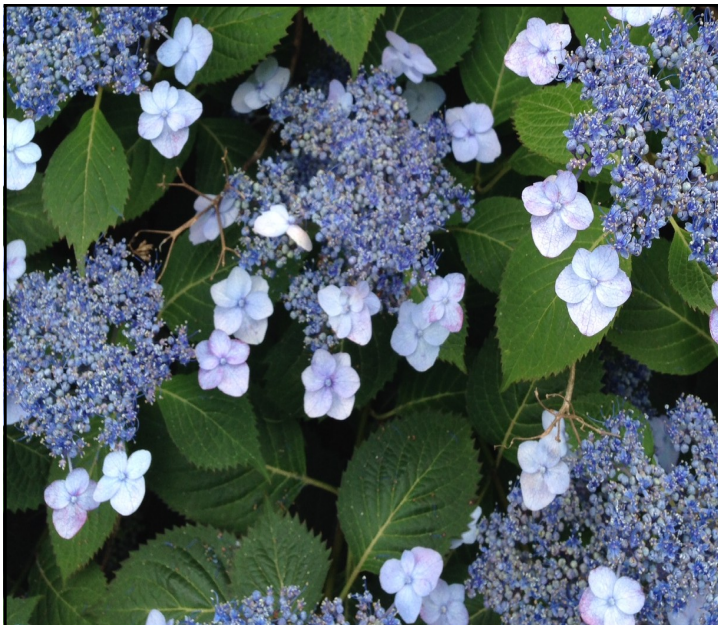


Our tradition of supporting those in need continues here at Fairfield Grace through our giving to Swim Across The Sound. Our donations provide a wonderful service to cancer patients in our community who are unable to meet expenses as a result of cancer.

While Pastor Cho and Joan Swanson, our team from last year, are unavailable to participate, I am so happy to have a new member join me. Micaela, daughter of Nubia and Scott Pennell, is excited to be part of this summer event.

Again, many, many thanks for supporting this service to our friends and neighbors in the Greater Bridgeport Community. Checks should be made payable to Swim Across The Sound.

Helping to turn the tide against cancer,  
Dot Daruka



Hydrangeas along the side entrance to the church building are in bloom.

### **We want your photos!**

Please take pictures at any of the Fairfield Grace events or activities you attend and send them in to the Quester.

We want to let the Fairfield Grace community know about all the good work it's members are doing! Send updates, news and photos to [fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net)

**Deadline for the September Issue of the Quester is**

**Thursday, August 20.**



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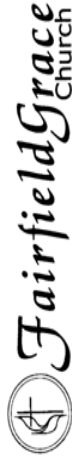


Fairfield Grace, Contacts, Committees, Education/Enrichment, Fellowship, Mission, Music, Rentals, Youth Group Jul 2015 (Eastern Time)

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HEALING TIME @ 9am - Adult Study, 10am - Worship 12pm - Korean 1pm - Faith Circle,	7:30pm - Alanon,   	10:15am - Zumba,  	9:30am - Taize 7pm - Finance, Hood 7pm - Trustees, 2nd	10:30am - Zumba,		
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