

The Quester



*Fairfield Grace United
Methodist Church*

**June
2015**





A Message From Our Pastor...

My dear beloved sisters and brothers in Fairfield Grace Faith Community,

During my trip to Eastern Europe last month, I visited Vienna, Austria, and had a chance to attend the evening music concert called "The Sound of Vienna;" performed by about 15 instrumentalists. What a beautiful and pleasant evening it was! Each in the orchestra played his or her instrument in such a joyous and lively way it made harmonious and beautiful sounds. I saw them enjoying playing together, and also the audience enjoyed the music they made that evening.

What comes to your mind when you think of your church? My answer without hesitation is, "Orchestra! I see a philharmonic orchestra." We are here to make music harmoniously together. We enjoy making music together, and the people around us enjoy the music we are making.

I heard this story a long time ago. You know the tiny instrument piccolo? A piccolo player attended the rehearsal reluctantly, due to a hangover from a late night party the night before. So during the rehearsal he did not play several notes, thinking no one would notice. But guess what?. Somebody noticed. The conductor stopped the orchestra and shouted, "Where is the piccolo? Piccolo?" What instrument are you playing in the Fairfield Grace Philharmonic Orchestra? Music is not complete until everyone plays together. Some have big parts; some small parts. Either big or small, each part is important. Each and everyone needs to play his or her instrument faithfully.

The Lord said to his 1st Century disciples, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." The same Lord is saying to all of us, his 21st Century disciples, "Fairfield Grace, you have received the power of the Holy Spirit. You are my witnesses in Fairfield, in all towns in Connecticut, in America and to the ends of the world." Can you see beautiful and wonderful things happening in our midst, working together? Can you hear beautiful music playing harmoniously among us? May we all continue to be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, so that we, "Fairfield Grace Philharmonic Orchestra," may keep enjoying making beautiful music together. Amen. Amen. Amen.

I am very grateful that I have a once-in-a-life-time opportunity this summer. You know what I am talking about, don't you? My spiritual renewal leave. Please accept my sincere thanks to you for this generous gift. I do know I am one of the few clergy members in our annual conference who have been able to receive it. Yes, I look forward to the time of rest. I will do my best to rest and reflect, so that I may be renewed, replenished and recreated. Pray for and with me. When I return, I want to be ready to carry out the call more boldly, effectively and passionately until my retirement comes. I want to pray for and with you during the leave. Please use the blank paper and the envelope available in the Narthex to share your prayers and concerns with me and put the envelope into the Josiah box.

I have been asked where I will go and what I will do. Briefly, I will travel in Europe for the first month, from June 15 to July 15, then in Wilton, CT, for the second month with Kyong Hee. Next, I will spend 10 days in Torrance, CA, with my mom, who is celebrating her 92nd birthday in August, and finally I will stay in Connecticut during the last week of August.

My clergy colleagues kindly and willingly have offered themselves to serve you while I am away. Below are their names and numbers you may call if you are in need of pastoral care. Yes, our Pastor J will be available throughout the summer as well. Thank YOU, Pastor J.

Pastoral Care Coverage for Rev. Kun Sam Cho

June 15, 2015-August 31, 2015

Date	Person Covering	Contact Info
6/15-6/21	Dora Odarenko	203-268-9090; 203-556-5076
6/22-6/28	Brian Bodt	203-874-1982; 203-895-3753
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

Let me close this letter with the following blessings which one of you gave last month.

Have a great summer!

God bless you every day of your life.

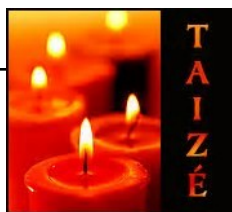
The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts.

The safest place to be is in someone's prayers.

And the very best place to be is....

in the hands of God.

Kun Sam, Dayfly with Christ



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**)

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!



Joys & Concerns

Going With Pastor Cho

Pastor Cho would like to keep your joys and
concerns in his prayers and thoughts during
his spiritual renewal leave. Please use a
blank sheet and an envelope available in
the Narthex and place into the Josiah's
box. He will pick them up on Monday, June
15, the first day of the leave.

Lectionary Readings *June 2015*

June 07, 2015
2nd Sun after Pentecost
1 Samuel 8:4-20
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 14, 2015
3rd Sun after Pentecost
1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Mark 4:26-34

June 21, 2015
4th Sun after Pentecost
1 Samuel 17:32-49
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

June 28, 2015
5th Sun after Pentecost
2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43



Fairfield Grace Families In Our Prayers

Week of:

June 07: Lazor Family, Leppla Family,
Llewellyn Family
June 14: Lopes Family, Peter Lowerson,
Myra & Jim Lubeck
June 21: Franklyn Maclean, Magee Family,
Diane Mastroianni
June 28: Barbara MacCarthy, McGrath Family
Patricia McNally

Preaching Schedule for June, July & August 2015

June 7 – Rev. J Daeschner & Rev. Kun Sam Cho kunsamcho92@gmail.com

June 14 – Lay preacher, Kristina Joukhadar kjoukhad@optonline.net

June 21 – Youth Service led by Lauren Regan fairfieldgraceumcyouth@gmail.com

June 28 – Rev. Terry Pfeiffer margeywp@yahoo.com

July 5 – Lay Preacher, Dennis Robb coachdrobb@aol.com

& Pastor J Daeschner (communion) fdaeschner@gmail.com

July 12 – Pivot Ministries dewittharmon@pivotministries.org

July 19 – Rev. Caroly Gibson cgibsonumc@peoplepc.com

July 26 – Hymn Sing Sunday

Lay preacher, Bill Miller williamlyman@optimum.net

Jeanne Millett jeannemillett@aol.com

August 2 – Lay Preacher, Karen Price karen1147@aol.com

& Pastor J Daeschner (communion) fdaeschner@gmail.com

August 9 – Rev. Bob Knebel knebelrobert@yahoo.com

August 16 – Rev. Doug Osgood Drgoodpath@aol.com

August 23 – Rev. Art Yost arty43@comcast.net

August 30- Pastor J fdaeschner@gmail.com



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Finding Freedom From Your Fears

What if Faith, not Fear, was your default reaction to threats?

Join us for a month long DVD discussion and Bible study as Max Lucado helps us address some of our biggest fears:

Why are we afraid?

Fear of Not Matterring.

Fear of disappointing God

Fear of Life's Final Moments

Fear of Global Calamity

Fear of God getting out of my life

May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 28 Sunday Morning at 9:00 and
Wednesday Mornings.

Please join us for these spiritually uplifting sessions!



MISSION/OUTREACH JUNE UPDATE

OPERATION HOPE

The May dinner was provided by a team of volunteers. Thanks to Fredene Daeschner, Nancy Hauser, Lori Stimpson, Margie Campbel, Marge Kiraly and Dot Daruka. We need volunteers for July, and September. November and December meals have been assigned.

Donations to their pantry are always needed. Please leave canned items in the box located at the back of the sanctuary in the corner outside Hood Parlor.

MISSION BAG DONATIONS:

APRIL we supported the WORLD-WIDE effort to STAMP OUT MALARIA. A donation of \$500 will be sent to the NYAC to help reach its 1.5 million dollar commitment (of which \$500,000) has been raised.)

May The Crop Walk will receive our donations (as of May 17 we have \$182.) Thanks to those who walked and raised \$125

JUNE The money we collect will be going to aid the people in Nepal.

PANERA BREAD "DOUGHNATION" PROGRAM

Fairfield Grace is working with Panera Bread and delivering their day-old bread to Operation Hope every Monday. We now have 4 people who have volunteered to make this weekly delivery. If this is an area in which you would like to help please contact Margie Campbell or Dot Daruka.

Thank you for your generous support of these programs

Dot Daruka



Invitation to join the Retired Men's Circle

June 4th

**Meets the first Thursday of every month in
Tremayne Hall**

9:30-10am - Gathering;

**10-11am – Program (guest speaker,
discussion, DVD);**

**11am-12pm – Fellowship (singing,
games);**

12-1pm – Lunch (brown bag).



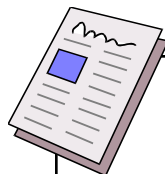
Susanna's Circle

The Susannas (former Naomi and Rebecca Circles) will hold their annual picnic at the home of Joyce Aldrich in Shelton on **Wednesday, June 17th at 4:30 pm.** We will meet at the church at 4:00 pm for car-pooling. Each lady who will attend is asked to bring a salad. It is important that we have an exact count on who will be attending. Please call Georgina (203) 335-7129, Nancy (203) 538-5901 or Leah (203) 259-6095 of your intentions or see us at church. All ladies of the church are invited to join us for this time of good food and fellowship. Please join us!!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FAIRFIELD GRACE!

We will enjoy celebrating a birthday and the 60th is coming up next year for Fairfield Grace! The celebration can take many forms. For this reason we need lots of you to share in its planning. If you have any interest in the church's beginning years and subsequent growth, please email or call the church office, (203) 374-6528 or fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net or speak with Pastor Cho or Dottie Connelly. Let's make it a Fairfield Grace Church family event!



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.



February 2015

Dear Parents:

At *G-FORCE* ADVENTURE PARK, your children will discover an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that will give them an opportunity to experience God's love in action. During Vacation Bible School at *G-FORCE: GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION*, your children will become Navigators and explore how to serve God and others with active love.

After a high-energy opening assembly at the *G-FORCE* Zone, the Navigators make their way to the Scripture Zone. Interactive Bible lessons reveal five Action Words for following God's plan for our lives, and your Navigators will discover Velocity Verses, Bible memory verses that will move them in their faith long after VBS.

The children will expand on what they've discovered by participating in a variety of activities: making their own art projects at the Craft Zone, singing new music at the Music Zone, exploring science activities at Science Zone, participating in recreational activities at the Recreation Zone, and enjoying tasty snacks at the Snack Zone. Along the way, the Navigators will hear about our mission project and enjoy being active!

Let's go! Join us at Fairfield Grace on Monday, **June 22nd** through **Friday, June 26th**, from **9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**. To register or to find out more about G-Force, call the church office at 203-374-6528 or contact Patty at prj@discala.com.

Sincerely,

Patty Jurgielewicz
Your G-Force VBS Director



COST

Register between

Now through April 30

\$45 per child

\$35 each additional child

Register between

May 1-May 31

\$55 per child

\$45 each additional child

Registering after

June 1st

\$75 per child

\$55 each additional child

Scholarships are available
for those families who
require assistance.
Please contact office.

Please return this
Registration form and
your check payable to
Fairfield Grace UMC.

Children must be 4 years
of age by June 23rd.

No registration refunds
after June 1, 2015.

Fairfield Grace Methodist
1089 Fairfield Woods Road
Fairfield, CT 06825
203-374-6528

Any questions, email Patty,
VBS Director, at
prj@discala.com

G-FORCE ADVENTURE PARK Vacation Bible School

Experience God's love in action!



June 22-June 26, 2015

9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

Registration Form

Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers

Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____

School grade completed as of June 2015 _____

Home Church _____

Allergies/Medical Information/Other _____

I agree to allow my child/children to be photographed for publicity purposes:

Parent Signature: _____

Emergency Contact

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____



VOLUNTEER FORM

FAIRFIELD GRACE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Donate a day or a week!

VBS Dates: Monday, June 22, 2015 – Friday, June 26, 2015

Time: 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

I can help during VBS! I can:

_____ Ages 12-13, Leader in Training _____ Ages 14-17, Activity Center Leader

_____ Ages 18+, Children Group Leader _____ Non-Leadership Volunteer

All Volunteers who are participating during the program week will be required to attend one mandatory meeting, which will include Safe Sanctuary Training and the VBS Kick Off. Leaders are required to attend an additional planning meeting. Volunteering for adults will be subject to a background check.

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June Birthdays

01 Betty Brandt
 04 Deanna DeNeutte
 07 Andrew Gyang
 07 Ava Kristy
 07 Lindsey Lopes
 08 Nancy Leppla
 08 Ryan Mizoguchi
 08 Dottie Peck
 09 Jaykob Bermudez
 09 Nubia Jaramillo-Pennell
 12 Barbara MacCarthy
 12 Scott Pennell
 13 Kioek Park
 14 Grayson Rush
 15 Laura Bedson
 16 Lucy Trifiatis
 17 Young Yim Chun
 18 Nolan Price
 19 Priscilla Gminski
 24 Ed Schindler
 24 Ed Sugrue



25 Stella Gentile
 26 Georgina Holdsworth
 26 Tyler Stimpson
 30 Panyin Amoo

June Anniversaries

June 01	Kyong Hee & Kun Sam Cho	30 yrs
June 01	Shelley & Bill Llewellyn	19 yrs
June 01	Pat & Warren Rozelle	56 yrs
June 19	Jennifer & Brian Bissell	16 yrs
June 22	Deanna & Eugene DeNeutte	03 yrs
June 26	Zet & Jim Ford-Medina	17 yrs
June 27	Kathy & Steve Lopes	23 yrs
June 28	Karen & Bob Price	46 yrs.

Ushers

May Team #3 ~ Ed Schinder

~ Charlene Brauns-Schindler
 ~ Wayne Brown
 ~ Lee DeVecchio

Greeters

May: Faith Circle

Worship Leaders

June 07: Jill Bowcock
 June 14 Youth
 June 21: Franklyn MacLean
 June 28: Craig Michelson

Fellowship Hour

May: Susanna's



***Deadline for
 Submissions
 for July/August Quester***

Saturday, June 20th

STARTING A PARISH NURSE PROGRAM IN YOUR CONGREGATION

Do you know that over 500 registered nurses are participating in Parish Nurse Programs in more than 200 parishes/congregations here in Connecticut? I would like to extend this program to even more parishes and I ask you to consider your own church as a possibility.

The Parish Nurse Program (also called "Faith Community Nursing") was founded by a Lutheran Pastor Rev. Granger Westberg in the early 1980's and has spread throughout the U.S., Canada and other countries.

The nurse works together with other healthcare providers and lay persons in the church to develop a health ministry program that addresses all facets of health and wellness. There is room for all who feel called to participate in this wonderful ministry.

The focus of the Parish Nurse program is on maintaining a healthy balance of mind, body and spirit. The Parish Nurse serves as Health Educator, Health Counselor, Referral Source and Health Promoter. Through such basic services as monthly Blood Pressure screenings, the nurse is able to provide valuable instruction and assistance to the members of his/her own congregation. As a result, many parishioners unaware of existing health problems have been referred to their personal physicians before a serious problem evolves. There are also opportunities to do community outreach.

Our program at St. Vincent's has been in existence since 1992 and we now have over 80 parishes extending across Fairfield County. I provide an orientation program for new parish nurses, and am available to assist in any way I can to set up a program in your church.

I would love to meet with any nurses, physicians, EMT's social workers, etc. who are interested in beginning a health ministry program at Fairfield Grace UMC. I invite anyone who wants to learn more about the program to attend the meeting as well.

If you are interested in more information, please contact Marilyn Faber at 203-576-5716 or Pastor Cho. I will be glad to answer any questions you may have about the program.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

*Marilyn Faber
Parish Nurse Coordinator
St. Vincent's Medical Center*



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 1st

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



Administrative Assistant Needed

Fairfield Grace Church

Part time position available as of June 9, 2014

Applicant must have the following skills:

1. Personable-Work with Pastor and church member.
2. Computer Skills- Put together monthly newsletter, e-mail blasts, weekly church program.
3. Good Organizational Skills and all around self-starter.

Contact: sheilamuscott@att.net



June 2015

Fairfield Grace Church

Fairfield Grace, Contacts, Committees, Education/Enrichment, Fellowship, Mission, Music, Rentals, Youth Group

Jun 2015 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
HEALING TIME @ Sanctuary MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE 9am - Adult Study, Hood @ 10am - Worship Service, 12pm - Korean Worship, 1pm - Faith Circle, FH 1pm - Visit Jewish Temple 3pm - Scouts, Eagle Ct of 6pm - Yth Group, Yth Rm.	Happy birthday! 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	10:30am - Zumba, Yth Rm 7:30pm - Handbells @ Choir	9:30am - Taize Prayer 10:10am - Lect. Bible 7pm - Boy Scouts, FH @ 7pm - Finance, Hood Parlor 7pm - Taize Prayer Service 7pm - Trustees, 2nd Gr	9:30am - Retired Men's 7pm - Youth Advisory, 7:30pm - Chancel Choir @	6:30pm - Scouts Pack 94, 10am - Memorial Service,	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Closing Energize Campaign Communion Sunday 9am - Adult Study, Hood @ 10am - Worship Service, 11:30am - Faith Circle, 6pm - Yth Group, Yth Rm.	7pm - MNS Board Mtg, 7pm - Serena's, Hood 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	10:30am - Zumba, Yth Rm 7:30pm - Handbells (LAST)	NY Annual Conference, Hofstra 9:30am - Taize Prayer 10:10am - Lect. Bible 7pm - Boy Scouts, FH @ 7:45pm - Church Council-	7:30pm - Chancel Choir @	5:30pm - Spag Dinner Set- 4:45pm - Spag Dinner, FH	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
CONNECTIONAL SUNDAY 2am - Concert, Sanc & 9am - Adult Study, Hood @ 10am - Worship Service, 12pm - Korean Worship, 1pm - Faith Circle, FH 6pm - Yth Group, Yth Rm.	Pastor Cho - Sabbatical 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	10:30am - Zumba, Yth Rm.	UNW Picnic, Shelton 9:30am - Taize Prayer 10:10am - Lect. Bible 7pm - Boy Scouts, FH @ 8pm - Faith Circle, Hood	9:30am - Staff Mtg, 7:30pm - Chancel Choir @	LAST MNS	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Scholarship Awards YOUTH SUNDAY 9am - Adult Study, Hood @ 10am - Worship Service, 12pm - Korean Worship, 1pm - Faith Circle, FH 6pm - Yth Group, Yth Rm.	9am - VBS 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	9am - VBS 10:30am - Zumba, FH	9am - VBS 9:30am - Taize Prayer 4:45pm - Serving at Golden 7pm - Boy Scouts, FH @	9am - VBS 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	9am - VBS	
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
HEALING TIME @ Sanctuary 9am - Adult Study, Hood @ 10am - Worship Service, 12pm - Korean Worship, 1pm - Faith Circle, FH 6pm - Yth Group, Yth Rm.	7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	10:30am - Zumba, FH	9:30am - Taize Prayer 7pm - Finance, Hood Parlor 7pm - Trustees, 2nd Gr			