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Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church

May 2015

A Message From Our Pastor...

Dear my FGUMC family and friends,

"In their joy they were disbelieving, and still wondering . . ." (Luke 24: 41)

It is Monday morning, the day I am flying to Eastern Europe for the Transformation pilgrimage. Yes, I am excited and happy to have the opportunity to travel and take some time for rest and reflection. Yes, I am very thankful and blessed for this precious gift from the Lord via Fairfield Grace church family and friends. Yesterday afternoon, twelve of us went to a Buddhist monastery in Carmel, New York, as a part of "Building Bridges" program that has been running from January this year. As you might recall, eighteen of us visited a Hindu cultural center in Stratford, CT, on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 25. This month, May, we plan to visit a Jewish temple in Fairfield and a mosque in Bridgeport on Sunday, May 17, in the afternoon. I am proud of our church family, which has made an intentional effort to learn and visit other faith communities. I am sure that what we do now is laudable and important. I do believe the risen Christ smiles at us with two thumbs up.

Know that our 2015 confirmation class has been participating in visiting other faith communities with me. It is my ongoing prayer that they may continue to become strong, healthy and mature with us and take part in the ministry of Jesus Christ for the rest of their faith journey. They will be confirmed on Sunday, May 24. Please come with your whole family and congratulate them for the new beginning of their Christian life. They are: Elie Anna B., Thomas G., Dana J. and Tyler L.

Let me share with you what else is waiting for you and me in May. After the communion service on Sunday, May 3, we will take part in the Crop Walk at 1 pm and afterwards gather to enjoy the International Taste at 4:30 pm. May 10 is Mothers Day. We remember their love and give thanks to God. May 17 is the Sunday our Nursery School teaching staff and Kathy Gilbert, Director, will join us to worship and share their ministry with us. May 24 is Confirmation Sunday, as mentioned earlier. May 31 is Memorial Day Sunday when we will remember our veterans with thanksgiving.

Come and celebrate all the things our risen Christ is doing in our midst. Come and joyfully "disbelieve." Come and wonder with me what is going on at Fairfield Grace. It is time to pack.

Thankfully in Christ Jesus,

Kun Sam, your partner in ministry



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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 A.M. or 7:00-7:30 P.M.

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!



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

at

Fairfield Grace May 31st at 10am

- Pray for all of our church members who have served our Country
- ♦ Special Music
- ♦ Flag Ceremony

Lectionary Readings May 2015

May 3, 2015 5th Sunday of Easter Acts 8:26-40 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8

May 10, 2015 6th Sunday of Easter Acts 10:44-48 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17 May 17, 2015 7th Sunday of Easter Acts 1:15-17 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19

May 24, 2015 Day of Pentecost Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

May 31, 2015 Trinity Sunday Isaiah 6:1-8

Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17



Fairfield Grace Families In Our Prayers

Week of:

May 03: Georgina & Mel Holdsworth,

Marge Hood & Joanne Hus

May 10: Marge Jenkins, Kristina Joukhadar,

Jurgielewicz Family

May 17: Eleanor Kent, Elsie Kerekes,

Ann & Paul Kisseberth

May 24: Michelle Krancz, Kristy Family,

Ingrid Lacoste

May 31: Leah & Arnie Larsen, Ruth Lasko,

Joanne & Allie LaVista.



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!



Paper Shredding Day—Saturday May 16, 2015

Do you ever want to clean out your files of old bank statements, checks, brokerage statements, income tax forms, etc.? There are a lot of papers that you should put through a shredder so no one will use the information for identity theft. You may even have a small office shredder at home. But there are times when you have so much to shred that it would take you hours with a small shredder. So the job just does not get done.

We have the answer. Just toss all that shredding material into a carton and bring it to church on Saturday morning May 16. For a mere \$10, we will take a 10-ream size carton of paper (price can vary--more for larger cartons and less for small ones) and have it shred for you. This shredding opportunity will take place in our church parking lot, and we will advertise it and make it available to the whole town. So it is something you can ask your friends to do also.

Please note that if we can get more than 50 people to bring boxes of paper, we will make some money to help the church. So talk it up with your friends, doctors, businesses, etc.



Invitation to join the Retired Men's Circle

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).



Spring Clean Up Day at Fairfield Grace

Saturday, May 16 8:00am to 12:00pm

We need helpers of all kinds... Let's work together to make our property beautiful!

"BUILDING BRIDGES"

Reminder: Save the Dates

Visits to Houses of Worship



May 17: Jewish Synagogue, Fairfield, CT - leaving FGUMC at 1:00pm Returning at 3:00pm



Fairfield Grace is actively reaching out near and far to help others.

OPERATION HOPE:

We have committed to provide the evening meal seven times this year. We need volunteers for May, July, and September. November and December meals have been assigned. If anyone is interested in forming a team to provide the meal I have several names and will be happy to coordinate the project.

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:

In April we supported the WORLD-WIDE effort to STAMP OUT MALARIA Donations will be sent to the NYAC to help reach its 1.5 million dollar commitment (of which \$500,000) has been raised. Donations. Through April 19 we have \$350 towards our goal of \$500.

41st ANNUAL CROP WALK - SUNDAY, MAY 3TH 1:30 P.M

We have a team of walkers from Fairfield Grace led by Pastor Cho and invite you to come and walk to raise awareness of HUNGER, locally and worldwide. All are welcome, young and old alike. Please let me know if you would like to be a part of this area-wide church endeavor. This is a great opportunity to help others, as well as ourselves, by taking the time for exercise. There is a short and long walk with pick-up cars to help if needed. If you would like to walk, please call or email Dot Daruka or see me in Church. May Mission Bag Collections will go to the CROP WALK.

PANERA BREAD "DAY-END DOUGH-NATION" PROGRAM

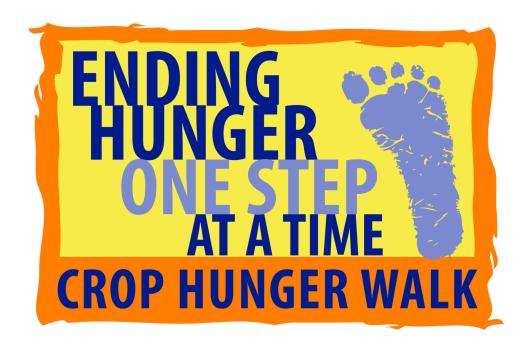
Fairfield Grace is working with Panera Bread and delivering their day-old bread to Operation Hope every Monday. We are looking for a core group of a few volunteers to make this weekly delivery. The bread is packaged up by 10:15 Sunday evening and can be picked up then or beginning at 6:15 Monday morning. If this is an area in which you would like to help please contact Marge Campbell or Dot Daruka.

Thank you for your generous support of these programs.

Dot Daruka



Walk With Us...It's our 41ST!



CROP Hunger Walk

Sun., May 3, 2015 1:30 pm ~ 5:00 pm

United Congregational Church Corner of State Street and Park Ave. Bridgeport, CT 25 Percent of monies raised goes to hunger related programs in the Bridgeport Area

For more information call 203-375-1284 www.cropwalk.org





February 2015

Dear Parents:

At *G-Force* Adventure Park, your children will discover an interactive, energizing, Biblebased 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 pri@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

<u>Registering after</u> 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.

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Any questions, email Patty, VBS Director, at pri@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

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VOLUNTEER FORM

FAIRFIELD GRACE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Donate a day or a week!

VBS Dates:	Monday, June 22, 2015 – Fr	iday, June 26, 2015
Гime:	8:30 AM to 12:30 PM	
Name:		
Address:		
Phone:		E-mail Address:
I can help du	ring VBS! I can:	
Ages	s 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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May Birthdays

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04 George Pennell

05 Scott Bedson

06 Joseph French

07 David Jurgielewicz

07 Scarlett Whiteman

09 Marge Jenkins

10 Martha Wood

13 Rose Hernandez

14 Elijah Whiteman

18 Florence Catone

20 Robert Butler

22 Charlie Morris

25 Jeff Tang

27 Josh Kristy

28 Sam Blumenstock

28 Eleanor Kent

30 Maggie Conroy

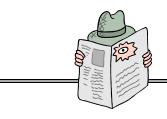
30 Chris Stein

31 Chris Leppla

31 Bob Price

May Anniversaries

May 08 Martha & Jim Wood 34 yrs
 May 12 Barbara & George Pennell 53 yrs
 May 22 Helen & Joseph French 67 yrs
 May 6 Young Yim & Sung Keun Chun 36 yrs



Deadline for Submissions for June Quester:

Wednesday, May 20th

Ushers

May Team #2 ~ Joe Sugrue

Nancy Hauser

~ Myra & Jim Lubeck

Sheila Muscott

Greeters

May: Susanna's

Worship Leaders

May 03: Peter Lowerson

May 10: Youth

May 17: Jeff Tang

May 24: Judy Meyer

May 31: Jeff Tang

Fellowship Hour

May: Faith Circle

Someone has written these beautiful words. One must read and try to understand the deep meanings in them. They are like the Ten Commandments to follow in life all the time.

- 1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble; it is a "steering wheel" that directs us in the right path throughout life.
- 2. Do you know why a car's WINDSHIELD is so large and the rear view mirror is so small: Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, look ahead and move on.
- 3. Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
- 4. All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
- 5. Old friends are like Gold! New friends are Diamonds! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a base of Gold!
- 6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, it's just a bend, not the end."
- 7. When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.
- 8. A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision."
- 9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
- 10. WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES; it takes away today's PEACE.

If you really enjoy this, PLEASE pass to others.

It may brighten someone's day!

Fall Retreat "To Be Alive"



a weekend experience for men and women

WISDOM HOUSE 229 East Litchfield Rd. (Friday, 7:00 p.m. -Litchfield, CT 06759

September 25-27, 2015 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 _____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



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Pastor Cho, Cont Ed, Europe		6pm - Conf Class, Hood	9:30am - Taize Prayer	9:30am - Retired Men's	5:30pm - Spag Dinner Set-	4:45pm - Spag Dinner, FH
Communion Sunday	7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	7:30pm - Handbells @ Choir	10:10am - Lect. Bible	7pm - Youth Advisory,	6:30pm - Scouts Pack 94,	
International Taste of FG,			7 pm - Boy Scouts, FH @	7:30pm - Chancel Choir @	**	
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CONNECTIONAL SUNDAY	9am - MNS, FH	9am - MNS, FH	9:30am - Taize Prayer	7:30pm - Chancel Choir @	6:30pm - Scouts Pack 94,	8am - Spring Clean Up Day
Mother's Day	7pm - Serena's, Hood	7:30pm - Handbells @ Choir	10:10am - Lect. Bible			9am - SHRED DAY, parking
9am - Adult Study, Hood @	7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @		7 pm - Boy Scouts, FH @			
10am - Worship Service,			7 pm - Conf Class, Hood			
12pm - Korean Worship,			7 pm - Taize Prayer Service			
1pm - Faith Circle, FH			7:45pm - Church Council-			
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MNS SUNDAY	7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	6pm - Conf Class, Hood	9:30am - Taize Prayer	9:30am - Staff Mtg,	6:30pm - Scouts Pack 94,	
Visting Synagogue, Ffld		7:30pm - Handbells @ Choir	10:10am - Lect. Bible	7:30pm - Chancel Choir @		
9am - Adult Study, Hood @			7 pm - Boy Scouts, FH @			
10am - Worship Service,			7 pm - Taize Prayer Service			
11:45am - Caregiving, Conf			8 pm - Faith Circle, Hood			
12pm - Korean Worship,						
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Confirmation Sunday	Cooking for Operation	7:30pm - Handbells @ Choir	9:30am - Taize Prayer	7:30pm - Chancel Choir @	6:30pm - Scouts Pack 94,	5pm - Relay for Life Team,
PENTECOST SUNDAY	7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @		10:10am - Lect. Bible			
9am - Adult Study, Hood @	7:30pm - Scouts		4:45pm - Serving at Golden			
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