

# *The Quester*



**Fairfield Grace United  
Methodist Church**

**October  
2015**

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## A Message from Pastor Cho:

Thanks for welcoming me back to Fairfield Grace. It is a great joy to be back home. There is no place like home, indeed. Thank all of you for giving me a "once in a life time" experience of rest, renewal and recreation.



Thank you also for giving me a chance on Sunday, September 27, to share my 30 days of travel through Europe. In a nutshell, I went to see the world and I ended up with seeing myself anew in the world. Loneliness was there waiting for me. It was not a pleasant encounter. But, slowly and thankfully, solitude came to my path. I enjoyed being in solitude with myself and Christ Jesus, my Lord.



Paradoxically, many wonderful people were there waiting for me, as well. I was able to get the strength and comfort during my solo travels, thanks to their friendly smiles and warm hearts.

Between my times in solitude and the times with people, some old questions that I wrestled with often from when I was young, visited me gently but somewhat forcibly: Who are you? Where are you now? Why are you in Europe? To where are you going? What would you like to do for the rest of your life? At the end of the journey, the words Jesus spoke to his disciples came to me: "You didn't choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain." - "John 15:16" And also God came to me with the words of promise that were spoken to Joshua: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." - "Joshua 1:8 ". Yes, I was renewed and recreated by the grace and power of God. Hallelujah!



**The Story** waited for me when I returned home and invited us to travel together, discovering God's story in the Bible. It is something I have been thinking about: Read and study the Bible once again from the beginning to the end. I am very glad that I have a companion to journey with.

I would like to invite you to join this "once in a life time" journey with me. I am sure it will be an unforgettable and rewarding one.



Surely it is not a 30 day long journey. We will travel together until the end of June, 2016. So we will not rush. We will take a baby step each week to discover the greatest story ever told and how it connects with our story.

Special thanks to Anne in the church office, Sheila M., Karen P. and Jennifer B. We all know that it takes a lot of time and effort to plan and prepare for any trip. They have worked diligently and wonderfully to plan and the prepare for this congregational journey.



I am ready to encounter God's story and hear God's voice. Are you ready?

I met Nikki, Mitch, Aristide, Margaret, Quentin, Cynthia, Sam, Martin, Mike, Kristina and many more during my journey in Europe. They made my time memorable and meaningful. I believe we are here at Fairfield Grace by God's providential will, journeying together in faith as God's people, encouraging one another in love and following God with joy and confidence. Yes, we are blessed and our cups overflow.

May we be filled with joy of knowing God's story and hearing God, who still speaks to you, me and Fairfield Grace. Amen. Amen. Amen.

***Ushers***

***Fellowship Hour***

**September Team #3 ~ Ed Schindler**

*United Methodist Men*

- ~ *Charlene Brauns-Schindler*
- ~ *Wayne Brown*
- ~ *Lee Del Vecchio*
- ~ *Ed Schindler*

***Worship Leaders***

***Greeters***

*Susanna's Circle*

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| October 4:  | <i>Dot Daruka</i>     |
| October 11: | <i>Youth</i>          |
| October 18: | <i>Gregg Tanno</i>    |
| October 25: | <i>Sheila Muscott</i> |

**Fairfield Grace Families  
In Our Prayers**

*Week of:*

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| October 4:  | Ellen Stewart, the family of Barbara Stiles and Stimpson family |
| October 11: | Stock family, Sugrue family, Joan Swanson                       |
| October 18: | Lisa Sweeney and Kazuo Mizoguchi, Tang family and Tanno family  |
| October 25: | Targowski family, Art Thomas and Peter Trifiatis                |

## ***Communion Sunday ~ Sharing of Bread***

### ***October 4***

We invite you to bring your ethnic bread to the Communion Table Sunday, October 4 in honor of World Communion Sunday. After the Service we will share the breads in the Fellowship Hall.



If you know of a family member, a personal friend or a friend of the church that is ill, please contact Anne at the church office at 203-374-6528 or at [fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net) so appropriate Pastoral Care can be arranged.

### **Hearing Aids**

We have several sets of hearing aids for church members' use.

Please ask one of the ushers if you would like to use one during the worship service.

### **Scripture Readings for October, 2105**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Featured Chapter from The Story</u>
Oct 4	Genesis 1:1-4 John 1:1-5	1 – Creation: The Beginning of Life As We Know It
Oct 11	Genesis 12:1-3Matthew 18:15-22	2 – God Builds a Nation
Oct 18	Genesis 37:2-8Luke 6:35-38	3 – Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh
Oct 25	Exodus 3:7-15 Luke 4:14-22	4 – Deliverance





# *Holiday Gift Fair*

## *November 21, 2014*

### *10:00—4:00*

Our own exciting and wonderful Holiday Fair will have excellent Christmas gifts as well as two new additions.

We will have a Silent Auction held in the Hood Parlor.

We will also have “Second Gift” tables in the Fellowship Hall.. These tables will have new and almost new gifts for children and adults that are donated to the church

Susanna’s will have their delicious bake sale with sandwiches and coffee to purchase.

Al Oneto and ensemble, with Kristina Joukhadar playing the piano, will lift your spirits and voices playing favorite Christmas Carols.

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### **Jeanne Millett, our choir director, invites you to join the Music Ministry.**

Jeanne is looking for individuals of all ages that might be interested in any one of the choirs:

**Chancel Choir, Hand bell Choir  
or Treble Choir** (for youth - as young as early elementary school).

Please consider being a part of this important ministry and enhancing our Worship Services. Contact Jeanne Millett ([jeannemillett@aol.com](mailto:jeannemillett@aol.com)) if you are interested or have any questions.

All are welcome.!

*Music is very spiritual,  
it has the power  
to bring people together.*



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

Thank you to Patty J. for sending in photos to add interest to Quester articles! Please take pictures at any of the Fairfield Grace events or activities you attend and send them to Anne.

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 October Issue  
of the Quester is  
Tuesday, October 20.**

## September Birthdays

05 Judy Vindheim  
 06 Patricia Altieri  
 09 Christine Speight  
 11 Allie LaVista  
 11 Lori Stimpson  
 11 Emily Wood  
 13 Finley Havens  
 13 Eric VanScoy  
 15 Ben Abbott  
 15 Patty Jurgielewicz  
 15 Lois Krause  
 15 Logan Stein

16 Allen Gyang  
 17 Karen Price  
 21 Randy Russo  
 21 Art Thomas  
 22 Kirk Anderson  
 22 Judy Meyer  
 26 Joanne Hus  
 27 Greg Tanno



## September Anniversaries

Oct 02	Fiona & Josh Kristy	5 yrs
Oct 09	Nancy & Craig Leppla	22 yrs
Oct 10	Kimberly & David Spangler	16 yrs
Oct 28	Cathy & Kirk Anderson	32 yrs

## CONFIRMATION JOURNEY

All youth in Eighth Grade, or any youth in Ninth Grade that have not yet been confirmed, can join the confirmation journey beginning in November.

Please contact Pastor Cho at (914) 319-4241, or [kunsamcho92@gmail.com](mailto:kunsamcho92@gmail.com) for more information.



## ***RALLY DAY!***



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped organize our church picnic and kick off a year of church renewal and fellowship!



## Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church Gift Card Program

Please keep in mind that Fairfield Grace has an ongoing Gift Card Fundraiser. All you have to do is use gift certificates to purchase products that you buy every day or buy gifts for that special someone. There is a wide variety of merchants to choose from.

You can order gift cards every Sunday in Fellowship Hall or sign up at **[www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)** and set up an account to take advantage of all the extra shopping opportunities.

All you need to set up an account is the Fairfield Grace Enrollment Code  
LLL693493L957.

Thank you for your support.  
Martha Wood



A huge thank you to **Charlie Morris** for working tirelessly through the heat of the summer to improve and beautify the grounds of the church. Painting the shed, replacing sections of damaged fencing, weeding garden beds and enhancing the picnic area are just a few of the areas on which Charlie worked.



## Thank you, Fairfield Grace

Thank you to the Fairfield Grace Community for making me feel so welcome in my new position as Administrative Assistant. When I arrived in June, I was greeted with friendly faces and offers of help and support. So many of you gave your time and shared your knowledge and experience as I learned on the job while Pastor Cho was away. I am very grateful to Bob Price. Bob was always available and responsive as he coordinated Worship Services with a different preacher every week and very patiently educated me on the fundamentals of Fairfield Grace Church. I feel so fortunate that I was able to learn from him these past few months. I also want to thank Georgina Holdsworth for showing me my way around the office and Peter Trifiatis for showing me my way around the computer. Kim Peters, Dot Daruka, Shelia Muscott, Lee Del Vecchio, Karen Price, Nancy Hauser Martha Wood, Jeanne Millett, Jennifer Bissell, Dennis Robb, Beverly Wenz, Jean and Al Oneto and other kind church members all made such an effort to ease my transition. Thanks to Kathy Gilbert and Maire Velade in the Nursery School office for being so willing to work together and being open to answer any questions I have. I am also very grateful to Ann Bartlett for creating a well organized office and for being available for questions over the last few months.

I look forward to working with Pastor Cho and assisting him as he faithfully serves the spiritual needs of Fairfield Grace Church.

Thank you , again.

With sincere thanks,  
Anne Regan

## Outdoor Movie Night

The Youth group watched "The Hobbit"  
on a big screen on the  
church front lawn.

One last chance to enjoy summer!



## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Peace and Reconciliation Gathering**

**October 15, 7:00PM**

### **Egan Chapel on Fairfield University Campus**

The Fairfield University Irish Studies Program invites you to a “Peace and Reconciliation Gathering” presented by Ireland’s Playhouse Theatre of Witness.

Kathleen Gillespie’s husband was killed by an IRA bomb 20 years ago. Anne Taylor’s uncle was killed when British paratroopers opened fire on a Civil Rights March in Derry in 1972. Both women, from opposite sides of the conflict, come together to tell their personal stories in support of Northern Ireland’s peace process.

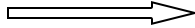
Theatre of Witness is a form of performance that gives voice to those who have been marginalized , forgotten or are invisible in today’s society,

This event is free to the public. For further information, please contact Dr. Nels Pearson 203-254-4000 ext. 3452



Fairfield Grace Members welcoming Nursery School families on the first week of classes with baked treats

Please note the  
Concerts for Young  
People offered by  
Music for Youth.





**MUSIC FOR YOUTH**  
& Pequot Library  
Present the Fall 2015  
**FREE Young Persons' Concerts**



PEQUOT  
LIBRARY



**September 26th, 2 PM, Pequot Library**  
**NYGASP "The Wand'ring Minstrels"**

The "Wand'ring Minstrels" from the New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players will perform an abbreviated version of *The Mikado* and a variety of scenes and songs from the Gilbert and Sullivan repertoire.

**Master Classes after the concert\***  
*Underwritten by Marianne and Joseph Wertheim*



**October 24th, 2 PM, Pequot Library**  
**Brian Torff, New Duke Ensemble**

New Duke features many of the great band teachers in Fairfield County: Darryl Tookes, vocals; Brian Torff, bass, composer and arranger, harmonica, and vocals; Jamie Finegan, trumpet; Rick Sadlon, saxophone and flute; Steve Moran, tenor and baritone sax; John Fumasoli, trombone; Dave Childs, keyboards; and Don Mulvaney, drums.

**Master Classes after the concert\***  
*Underwritten by Howard Aibel*



**November 21st, 2 PM, Pequot Library**  
**David Lisker, violin**

Described as an "exquisite virtuoso violinist" (Chicago Sun-Times), David Lisker has appeared as soloist, chamber musician, and orchestral performer in many of today's most prestigious concert halls.

**Master Classes after the concert\***  
*Underwritten by Mary and Walter Miller*



**December 12th, 2PM, St Thomas Aquinas Church**  
1719 Post Rd; Fairfield  
**FCCC Chamber Singers**

The Fairfield County Children's Choir (FCCC) is a community based choral program made up of 300 children in grades 4-12 from communities in and around Fairfield County, Connecticut. The chamber singers are the most advanced choristers in grades 6-12.

**Master Classes after the concert\***  
*Underwritten by Sachi Liebergessel.*



Sponsored by Music for Youth Inc. and Pequot Library  
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Music for Youth Inc., POB 403; Westport, CT 06881  
\*\$30 registration fee for master class; scholarships available.  
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Music for Youth will also host a season of Showcases open to  
all students ensembles to promote the performance of  
chamber music in our community.

**These showcases will be held at Fairfield Grace Church.**

**Dates:**

**Time: 5:00—7:00**

**Cost: \$10**

October 30, 2015

November 27, 2015

February 12, 2016

March 18, 2016





# THE STORY

Fairfield Grace is embarking on an exciting journey by reading the Bible in a whole new way, through *The Story*.

*The Story* is a book of selections from the Bible, arranged chronologically, that reads like a novel. Come discover together how our story is found in God's story!

Each member of the family will follow along with their own version of *The Story*.

Every week, there will be **four** opportunities to join a small group discussion for each chapter of *The Story*.

You are invited to attend **any** session at **any** time.

All sessions are held in Hood Parlor

**WEDNESDAY AT 10:10 AM**

**THURSDAY AT 6:30 PM**

**SATURDAY AT 10:00 AM**

**SUNDAY AT 9:00 AM**

# **Calendar for First Month**

*All groups meet in Hood Parlor*

## ***Week One (Sermon on Chapter 1 will be on 10/4):***

Chapter 1: The Beginning of Life as We Know it

Focus: Creation

Related Bible Text: Genesis 1-8

### **Discussion Sessions:**

Wednesday, Sept 30: 10:10 AM

Thursday, Oct 1: 6:30 PM

Saturday, Oct 3: 10:00 AM

Sunday, Oct 4: 9:00 AM

Discussion prompts and questions to think about while reading Chapter 1 are in the back of the book on page 473.

## ***Week Two (Sermon on Chapter 2 will be on 10/11):***

Chapter 2: God Builds a Nation

Focus: Abraham

Related Bible Text: Genesis 12, 13, 15-17, 21, 22, 32, 35, Romans 4, Hebrews 11

### **Discussion Sessions:**

Wednesday, Oct 7: 10:10 AM

Thursday, Oct 8: 6:30 PM

Saturday, Oct 10: 10:00 AM

Sunday, Oct 11: 9:00 AM

Discussion prompts and questions to think about while reading Chapter 2 are in the back of the book on page 473.

## ***Week Three (Sermon on Chapter 3 will be on 10/18):***

Chapter 3: Joseph from Slavery to Deputy Pharaoh

Focus: Joseph

Related Bible Text: Genesis 37, 39, 41-48, 50

### **Discussion Sessions:**

Wednesday, Oct 14: 10:10 AM

Thursday, Oct 15: 6:30 PM

Saturday, Oct 17: 10:00 AM

Sunday, Oct 18: 9:00 AM

Discussion prompts and questions to think about while reading Chapter 3 are in the back of the book on page 474.

## ***Week Four (Sermon on Chapter 4 will be on 10/25):***

Chapter 4: Deliverance

Focus: Moses

Related Bible Text: Exodus 19, 20, 24, 25, 32-34, 40

### **Discussion Sessions:**

Wednesday, Oct 21: 10:10 AM

Thursday, Oct 22: 6:30 PM

Saturday, Oct 24: 10:00 AM

Discussion prompts and questions to think about while reading Chapter 4 are in the back of the book on page 474.



# October 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>HEALING TIME @</b> 9am - Adult Study, 10am - Worship 12pm - Korean 1pm - Faith Circle, 4	<b>Operation Hope,</b> 7:30pm - Alanon, 5	<b>7:30pm - Handbells</b> 29	<b>9:30am - Taize</b> 10:10am - The Story 7pm - Boy Scouts, 7pm - Taize Prayer 7	<b>9:30am - Retired</b> 6:30pm - The Story 7:30pm - Chancel 8	<b>5pm - Music4Youth</b> 2	<b>11am - Brainy Alley</b> 12pm - Yth Grp 3
<b>Communion Sunday</b> <b>Yth Grp Camp</b> 9am - Adult Study, 10am - Worship 11:30am - Faith 12pm - Rehearsal, Al 11	<b>7:30pm - Alanon,</b> 7:30pm - MNS, 12	<b>7pm - Yth Adv Bd</b> 7:30pm - Handbells 13	<b>9:30am - Taize</b> 10:10am - The Story 6:45pm - Boy 7pm - Finance, Hood 7pm - Taize Prayer 7pm - Trustees, 14	<b>6:30pm - The Story</b> 7:30pm - Chancel 15	<b>5pm - Music4Youth</b> 16	<b>11am - Brainy Alley</b> 10
<b>CONNECTIONAL</b> 9am - Adult Study, 10am - Worship 10am - Youth 12pm - Korean 1pm - Faith Circle, 18	<b>Columbus Day</b> 7pm - Serena's Book 7:30pm - Alanon, 19	<b>7:30pm - Handbells</b> 20	<b>9:30am - Taize</b> 10:10am - The Story 7pm - Boy Scouts, 7pm - Taize Prayer 7:45pm - Ch Council- 21	<b>9:15am - Nursery</b> 9:30am - Staff Mtg, 6:30pm - The Story 7:30pm - Chancel 22	<b>5pm - Music4Youth</b> 23	<b>11am - Brainy Alley</b> 12pm - Mem Serv 24
<b>LAITY SUNDAY</b> <b>Yth Group, Warren's</b> 9am - Adult Study, 10am - Worship 11:30am - Nomin. 12pm - Korean 25	<b>7pm - MNS, Board</b> 7:30pm - Alanon, 26	<b>7:30pm - Handbells</b> 27	<b>9:30am - Taize</b> 10:10am - The Story 10:30am - Susanna's 6:45pm - Boy 7pm - Taize Prayer 8pm - Faith Circle, 28	<b>6:30pm - The Story</b> 7:30pm - Chancel 29	<b>5pm - Music4Youth</b> 30	<b>11am - Brainy Alley</b> 12pm - Mem Serv 31
<b>HEALING TIME @</b> 9am - Adult Study, 10am - Worship 12pm - Korean 1pm - Faith Circle, 7pm - Yth Group, 25	<b>7:30pm - Alanon,</b> 26	<b>Pivot Ministries</b> 7:30pm - Handbells 27	<b>9:30am - Taize</b> 10:10am - The Story 7pm - Boy Scouts, 7pm - Taize Prayer 28	<b>6:30pm - The Story</b> 7:30pm - Chancel 29	<b>5pm - M4Y</b> 5pm - Music4Youth 30	<b>Halloween</b> 11am - Brainy Alley 31